



Culworth Newsletter

February and March 2024

Christmas in Culworth



Carols on The Green on Christmas Eve



This annual event was set up originally by the late Michael Walker and Gill Nunn. Simon Theobald organised this for many years, but as he wasn't sure of his availability this time around, the Green Party took up the mantle. A huge thank you to everyone for coming along on the evening to share the joy of Christmas. To have over 150 people raising the sky with their singing and offering Christmas greetings to each other was very heartwarming. The dry weather certainly helped!

Especial thanks are due to the Martins and their family for major help for the mulled wine, cooking the sausages, setting up the lights and much more, as well as Simon Theobald, Rupert Rowling and Forge Coffee for contributions. David Mumford provided 350 sausages, and Michael and Katrina Fox and other contributors donated wine, all of which added to the festive feel of the event!

Felipe Fernandez Armesto led the evening with his wonderfully loud voice (and microphone), along with his fascinating facts about the origin of many of the carols we sang, which were accompanied brilliantly by Roy and Andrea, parents of Alice. We should also thank Eydon Parish Church for the loan of their keyboard.

Christmas Candles



A huge thank you to all the people who lit candles for their loved ones on Christmas Day. Their names were read out at the start of the Christmas Day service by Gerald Cadogan, followed by the Reverend Canon Karen Jongman offering a prayer of thankfulness for each of their lives. A total of £191.70 was raised for the Church Fabric Fund.

The following people were remembered: Colin Haywood, Ann Crawford, Barbara Lawford, Ruby Humphrey, Richard Goodwin, Sheila Goodwin, Peter Houghton Brown, Esme and Stanley Pratt, Sarah Kodra, Rosemary Jackson, The Claridge Family, Fred Eaton, Horace and Hilda Busby, John Busby, Henry Humphrey, Geoff and Enid Mold, Gill Nunn, Michael and Simon Aveline, Nigel Rowling, Fred Tao, Mary and Reg Tustian, Stella and Jim Oxley, Mark Whittow, Joyce Jennings, Gloria Kisley, Piers Thompson, Rosie and Phoebe Stewart, Dora Winter, Lewis Winter.

Christingle Service – The collection at this service was in aid of The Children's Society.

Obituaries

Frances Redrup - Some of the older villagers will remember Mrs Frances Redrup playing the piano skilfully for many events in Culworth. She died before Christmas aged 101 years. We send our sympathy to her son Arthur, and Angela.

Mrs Anne Brookes nee Lindsey - died just after Christmas at home. Her funeral was at Culworth on 25th January. Mrs Brookes was well known when she lived at Culworth House. She restored the Charles Bacchus grave situated to the right of the South door of the Church. Latterly she came to local gatherings and supported fundraising events for the Church. We send our sympathy to her family.

Culworth Snappers

Culworth Snappers Camera Club has now entered its 10th year and to celebrate this anniversary there will be an exhibition of the members' photographs. This will take place in September and will be held at Forge Coffee, so look out for more details nearer the date.

Our membership is slowly growing with some new members joining from the surrounding villages, and it would be nice to have more members from Culworth, so why not come along to our next club night on Thursday 29th February and see what we do? We meet at Forge Coffee starting at 7.30pm. We will be carrying on with our monthly topics, the next one being "Blue".

There are also photoshoots planned, with one in March planned as a guided photography tour of Birmingham by a professional photographer.

For further information contact John on 07867 918960.

Culworth Film Night

I am very excited about our next film night in Culworth - Friday 16th February. It's Valentine's



week and we will be showing 'Past Lives', a very touching story and a striking portrayal of enduring love. This is a Canadian/Korean film so there will be subtitles.

It has been hailed as the film critics' number one choice and will undoubtedly win many, if not all, of the trophies.

The Red Lion Pub will be supplying supper for us - Pork or Mushroom Stroganoff (please specify which when you book).

Do come and bring your friends for what promises to be a great evening. Tickets, £7.50 film only, or £15 to include a meal. Contact Julie on – 01295 760855/0776 973 0668 Jules.tinn@gmail.com

The film on Friday 22nd March will be 'The Great Escaper' starring Michael Caine and the late Glenda Jackson. It's had very good reviews and is gaining big audiences everywhere.

Annual Village Litter Pick – Saturday 2nd March at 10am

All are welcome to join this worthwhile event on March 2nd, meeting at The Forge at about 10am. Black litter bags, litter pick sticks and high visibility vests are supplied but please wear stout clothing and footwear and bring your own tough gloves.

Martin Rowling aims to have enough volunteers to cover the village right to its boundaries with Trafford Bridge, Magpie, Thorpe Road, Blackbird Hill and Weston Crossroads. There are also local picking areas.

Do come along and take part and then rejuvenate with coffee, tea, and cakes at the Village Hall which is free afterwards. The full bags will be collected by another volunteer from wherever they are left en-route, or they can be deposited at the Forge.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Martin Rowling
01295 760571

Culworth Circular Walks



Want to walk round Culworth but can't find the right footpaths? On the first Tuesday of the month there will be a group walking round the Culworth footpaths. Each walk will last about 2 hours and will give those who are not sure of the footpaths a chance to see the lovely countryside where we live and have a chat with fellow villagers at the same time. Walks start at 10 from The Green. Dogs are welcome as long as they can get over stiles.

The next walks are on 6th February and 5th March.

Jenny Howse

News from St Mary's Culworth

A letter from the Rectory - By the time this letter has gone into print, and you have received and read it, you may be thinking about Lent. Or perhaps you're thinking about Pancake Tuesday, which this year falls on 13th February. In Church we know it as Shrove Tuesday. We are encouraged to eat up all the excess, and this originally was by making pancakes, which use up all the rich foods, such as eggs, milk and sugar, before fasting for the 40 days of Lent. The following day is Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on the same day as St Valentine's Day.



Ash Wednesday awakens us to Jesus' entry into the desert preceding his betrayal and death on Good Friday, and His Resurrection. In between we give thanks, and celebrate the Last Supper, each time we share Holy Communion, as we remember the sacrifice He made for each one of us, in dying and rising to New Life. During Lent we prepare our hearts for Easter by recognising our brokenness and need for change, and by taking time to turn our thoughts to God. For many the 40 days of Lent is a time to 'Fast', to give up something up, a piece of food, or take something on, perhaps something to help others.

The word Fast in Hebrew means 'to cover the mouth.' Could it be more than food? Time and again God brings me to my knees over my heart attitude; it's so easy to express thoughts of the heart, out of our facial expression. A fast from words in Isaiah 58:9b, lists not pointing the fingers in judgement and no wicked words as conditions of great blessings listed in verses 10b-12. Perhaps you have in the past given thought, but never got around to doing anything different during Lent?

This year again through the kindness of several people in the Benefice, and to help us all make a sacrifice during Lent, we are invited on the first Tuesday and following five Wednesdays leading up to Holy Week, beginning on Tuesday 20th February at 12pm, to meet together to share a Frugal Lunch. This will consist of a bowl of soup, bread and a piece of fruit. Please come to all of the Lent Lunches or to as many as you can. The list of Venues is below, with two each in Chipping Warden, Culworth and Moreton Pinkney.

There will be no charge, but you may wish to give a gift, which will go to a Charity. We look forward to your company. Please come – and be blessed – and bless others with your company.

In God's Love

Canon Karen Jongman.

The pattern of services in Culworth is as follows:

1st Sunday of the month 10am Benefice Holy Communion, 6pm Evensong Culworth

2nd Sunday of the month 11am Family Service

3rd Sunday 10am Mattins

4th Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion

5th Sunday 10am Benefice Communion

For baptisms, weddings and funerals please contact Revd Canon Karen Jongman, The Rectory. Queen's Street, Culworth, OX17 2AT. 07980 881252 or email karenajongman@gmail.com

Easter 2024

This Easter the services in Culworth will be:

Palm Sunday 24th March - 9.30am Holy Communion

Good Friday 29th March - 2 – 3pm Stations of the Cross, St Mary's Culworth

Easter Day 31st March - 9.30am Holy Communion (please note the time)

Help Needed

Our church and churchyard rely on volunteers to keep them clean and beautiful. Could you spare some time to help? A list is on the table in the church. If you could help with the cleaning and/or churchyard mowing we would be most grateful. Please fill in any times you could help or contact me jenny_howse@hotmail.com, 01295 768110.

Spring Clean

Every year we have a Church Spring Clean to welcome Easter. This year the Spring Clean will take place on Monday 25th March between 10 and 12. If you've got a spare hour please come and help us clean the church. Dusters and polish provided or bring your own! We will start about 10am. If you would like to help but can't come on that Monday, or feel you would rather do something on your own, there is a list of jobs to do on the table inside the church. Anyone at any time is very welcome. For more information, please ring Jenny (01295 768110).

Lent Quiz Tuesday 13th February

There has been an informal quiz on Shrove Tuesday in the village hall for many years. We will continue the tradition this year. The quiz starts at 7.00 and please bring your own nibbles and drinks to fortify the brain. Teams of 4 to 6. Entry £3 a head with the money to be divided between the Village Hall and St Mary's Church. Any further info call Jenny (01295 768110)

Lent Lunches in Culworth

The Lent Lunches this year will be Wednesday 21st February and Tuesday 19th March in the Village Hall from 12 till 2. As usual they will consist of a variety of home-made soups, homemade bread and a selection of puddings. We hope people will be generous with their donations which in the past have been sent to Send a Cow, Banbury Foodbank and Water Aid.

Culworth Village Café



The village cafe is open on the first Saturday of every month from 10 till 12. There is no charge for the coffee, tea and home-made cakes but there is always a donation plate, the money going to the Village Hall and church funds. We have a regular group of people who come but it would be lovely to see new faces and for the many newcomers who have moved into our village it is an opportunity to meet those of us who have lived here since the Stone Age. Pop in for a few minutes or longer if you've got the time. The next Village Café meetings are on **3rd February** and **2nd March**.

Culworth Benefice Services February and March 2024

4th February 10am Benefice Holy Communion Chipping Warden

6pm Evensong Culworth

11th February 9.30am Holy Communion Chipping Warden

9.30am Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney

11am Family Service Culworth

14th February Ash Wednesday

6pm Holy Communion Culworth

18th February 9.30am Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney

10am Matins Culworth

3pm Evensong Chipping Warden

25th February 9.30am Holy Communion Culworth

10am Matins Chipping Warden (service for Ukraine)

11 .00 Matins Edgcote

6p.m. Evensong Moreton Pinkney

3rd March 10.00 Benefice Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney

(No Evensong at Culworth because of Bishop Debbie's installation at Peterborough Cathedral)

10th March 9.30am Holy Communion Chipping Warden

9.30am Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney

11am Family Service Culworth

17th March 9.30am Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney

10am Matins Culworth

3pm Evensong Chipping Warden

24th March Palm Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion Culworth

11am Matins Chipping Warden with Edgcote at Chipping Warden - (to include a visit from our donkey)

6pm Evensong Moreton Pinkney

29th March Good Friday 2 – 3pm Stations of the Cross Culworth

Saturday 30th March Easter Eve 7pm Moreton Pinkney Service of Light

31st March Easter Day 9.30am Holy Communion Culworth

11am Holy Communion Edgcote with Chipping Warden at St James's Edgcote

7th April 10am Benefice Holy Communion Edgcote

6pm Evensong Culworth

Lent Lunches 12 – 2pm

Wednesday 21st February Culworth Village Hall

Wednesday 28th February Chipping Warden Village Hall

Wednesday 6th March Moreton Pinkney

Wednesday 13th March Chipping Warden Village Hall

Tuesday 19th March Culworth Village Hall

Wednesday 20th March Moreton Pinkney

Location of Village Dog Bins

There are seven dog poo bins around Culworth. They are emptied weekly by the Parish Council at a cost to the council taxpayers of about £1000 annually. It therefore makes sense that responsible dog owners should make full use of the facility which is offered, rather than leaving mess uncollected or hanging it from the nearest bush for the Poo Fairy (who doesn't exist).

Just a reminder of the location of the dog poo bins:

1. The Banbury Lane end of the Cricket Field
2. The Concrete Road off Banbury Lane by the end of the Red Lion Footpath
3. Along the Concrete Road at the entrance to the footpath that goes through the "football" field to the High Street coming out at Paddocks Farm
4. In High Street by West Hill House, opposite Paddocks Farm
5. Off the Green at the back of the school by the allotment gate
6. At the corner of Sulgrave Road and Barley Hill
7. Along Sulgrave Road at the entrance to the footpath that goes across to Banbury Lane

Dates for your Diary

Saturday February 3rd 10 – 12 **Village Café**
Village Hall

Sunday 4th February 10am Benefice Holy
Communion

Tuesday 6th February 10am from The Green
Circular Walk

Sunday 11th February 11am Family Service

Tuesday 13th February 10-12 **Coffee and
Chat** Village Hall

Tuesday 13th February 7pm **Shrove Tuesday
(Lent) Quiz** Village Hall

Friday 16th February **Film Night** Village Hall

Sunday 18th February 10am Matins

Tuesday 21st February 12-2pm **Lent Lunch**
Village Hall

Sunday 25th February 9.30 Holy Communion

Thursday 29th February 7.30pm **Snappers**
Forge Coffee

Saturday 2nd March 10-12 **Village Café**
Village Hall

Sunday 3rd March 10am Benefice Holy
Communion

Tuesday 5th March 10am from The Green
Circular Walk

Sunday 10th March 11am Family Service

Tuesday 12th March 10-12 **Coffee and Chat**
Village Hall

Sunday 17th March 10am Matins

Tuesday 19th March 12-2 **Lent Lunch** Village
Hall

Friday 22nd March **Film Night** Village Hall

Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday 9.30 Holy
Communion

Thursday 28th March 7.30pm **Snappers** Forge
Coffee

Friday 29th March Good Friday 2pm -3pm
Stations of the Cross Culworth Church.

Sunday 31st March Easter Day 9.30am Holy
Communion

Culworth Parish Council News

There are seven seats on the Parish Council and currently only six Councillors. The vacancy can be filled by holding a bye-election if there is more than one candidate or otherwise by co-option. The vacancy will be advertised shortly but members of the community are encouraged to consider giving service to their fellow villagers in this way. The Council meets every other month for an hour or so on a mid-week evening and there are a number of ongoing responsibilities shared out amongst the members that keep the village a safe and pleasant place to live. If you feel able to put something back into the community in this way please look out for the advertisement when it appears or speak with one of the Councillors in the meantime.

Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

These are available on the Culworth Parish Council website (Hover over the link, Press CTRL & click): [Culworth Parish Council](#)

Hard copies can be obtained from the Parish Clerk on request.

Whilst the Parish Council funds the publication of the newsletter, the views expressed in it may not be those of the Parish Council. The editor reserves the right to make adjustments to the text and formatting for readability.

Please send items for the next newsletter to clerk@culworthparishcouncil.gov.uk or wilbyjoanne@gmail.com

The next copy date is 22nd March for the April/May 2024 edition.

If anyone would like to take on the role of Newsletter Editor, please do get in touch with the Parish Clerk or Joanne Wilby. It's not an onerous role, I promise!

Want to know what is happening in the village?

The Parish Council's website (the Culworth Village website) as above

Or search for:

Culworth Facebook
Culworth Community Facebook
Nextdoor Culworth
Red Lion website and Facebook
Forge Coffee website



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