

Hello Everyone

This weekend promises lots of pretty twinkling lights at the Christmas tree festivals at Harlington and Toddington Churches... plus lots of interesting conversations, raffles, refreshments and more. Do come for a visit if you can. Harlington Church displays are open from 12.00 noon - 5.00 pm on Saturday and Sunday and Toddington church is open from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm on Saturday and 1.00 - 5.00 pm on Sunday. Both churches will finish the festivals on Sunday with Carol singing at 5.00 pm. All are welcome. Both displays promise a time of delight reflecting light in the darkness. (Posters attached).

Nigel and I enjoy taking evening walks around the villages in the weeks leading up to Christmas to admire the lights and the Christmas Trees, and this year is no exception. Last Sunday Nigel was asked to officially turn on the lights in Westoning with snowflakes falling to add to the atmosphere. Toddington lights go on this Monday evening. How the bright twinkling lights lift the spirits.

Our various children's groups have been busy this week with Toddington Messy Church and Westoning TWIG (Time with God) groups enjoying Christmas crafts and activities. Harlington Family Breakfast Group are meeting on Sunday morning in the Parish Rooms for a time of craft from 9am.

There was a wonderful pop up tea room at Chalgrave Memorial Hall on Wednesday, and by popular request there are now plans to meet monthly. Next date for your diary is 19th January 11am.

We will let you have further information about Christmas events and services next week. The days are getting busier so here are some dates for your diaries:

This Sunday's services and events:

Sunday 5th December

Harlington

8.00 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion service at Harlington - Linda

9.00 am Family Breakfast and crafts, Parish Rooms - Rebecca

9.30 am Holy Communion - Nigel and Robert

5.00 pm Carols by the trees (with the Quintet Choir) - Nigel and Robert

Chalgrave 9.30 am Holy Communion Service - Linda

Tingrith 9.30 am Morning Prayer service - Jon

Toddington

11.00 am Holy Communion Service - Linda

Toddington 5.00 pm -Carols by the Trees - Linda

Westoning, 11.00 am Holy Communion Service - Nigel

6.00 pm **Upper Room** online service by zoom with the theme: Prepare the Way.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84013093104?pwd=NmdHNzhLaGtHWCtjWWIFMWFPTzIJdz09>

For instructions about joining please contact Revd Linda

Other services and events this week:

Monday 6th

Morning Prayer, Toddington Church 9.30 am

Advent Course, 11.00 am The Rectory, Toddington. All welcome. Please contact Linda for more details.

Funeral of Derek Thomson, Westoning Church 1.00 pm

Light up Toddington 6.00 pm on the Green

Online Alpha course at 7.45 pm (Final session)

Tuesday 7th

Knitting Group Wilkinson Hall 10.30 am

Westcaf 10.00 am Village Hall Westoning

Sewing Bee 1.00 pm Village Hall, Westoning

Wednesday 8th

10.00 am Harlington Morning service in church

Thursday 9th

7.30 pm Toddington PCC meeting

Friday 10th

Westoning Little Stars 1.15 pm in church

Westoning Friday Fellowship 2.00 pm Village Hall

Tingrith Fish and Hits Supper with Choir 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Toddington Church Scout Carol Service 7.00 pm

Sunday 12th December

Chalgrave

9.30 am Carol Service

Toddington

11.00 am Holy Communion

2.00 pm Toddington Band - Christmas Concert in Church

Harlington

9.30 am Holy Communion Service

Westoning

11.00 am Westoning Church - Holy Communion

3.00 - 4.30 pm A Christmas Special Service for TWIG and Family Groups,
Westoning Church - with afternoon tea.

6.00 pm Online Upper Room service

14 December

10.00 am. The funeral of Dale Pain - Westoning Church.

Do please link with us if you would like more information about future services.
Please also keep an eye on the churches and 'A Church Near You' websites where
you can find a calendar of events. A full list of services will be published soon.

We send you our love. Do please look after yourselves.

God bless

Linda and Nigel