

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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Happy Christmas and Prosperous 2020
To all parishioners of The Leigh, Evington, Coombe Hill
and all other readers in the wider community



St Catherine's Church Services:

1 December – Advent Sunday, 1st Service of Advent Carols at
Tewkesbury Abbey, 6pm

8 December – Worship Together at Sandhurst, 10am

15 December – Benefice Service at Twigworth, 10am

22 December – Holy Communion, 8.30am

24 December – **Christmas Eve Carols, 6pm – All Welcome**

25 December – Holy Communion at Sandhurst, Boddington and Norton

29 December – Benefice Service at St Catherine's 10am



Twigworth Church – the service on 15 December will be the final service
at St Matthews and will be led by The Bishop of Tewkesbury.

Church Notices: Any contributions to decorate the Church for Christmas
will be very welcome (hands and greenery) on 23 December from 10am.
Refreshments for after the Carol Service would also be appreciated.

LOST Our beautiful black kitten,
Belle, is missing from Church Lane. Belle is
6 months old and has been missing since
Wednesday 13 November around about 5pm.
We miss her so much, she was so loving and
a lovely personality. There is a reward for
her safe return. Thank you.

Any information, please contact **Rebecca**
(07941 217942) or Russell (07896 206113).



THE LEIGH CHRISTMAS POST BOX

On Sunday 22 December from 2.30pm (thanks Paul and Jane)
Denes Hollow will become "Santa's Sorting Office", where village
children - and a few helping adults - will sort Christmas cards and
then deliver within The Leigh/Evington. All children from The
Leigh are most welcome.

For all of those interested, please post your
cards into the Christmas post box situated
outside Little Holborn, Church Lane from
14 December. All cards **MUST** display a
surname to help the little elves - no need
for addresses. The last posting day will
be Sunday 22 December at noon.



With regard to households with dogs running loose and preventing
delivery to your post box, post may be left on your gate etc.

Suggested charity donations from £3 would be gratefully received,
this year we have chosen The James Hopkins Trust. Please place
your donation in a sealed envelope in the post box.

The James Hopkins Trust is a charity which provides practical help
for severely disabled, life threatened and life limited young children
with nursing needs, aged 5 years and under, living in
Gloucestershire.

Any enquiries/details of participating elves to Jo 680257 or Jane
680691.



**PETER
JOHN
HAWKINS**

**3.1.1952 -
20.11.2019**

Sadly my Dad has passed away. Many of you
will know him as he lived in the village for
over 30 years. He loved village life and I have
many memories that I will treasure forever. I
just want to thank everyone who has kept an
eye on him over the years and looked after him
and his dog Rock. I'm so grateful to you. His
funeral will be Thursday 5th December, 11am
at St Catherine's Church in The Leigh.
Refreshments afterwards will be at the Gupshill
Manor in Tewkesbury for anyone who wishes
to attend. Please do not wear all black.
Thank you. **Katie**

Creative Christmas

We are delighted to say that we
will be able to offer a limited
selection of our items for sale on
Saturday 30 November when
Coombe Hill Farm Shop host
their Taster Morning.

Obviously we were disappointed
that we were unable to hold the
barn event this year owing to the
floods, but on a positive note this
gives us more time to create
even more lovely things for
2020.

Thank you for your support and
understanding.

Karen, Jess & Jo



Coombe Hill Farm Shop

(A38 towards Tewkesbury)

Join us for a TASTER MORNING
Saturday 30 November 9am – 12pm

Browse our new ranges and sample some delicious products.

Prepare for the festive season with our range of charity Christmas
cards and gifts, and order your home-reared turkey. You can even
pick up a Christmas tree and wreath!

We sell home-grown lamb and pork together with locally sourced
beef, chicken, honey and eggs. Our bread and cakes are freshly
baked and we also have a variety of groceries as well as fresh fruit
and vegetables.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Sam and Philippa Page

Please note, The Swan at
Coombe Hill have kindly
offered the top part of their
car park (furthest from the
A38) as additional parking
on the 30 November
between 9am & Noon

Parish Council Meeting dates:

Wednesday 11 December (Prov Planning)
Wednesday 8 January (Prov Planning)
Wednesday 12 February (FULL)
Wednesday 11 March (Prov Planning)
St Catherine's Church,
The Leigh 7.30pm



Thank you to all who contributed to the Benefice shoebox appeal, either by filling boxes, contributing gifts or cash. This is the first time our group of churches has taken part in this worthwhile appeal.

When it was suggested that the benefice could contribute 100 boxes I had my doubts and am pleased to have been proved wrong. The Leigh filled 18 boxes and the total from the Benefice on 10th November was 126 with more to come in. Could we double that next year and make 200 vulnerable children smile on 25 December 2020?

Sue Roberts

Some Like it Hot

In the Nave

Unfortunately neither Marilyn Monroe, Jack Lemmon nor Tony Curtis could join the happy curry eaters at The Nave, St Catherine's Church on Saturday 16th November for a wonderful evening of spicy delights and tempting puddings.

Many thanks to all who produced the curries, beef casserole and puddings, and Karen for the quiz.

The biggest thanks must go to the many that supported the evening - and our four legged friends for being on their best behaviour.

For your diaries - Fish and Chip supper in The Nave, St Catherine's Church - Saturday 18th January, all welcome. **Phil Cotton**



Polite Reminder

If you are planning New Year's fireworks, it would be courteous to make neighbours aware so that arrangements can be made for dogs, cats, horses etc (and sheep!).

Thank you from all pet and livestock owners.



Christmas Wreath Workshop

Tuesday 3 December,
7pm - 9.30pm
St Catherine's Church
£40 p/person

Contact Harriet to book a place
on 07879285728

NORTON WI

Thursday 12 December
7.30pm
Norton Village Hall



GHOST STORIES

By
Kirsty Hartsiotis

For further info contact:
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01452 731218009



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Newsletter in 2019. Also thanks to Anita for proof-reading each month and to the deliverers who go out in all weathers.



Please check our Facebook (@creativechristmascrafts) and Instagram (creative_christmas_crafts) pages for updates throughout the year.

Karen, Jess & Jo



The Leigh Apple Juice is now on sale at the Coombe Hill Farm Shop - all profits go to charity.

Apples picked in The Leigh, juiced and pasteurised in Winchcombe.

PARISH WEBSITE (still no takers!)



It is now nearly three years since we created our Parish website and although certain parts are regularly updated I am afraid recently I have been unable to find the time to look after it all. I am, therefore, looking for someone in the Parish who would be happy to look after the site for the future. All it takes is about 2-3 hours a month and you do not need to be a computer expert - it is really easy. If interested, please contact me by email (withers@todpool.com) and I will be happy to help with any handover. **Colin W**