Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

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“I sincerely hope that you ALL have a wonderous Christmas and a peaceful New Year”
Ed.

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This year will be a December like no other – at least, not since December 1923. I am, of course, referring to the general election. As I write this we are about 4 weeks away from voting. This election is deemed impossible to predict, but whichever party we vote for, we can at least HOPE that those elected to parliament will work hard and serve with honesty and integrity.

HOPE is such a small word that has big expectations. No matter what is going on for us in our lives HOPE can make a difference. HOPE may be all we have to cling on to when times are hard – consider those affected by the devastating floods in Yorkshire and Derbyshire. HOPE is faith that things will get better in the future – tomorrow, next week, next year – that what afflicts us now is not permanent.

Advent and Christmas are seasons for HOPE. We are busy and preoccupied by the needs and demands of Christmas but at this time of year, somehow more than at any other time, we tend to hear stories of HOPE. Perhaps it’s because it is the season when we think about others – Good Will to All. We know that, though for some Christmas is unbounded joy and excitement, for others it is painful, upsetting or lonely. For Christians it is the time when we also reflect on the truth that God became a human being; forever to experience our joys and sorrows alongside us – to bring us HOPE. The story of the baby born in a stable in Bethlehem 2000 years ago was, at that time, a message of HOPE for people in real situations in the real world and it still is for us today.

I marvel at what God did for us that first Christmas. He sent us his son to live amongst us, but more than that, he sent his son to be born, not in some grand palace but in a humble stable. God wanted to show us that Jesus Christ came, not just for the rich and powerful, but the poor and downtrodden.

The great evangelist, Bill Graham, had this to say about Christmas in 1969: 

“Christmas should be a time of renewed HOPE – not HOPE in a particular political concept, but Christmas HOPE; Christian HOPE; HOPE in Jesus Christ; HOPE that, despite our tangled bungling, God will bring order out of chaos.”

It is remarkable just how much of that statement resonates with us today. Let us pray that we find renewed HOPE this Christmas.

Jean
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There is a single Parochial Church Council for Martinstown, Steepleton and Abbas but each parish church retains its own local church committee.

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PCC Hon. Treasurer - Bruce Robertson

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Churchwarden & Treasurer - Jeremy Russell (01308 482227)
Churchwarden & Secretary - Peter Steel (01308 482782)

Dorchester and The Winterbournes Team Website: www.dorchesteranglican.info

Any of the above can be approached in the first instance for Baptism, Marriage, Home Communion or just a visit and they would welcome being told when anybody has been bereaved or is ill. They have answerphones for you to leave a message.

If you want us to remember anything or anyone in the public prayer of the Church, we would be glad to do this as long as permission of the person involved is assured.

Sunday 26th January at 5pm
St Martin’s Church, Martinstown

A quiet, informal service centred on worship, prayer and the bible. We will begin with light refreshments, followed by music led worship at 5.15.

All welcome...

Taizé Worship
Sunday, 19th January at 6pm
Taizé Worship at St Michael’s Church, Winterbourne Steepleton.

Come and experience Taizé chants and reflections in this very special place.

All Welcome
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Did you know that the 3 churches in the Winterbournes Parish are now on Facebook? You can 'like' and ‘follow’ for news and photos from St Michael's, St Mary’s and St Martin’s.
## CHURCH CALENDAR

### JANUARY 2020

### SUNDAY 5 JANUARY – EPIPHANY
- 10.00 Holy Communion | Winterbourne Abbas
- 11.00 Holy Communion | Winterbourne Steepleton

### SUNDAY 12 JANUARY – BAPTISM OF CHRIST
- 08.00 Holy Communion (BCP) | Martinstown
- 09.30 Holy Communion | Compton Valence
- 11.00 Holy Communion | Winterbourne Steepleton

### SUNDAY 19 JANUARY – 2ND OF EPIPHANY
- 10.00 Holy Communion | Winterbourne Abbas
- 11.00 Worship Together | Winterbourne Steepleton
- 18.00 Taizé | Winterbourne Steepleton

### SUNDAY 26 JANUARY – 3RD OF EPIPHANY
- 11.00 Holy Communion | Martinstown
- 18.00 Church@Five | Martinstown

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**NB.** Please note that, while the chancel of Martinstown church is being redecorated, the 11am services on the 5th and 19th January will be held at Winterbourne Steepleton. There will be the usual 8am service on the 12th January at Martinstown, in the north aisle.

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### Vigil for Refugees

On the 23rd October, 39 Vietnamese people were found dead in the back of a refrigerated articulated truck, in Essex. People from all over the world risk their lives to get away from situations that are dangerous, unsustainable and can be life threatening. They must be desperate to get into such a vehicle, or to cross the sea in a small boat, hung on the bottom of a truck, swim across a river with strong currents.

On the first Tuesday of each month we hear about these people, by reading the names of 10 people and the circumstances of their death, from the list of all those who have died trying to escape their unsustainable lives. It is harrowing. We then sit in silence, trying to walk alongside of them.

Join us for this heart-breaking task. Be a witness to these people, who have lost their lives. Once a month give each of them two minutes of your time. The vigil for refugees takes place at 6pm on the first Tuesday of the month at St. Martin’s Church. The 20–minute silence is concluded by a modern psalm, we listen to poetry and the prose, thoughts feelings from others who are there and then we finish with the meditation of Loving Kindness.

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### Churches Together

In Dorchester usually arranges the **Hustings** in this area before a general election and, despite the tight time scale we have done so again this time.

It will be on **Wednesday 4th December** at 7pm at the **United Church, South Street**.

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### The Winterbourne Singers

...a group that meets fortnightly to sing music of many different kinds, both sacred and secular. If you’d like to try us out, please come along to one of the **Friday evening sessions**. We meet in **St. Martin’s church** from 7 to **8.15 p.m.** Singers are invited to donate £1 each session towards church overheads, but music’s provided. It probably helps if you can read music a little, but that’s certainly not an essential.

For any further information, please contact:**

**Peter Wilkinson** ([p_wilkinson@hotmail.com](mailto:p_wilkinson@hotmail.com) or **889077**).
AWAY IN A MANGER

A display of nativity scenes at
St. Martin’s Church, Martinstown
on Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December
between 2 and 5 p.m.
Admission free. Programmes £1.
Mulled wine, fruit punch and mince pies.

Plus Get in the Picture

Create your own real-life nativity scene in our
stable. Dressing up as Mary, Joseph, an angel or a
shepherd and then taking your own photos.

All ages welcome, but please supervise small children
St. Marys’ in Winterbourne Abbas is a beautiful building and very close to the heart of worshipping community and the village as a whole. Many people from the community visit and tend family graves, walk their dogs in the graveyard and stop awhile for private prayer and contemplation in the church.

For some time now it has been the vision of the regular congregation to be able to create a space that is available to the whole village. We already use the church and its grounds for fetes, lunches, Messy Church etc but the limitations of a building, with no piped water, toilets or efficient heating system, make using the church difficult or even impossible for many people.

Therefore, what we are proposing, is to make changes to the interior of the church so it available for everyone. To achieve this end, we would like to remove the rear pews and clear the area under the tower in order to install a kitchenette, fully accessible toilet and space for tables and chairs.

We are holding a public meeting to hear your views and ideas on how the space can be used on Saturday 11th January 5pm– 6pm lead our Vicar, Reverend. Jean Saddington and Joy Parsons church warden. However, it is important to stress that the church will remain a worshipping space.

So, should you wish to discuss any aspect of this project prior to the meeting please feel free to speak to or email:–

Joy Parsons (churchwarden)
E: joyparsons@hotmail.com

David Parsons (treasurer)
E: davidparsons59@hotmail.com  T: 889611

David Taylor
E: d.c.taylor@hotmail.co.uk  T: 880039

We’re so lucky to have such a hard–working, cheerful & dedicated team, planning, shopping, putting up and laying the tables, wielding rubber gloves and hundreds of tea towels (just to mention a few of the many tasks) and of course, we have the amazing cooks, turning up with the most delicious home–cooked food come rain or shine! A huge thank you is due to all – without you, there would be a big gap in our community.

The Christmas lunch will be on Friday 6th December and this will be £10, to include all sorts of yummy extras. If you would like to join us, you will be most welcome, but PLEASE contact Ced on 889438 in good time it is essential to book.

The first lunch of 2020 will be on the 7th February: we’ll let you know subsequent dates in due course. Bon appetit!
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For BOOKING information, contact: **Ann Matthews** – Tel: **889248** or email: **ronann.matthews@btinternet.com**
December 1940...
by Terry Hearing

In April Hitler ended the ‘phoney war’ with his ‘Blitzkrieg’ – ‘Lightning War’. In a few weeks he had most of Western Europe under his command. The Germans planned invasion of Britain, and the Luftwaffe proceeded to bomb the RAF airfields in daylight. Using the newly invented Radar, the British were able to plot the likely routes of enemy bombers, and the air-raid sirens would sound long in advance – but not always!

One afternoon in St Michael’s School in North London we heard the already-familiar sound of the sirens, and duly trooped up the playground to the shelter. There was no hurry – no sound of gunfire, bombs or even aeroengines. As we walked a plane did appear overhead – was it one of ours? It wasn’t, and the local anti-aircraft guns began to crack. The white puffs of exploding shells followed the plane, scattering their deadly iron fragments of shrapnel. The teachers hurried us along...

As I left a Saturday Cub Scout meeting the blue sky was criss-crossed with white vapour trails. Spitfires and Hurricanes were chasing Heinkels and Messerschmitts, and we stood and cheered, until the authorities pushed us back in. This was the Battle of Britain, and it lasted through the summer. The Luftwaffe was defeated, and the invasion was eventually abandoned.

In September Hitler started bombing towns by night, in an attempt to terrorise the civilian population into surrender. When the sirens sounded, distantly at first, my mother would rouse us from our beds and we would put on our ‘siren suits’ which were towelling overalls to go over our pyjamas. We went down to the shelter to await the bombers. First we would hear the distant crump of gunfire, followed by the drone of aircraft engines. Suddenly the local guns would open fire as the spotters picked up the planes in the searchlights, and then came the whistle and explosions of falling bombs. We were lucky – none was closer than about 300 yards.

One morning I woke up in the shelter and reached for my handkerchief on the floor. I woke everybody with my yell – I had plunged my hand into six inches of cold water. The water table had risen over the concrete. Thereafter we stayed in our bedrooms, or retreated under the stairs.

The craze for boys walking to school was to collect the shrapnel which had fallen during the night, the ultimate prize being a whole shell-cap – and I found one! One evening a lone bomber jettisoned its remaining bombs across the shopping parade at the bottom of our street. One bomb hit a dance hall above the shops and the building collapsed across a passing bus. Forty people were killed.

Another raider dropped incendiary bombs on the school, and I arrived to find the street full of fire engines and long hoses. My classroom was completely burnt out, and I saw exercise books floating across the playground in huge pools of water.

Occasionally our family stayed for a weekend with our cousins in South London. One night there was rattling across the roof of the house – incendiary bombs. One two-foot cylinder came through the roof, and my father and uncle hastened into the loft with a stirrup pump to put out the blaze. The following morning my cousin and I found an amazing trophy. A bomb had bounced off the roof and fallen into a large box of sand outside the back door. The sand had throttled the fire, and we took out an almost intact German incendiary bomb. I don’t think we were allowed to keep it for long....

December 1940 was the worst period of the London Blitz, but raids continued into the Spring. Then Hitler needed all his aircraft for the invasion of Russia. It was three years before he launched his final terror campaign against British civilians – but that’s another story.
The season proved challenging for our First Team. Despite some good opening batting partnerships we failed on a number of occasions to consolidate the innings. However we retained our standing in the league and fielded probably one of the youngest squads – no mean achievement and one that bodes well for the future as these players develop their skills. The new captaincy proved equally promising – player availability was maintained at good levels.

Meanwhile our Second Team achieved the remarkable success of gaining promotion for a second consecutive year which takes them into League 3. Overall it was a solid performance as they stayed within striking distance of the top position throughout the season. Young players made significant contributions in all areas.

Junior activities and sides provided tremendous energy within the club with numerous successes in their respective age leagues with a strong presence in the adult sides. We were proud to have one of juniors selected for a Dorset League Representative X1.

The Ladies/Girls side consolidated their position within this growing area of the sport, competing in an indoor winter league and in the summer attending local festivals/tournaments.

I am pleased to report that sportsmanship and discipline was once again of the highest order throughout the club. It is important that we maintain these standards which ensure we provide a safe and welcoming environment for players, parents, children and visitors alike.

Our efforts were recognised at county level with the club gaining two Nat West OSCAS awards – given to individuals who have made significant contributions to the club and the sport. It was particularly pleasing to see one of our Juniors’ gaining the ‘Young Volunteer’ 14 –18 award for his coaching skills and inspiration to other young players. The other award ‘Inspiring and Diversity’ was an acknowledgement of the clubs development of a Ladies/ Girls section and our involvement with Dorset Disability.

**Winter Training**

The club has a full winter training programme with over 50 children, including those in the Academy, playing cricket this winter.

Adult training will focus on preparing our Saturday sides to a level that will enable them to be competitive in their respective leagues.

**Defibrillator**

It is proposed that we have a fund raising exercise to raise money for the installation and training in the use of this potentially lifesaving equipment. We see this as a vital community asset which will be of benefit to the whole community; the intention being to train as many people as possible to use the equipment.

**Summary**

In short, a successful year on all fronts with the club continuing to develop and grow.

Our junior section remains one of key strengths in terms of membership, success on the field and participation at adult level.

Newer areas such as the Ladies/Girls section have developed successfully.

As ever the club is indebted to the tremendous support from our ground staff, parents, sponsors, and of course players – of all ages.

We conclude this season with our Awards Dinner kindly hosted by the Brewers Arms.

Finally we look forward with excitement to the 2019/20 season.

David Gargrave – Chairman Nov 2019

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**FILM NIGHT AT THE BREWERS ARMS**

It is with much regret that due to health issues, I can no longer run film nights at the pub.

Bob Wilkins
There was a mediaeval theme to our November meeting when Anne and Gareth Jones, in suitable costume, entertained us with music and carols played on traditional old instruments. They explained the religious meanings of “The 12 Days of Christmas” and the customs and recipes used in the Christmas celebrations – they certainly knew how to feast in those days!

On Thursday 5th December at 2.30 pm we are hosting the Bride Valley Group Carol Service here at St Martin’s Church.

Our Christmas Party will be on Wednesday 11th December including a Christmas Craft demonstration. We will be making our usual collection of basic toiletries for the Women’s Refuge.

We meet again on Wednesday 8th January 2020 when we will be discussing the proposed resolutions to be voted on at the National Federation Annual Meeting.

Martinstown WI would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to another interesting and entertaining programme in 2020.

Angela Barrett – Secretary

COMPTON VALENCE SNOW DROPS
VILLAGE HALL LUNCHES and TEAS

Monday 3rd Feb – Friday 14th February 2020

COME and WALK/DRIVE through our beautiful village and see the stunning white drifts of snowdrops. (The village hall is below the church)

OPEN (weather permitting): 10.30am – 3.30pm Daily

To book, please ring or email so we can cater accordingly:

Tessa Russell, tel: 01308 482227 or email: tessa@cvfarms.co.uk

Pippa James, tel: 01305 889338 mobile: 07880882985 email: enquiries@dovehousedorset.co.uk

Pre booked guests will take priority as the hall is small. In bad/icy weather we may not be open. Please be considerate of our village/ verges etc. when parking or ring us to discuss your needs so we can advise you where to go.

We very much look forward to seeing you.
On Wednesday 13 November, 19 Mileaters and 4 dogs walked from Minterne Magna Church (a few miles north of Cerne Abbas). The weather forecast was good for the morning with rain predicted for early afternoon and as luck would have it, the first drops fell as we were safely back in our cars at 1.15 pm.

The circuit was new for the majority of walkers and those who had done it before enjoyed a varied and interesting walk of around 5.5 miles. Stuart added to the interest by reading out some factoids along the route that had us all thinking which was true and which was false as even the most far fetched facts seemed plausible. Only two people thought that a gargoyle had fallen off the church at Minterne Magna in the 1800’s and killed the mother of the bride during the wedding ceremony. Fortunately this factoid was false!

Due to the very wet month we have just experienced there was a lot of mud in places, especially around gates into fields but these were just passable without any major incident.

Lunch was taken at the Hunter’s Moon pub in Middlemarsh which was a very pleasant end to a succesful walk.

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”
Mother Theresa

“May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve.”
Anonymous

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year!”
Edward Pola and George Wyle
On Monday 21st October we were due to have a presentation by Robin Cook on “Life & Times at Harrods Part 2” but unfortunately Robin was ill and couldn’t come to the meeting. We are very grateful to Dick Corbett-Winder who kindly, at very short notice, stepped in to give us a very interesting and inspiring presentation on the work he is undertaking with “GapArt”.

GapArt is a bespoke charity for international art-based projects. Dick outlined the work the charity is involved in, recruiting volunteers to teach art-based skills to disadvantaged communities in Palestine. Dick, who has spent time working on projects with disadvantaged communities in Ecuador, Sri Lanka and Cambodia, is now a Trustee of GapArt and has visited Palestine to see firsthand the benefits the projects have in giving opportunities to talented individuals in poorer areas. The charity also works with landmine victims in Cambodia, helps to re-build school buildings damaged by earthquakes in Nepal, and works with disabled children in India & Sri Lanka.

GapArt depends upon donations which contribute towards the cost of running their international art programmes. It helps with the cost of buying art materials and subsidises the cost of hosting a volunteer. GapArt offers the opportunity to make a difference in people’s lives and we were all very impressed with the commitment given by Dick and others to this worthwhile charity.

We hope you all enjoyed our Social Evening on 22nd November. We do not meet in December so our next meeting will be on Monday 20th January 2020 when we will have a Fish & Chip Supper at 7.45pm followed at 8.15pm by the rearranged presentation by Robin Cook on “Life & Times at Harrods Part 2”.

On behalf of the committee I would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for a Healthy 2020.

Pat Willetts – Tel. 568458

Have you seen my cat. She has been missing from St Martinsfield since 18th October. She is a fairly small cat, with facial markings like the cat from the Felix cat food ad. If you know of her whereabouts, whether dead or alive, or maybe she’s moved in with you, please contact me. I am desperate to know what has happened to her.

Many Thanks. My phone no, is 880160
A group was formed last year of like minded people who wanted to revive the making of Cyder by the traditional manner in Martinstown. Called “Cyder” because it’s made just using apples with no additives involved. The original 5 members saw membership increase to 10 this year producing approx. 15 gallons in just a couple of pressings. Not a lot you may say but more than enough for us to enjoy the fruits of our labour at a later date. Hopefully, there will be a category in next year’s Village Show.

All different types of apple are shredded then pressed to extract the juice. The juice is placed into a container with a bubble trap on top. No additives or yeast are added as this is not necessary – the liquor starts to ferment almost straight away. The demijohns are left until around Christmas time when the Cyder will have fermented fully. Most Cyders brewed in this manner turn out to be about 6% abv. Some remain cloudy as in Scrumpy whilst others are crystal clear. The taste can be adjusted at this time by blending with raw cane sugar to taste.

In years gone by Cyder was used as ‘part pay’ for farm labourers but it was watered down by the farmer who usually kept the best for his own use. The Cyder was healthier to drink than some of the water supplies.

In January when all the brewing/bottling has been done a celebration called a “Wassail” was held. This entailed giving thanks to the apple trees, placing bread/toast soaked in Cyder onto branches and making a lot of noise to drive away evil spirits from the orchards. I tend to think that what really attracted people was the drinking of large quantities of brew and having a feast, usually roast pork and apple sauce. Merry making went on well into the night.

MCC will be holding a Wassail Evening in the Village Hall on January 11th 2020. Tickets will be on sale closer to the event.
Mosaic are a Dorset based charity supporting bereaved children and young people, their families and the professionals working with them.

Founded in 2007, Mosaic was created to fill the gap in bereavement provision across the county. Prior to this, support for bereaved children and young people was limited as the only support available was from hospices offering support after the death of someone suffering from a long-term illness.

We are very pleased that a defibrillator has now been sited at the Martinstown Village Hall (St Martinsfield, postcode DT2 9JU). You’ll find it on the wall beside the steps leading to the hall entrance. It couldn’t be simpler to use – you just ‘phone 999 and you’ll be given a code to unlock the cabinet in which it is kept. From then on, just follow the instructions which the machine gives – yes, it talks you through every step of the way, so you don’t need to be trained in order to use it safely and effectively.

We are very grateful to the many village organizations, some individuals and to local business MJ Fry Agricultural Engineers who donated money towards it, to Andy Whitty Electricals – and also to the Village Hall for ‘hosting’ the defibrillator. Dick Corbett Winder has done all the organising and chasing around needed to get this, potentially, life-saver for our community, and so deserves a special vote of thanks!

Let’s hope that this is one piece of equipment which never has to be used.

Mosaic support children and young people who have been bereaved of someone special, such as a parent, sibling, friend or a member of their extended family. This includes all causes of death such as long-term illness, sudden death, suicide, or road traffic accident.

Mum and I would like to thank the stall holders, helpers and especially the local support we received at our recent coffee morning in the village on a VERY wet and stormy day in October. The event itself took over £150 and other events that we have held within our ‘craft’ ventures this year, will have raised £500+ for this very worthwhile cause.

Thank you all – Jan Trevett & Becky Dovey
Do you remember when...?
...there was a live Nativity in St Martin’s Church?

Twenty seven years ago, in December 1992, there was a live performance in St Martin’s of the Nativity Story by a local cast, complete with a beaming Baby Jesus (pictured here). The successful production was the brain–child of the indomitable Molly Perrin, who also ran the Sunday School up at the Valley School in Winterbourne Abbas.

This year everyone will have the chance to dress up and create a Christmas picture with family and friends at the exhibition of Nativity sets in St Martin’s on December 7th and 8th 2019 (details elsewhere in this magazine). Costumes and props will be provided!

Alison Crawford

Editor’s note:
Please send us YOUR ‘do you remember’ stories (and photos), and lets make it a regular feature!

The true meaning of Christmas...

Journey to the stable is an interactive experience helping to explain the true meaning of Christmas. This is ideal for adults and children alike. The journey takes 20 - 30 minutes. There are seven stations focusing on a person or a part of the Christmas story with readings and reflections. At each there is a small activity or object for you to take away, so you leave with a bag of reflections and goodies.

Open at the United Church, South Street, Dorchester Sat 7th Dec and Thurs 12th – Sat 14th Dec 11–3pm (Fri 13th 11–2pm). The Stable only will be open from Mon 16th – Sat 21st and Mon 21st 10–12.30pm. In the busyness of all the Christmas shopping, writing the cards and icing the cake take a few minutes to be still and reflect on what Christmas is all about.

Feed Me, Change Me, Love Me...

The United Church Dorchester will also be open for free baby changing, with a private feeding area and games for the older children during the last few shopping days to Christmas. Open Fri 20th Dec, Sat 21st Dec and Mon 23rd Dec 11am to 3pm. If you feel rushed off your feet come and sit quietly and enjoy the peace of Christmas, while the children are kept occupied.
Christmas Services in December 2019

...looking forward to seeing you!

Sunday, 1st December at 6pm:
**DARKNESS TO LIGHT** – St Martin's Church, Martinstown
A service of Advent Carols and Readings.

Sunday, 8th December at 4 pm:
**CAROLS IN THE PUB** – The Brewers Arms, Martinstown

Tuesday, 17th December at 6 pm:
**CAROL SERVICE** – St Michael’s Church, Winterbourne Steepleton
Who is Jesus?’ A service of reading and carols. Featuring ‘The Winterbourne Singers’ and ‘Steepleton Players’.

Wednesday, 18th December at 6 pm:
**A QUIETER CHRISTMAS** - St Martin's Church, Martinstown
A reflective service for Christmas.

Thursday, 20th December at 7 pm:
**CAROL SERVICE** – St Mary’s Church, Winterbourne Abbas
A service of readings and carols.

Sunday, 22nd December at 6 pm:
**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** – St Martin's Church, Martinstown
A service of readings and carols. Featuring ‘The Winterbourne Singers’.

Monday, 23rd December at 6.30 pm:
**CAROL SERVICE** – St Thomas’ Church, Compton Valence
A service of readings and carols.

Christmas Eve at 3pm:
**CRIB SERVICE** – St Mary’s Church, Winterbourne Abbas
A service for all the family. Bring your own Nativity Costume!

Christmas Eve at 4 pm:
**CRIB SERVICE** – St Martin’s Church, Martinstown
A service for all the family.

Christmas Eve at 11 pm:
**MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION** – St Michael's Church, Winterbourne Steepleton

Christmas Day at 9.30 am:
**HOLY COMMUNION** – St Thomas’ Church, Compton Valence

Christmas Day at 11 am:
**HOLY COMMUNION** – St Martin's Church, Martinstown

Sunday, 29th December at 11 am:
**FAVOURITE CAROLS** - St Martin's Church, Martinstown
Put your request in (sheet at the back of the church) and come and sing your favourite carol.
Across
1. __ stick
5. Rash
10. “Uh-oh”
15. Correctional prefix
16. Let go
17. Trophy for best fowl at the state fair?
19. Frond-bearing plant
20. Food fish
21. Deduce, in slang
23. Tap output
24. “Designing ___”
25. Passing along one’s audacity?
31. Two-masted vessel
32. Year in Nero’s reign
33. Burns not?
34. Latin 101 word
35. Tugs
38. “I will sing __ the Lord...”: Exodus
39. “West Wing” network
40. Square dance partner
41. Fishing gear
42. Knife salesman’s occupational hazard?
48. ‘50s New York outfielder Hank
49. Green shade
50. The six million dollar man et al.
53. His VPs were Colfax and Wilson
57. Get close, in a way
58. Place to keep a kid?
60. Part of UAE
61. Prefix with history
62. Crime fiction name
63. Soaks, as hemp
64. Strengthened
65. 1996 candidate

Down
1. Greedy sorts
2. Mitch Miller’s instrument
3. River to the Colorado
4. Eccentrics
5. Indoor buzzer?
6. Terminal list: Abbr.
7. Co. shares
8. It first topped 10,000 on 3/29/99
9. Artist with the album “Vivaldi’s Cello”
10. Affront
11. Lunchbox treat
12. Where the Ucayali flows
13. On its way
18. Hard to believe
22. A pop
24. Tough thing to be put through
25. Viola da __
26. Aerial defense acronym
27. Fertilization targets
28. Kind of circle
29. Spruce
30. 1997 Prizms, e.g.
31. Positive principle
36. Intl. carrier to Seoul
37. Loose
38. Like some income
43. Cold War threats
44. Henley propeller
45. Precious lump
46. Car named for an explorer
47. Star in Lyra
50. Industry big shot
51. Time past
52. Craft
53. Eclectic magazine
54. Business opener?
55. 1994 Jodie Foster film
56. Balsa, e.g.
59. Philip of “Kung Fu”

Just for fun - answers in the February 2020 issue
Online Christmas Scams to watch out for...

Last year, according to the Centre for Retail Research, UK consumers spent almost £80bn at Christmas. A fair proportion of that money was spent online. Unfortunately, this means rich pickings for fraudsters, who like to make the most of the festive season by coming up with ever more ingenious ways to target consumers during the Christmas rush. So how can you spot the scams and, more importantly, protect yourself?

Fake online shops
Tip: Look for online reviews of the site and think about phoning the contact number. If there isn’t one, this could be a warning sign.

Charity phishing
Tip: If you want to give to good causes at Christmas, go through the charity in question’s own site.

Fake delivery emails
Scammers send out emails that purport to come from legitimate courier companies. These ask recipients to click on a link. When they do, they download malware or are taken to a scam site.
Tip: Check the sender’s address to ensure it is a legitimate company and go to the company’s own website to track orders.

Wish list scams
Such lists often contain personal information and this makes the list owner vulnerable to identity theft. Cyber-criminals can also use items on the list for targeted phishing scams.
Tip: Ensure the privacy settings on any online lists are set to high.

E-voucher scams
Potential victims are told that, to claim a voucher, all they need to do is click on a link. This can take them to a fake site where they will be asked for their details.
Tip: Look out for poor grammar and, if in any doubt, check the voucher by emailing the shop.

Social media scams
Scammers use social media to tempt people with irresistibly good deals on goods such as electronics and jewellery. The social networks are also a place where links to phishing sites and malware can be widely shared. Scammers may even be “friends” of real friends of yours who say yes to every connection request.
Tip: The best defence here is not to click on links that look even remotely suspicious.

New book featuring villages in our Parish of the Winterbournes...

I have written a book which has just been published by Roving Press, a local independent publisher. It’s called “Exploring the Quiet Lanes and Villages of West Dorset” and is attractively produced and fully illustrated.

All the villages in the parish were visited and feature in the book. The following paragraph helps to describe its content:
“The quiet lanes of West Dorset are made for exploring (by two wheels or four). Away from the hectic tourist trail, the old villages and gently rolling countryside entice you to linger a while and admire the view.”

The book is available to purchase from Roving Press (01300 321531 info@rovingpress.co.uk) and from local bookshops.

Kind regards, Jackie Winter.
Recycling, Rubbish & Garden Waste Collection Dates

**December 2019**

- 5th (Thursday) – **recycling and food**
- 19th (Thursday) – **recycling and food**
- 11th (Weds) – **garden waste**
- 12th (Thursday) – **rubbish and food**
- 28th (Saturday) – **rubbish and food**

**January 2020**

- 4th (Saturday) – **recycling and food**
- 16th (Thursday) – **recycling and food**
- 30th (Thursday) – **recycling and food**
- 10th (Friday) – **rubbish and food**
- 23rd (Thursday) – **rubbish and food**

8th (Weds) – **garden waste**

22nd (Weds) – **garden waste**

For more information contact:

www.dorsetforyou.com/recycle

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**Dispose of your own Xmas trees...**

Dorset residents will have to dispose of their own Christmas trees this year.

The Dorset Waste Partnership will not be offering the free kerb-side collection it has previously carried out.

The group, which is run by local councils, says it is not obliged to collect the trees, which contradicts its waste strategy, ending up as landfill.

Residents will be encouraged to use their garden waste service, if they pay for it, or take their Christmas tree to a household recycling centre.

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**Last Weds of the month at 7pm**

**Martinstown PARISH COUNCIL**

**FURTHER MEETINGS:**

- 26 **FEBRUARY 2020**
- 25 **MARCH 2020**
- 27 **MAY 2020** (AGM)

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on:

**Weds 29 January 2020**

The Magna Housing Community Room, Manor Grove, Martinstown, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 9JD

**April 2020 – Annual Parish Meeting**

date and time to be confirmed and held at the Village Hall

Be sure to visit the Parish Council website: [www.martinstown-news.co.uk/the-parish-council](http://www.martinstown-news.co.uk/the-parish-council)
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1st Drop-off – Mallards Green
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3rd Drop-off – Village Shop

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Sgt 1756 Napper • PC 0229 Pete Moore • PCSO 5410 Sarah Pilcher

West Dorset General Hospital
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Tel: 01305 251150 • www.dch.org

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www.dorset.police.uk

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Environmental Agency Tel: 0800 807060

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Tel: 01305 259672 • www.westdorstrspca.org

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4 Prince of Wales Road, DORCHESTER DT1 1PW
Tel: 01305 269444 • www.ageuk.org.uk

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Trinity Street, Dorchester, DT1 1TT
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Unbelievably Christmas is nearly upon us! So please do pop in as I have an array of fabulous unique gifts and cards for you all – along with the usual everyday items needed. I can order fresh vegetables, bread & cream if needed for the festive period too; also do visit The Post Office for your stamps and cash withdrawals.

So to finish I would like to wish a ‘Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year’ to all of my customers and thank you for your support in the past year.

Best Wishes Karen Barrett

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