

Uley, Owlpen & Nympsfield November 2020

# Village News

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- a) Collate all advertising and editorial requests each month
- b) Answer queries regarding advertising through email
- c) Compile all regular content plus additional features and adverts into a draft newsletter approved by the Parish Council and Church
- d) Send the newsletter to the printers after approval and completion

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## A NOVEMBER LETTER FROM IAN GARDENER

Dear Friends,

In all of the confusion and dismay surrounding much of the Covid news, there have always been stories that warm the heart. Lives that show determination, bravery, and words and deeds of inspiration and hope are just the things that we need to hear and see when life in general can seem bleak.

Captain Tom, now Sir Tom, was one such remarkable individual who became a real hero and his story was told around the world. To see the old soldier walking across his garden 100 times was quite something but to do it with the aid of a walker and just days before his one hundredth birthday made it very special indeed. His modest determination touched everyone, and his fund-raising effort was heartening for all who wanted to say thanks to the health professionals in the NHS, who are at the heart of combating the virus.

The heroes, I think, are those who get on, or get up and do things, when most sit back and say '*I wish I could do that...*' but never get around to it. Dogged determination and a belief in the right of a cause, an idea or just something that needs to be done, is what can carry us on to do the good, or the right thing.

I am always inspired when I hear another remarkable old soldier speak as he has done quite often over these past months. Harry Billinge is 95 years old and continues to remember those old comrades who never came back from their service in the Second World War. Something of a reluctant celebrity, this British Legion poppy seller and fund raiser of 60 years is passionate to convey to all the thanks he feels for all those with whom he served but died in action. At 18 years old, Harry was amongst the first to land on Gold beach during the D-Day Landings in 1944. Many died that day, and his mission has been to raise funds for a memorial in Normandy, to all those who died then and during the Normandy campaign.

He received an MBE in 2016 and today (8.9.20) I have seen him honoured once again at St Austell railway station where he unveiled a plaque on the Great Western Intercity Express No. 802006 proudly displaying HARRY BILLINGE MBE, LdH. Ever the one to down play his role in all of this, his response was, '*I've been deeply moved today. Having a train named after me is a great honour.*'

*It will remind people of the fine men who fought that day, lots of whom never went back home again. It's important that their memory is remembered, and I hope this train will carry that message to thousands of people every day' Do watch it if you can, he is a most inspiring and humble man.*

Harry Billinge's life and words evoke in us the need for us all to remember. Remembering not just those who died, but that from the past we might learn the mistakes and acknowledge the sadness of war and conflict. This year our Remembrance Commemorations will be different than in past years because of the Covid restrictions, but there will be ceremonies and the times and details will be advertised in the local press and in The Messenger and in the Uley Village News.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them. - Laurence Binyon.*

Yours in Christ,  
Ian

### **A HUGE THANK YOU FROM YOUR POSTMAN DAVE!**

A huge thank you to everyone in the village and surrounding areas who showed their support by signing my petition for a safer walking route for children from the age of 11 from Uley to Rednock School, and to those who I personally spoke to, not only on my delivery, but also by phone call, text and email.

I had over 100 signatures, which helped me put pressure on Gloucestershire County Council to acknowledge my concerns for the safety of children who would have to walk this unsafe route. They have now responded by accepting a safe route is unavailable, and an offer of transportation has been made.

My family and I truly appreciate all your help and support

Many thanks,  
Dave

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## Other Information

The Parish Council normally meets in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm, however for the foreseeable future Council meetings are being held online using "Zoom". You are very welcome to attend online. Details of the meetings can be found on the notice boards at either end of the village or on the Uley village website at: [www.uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)



The **November** edition of  
the Messenger is now  
available to download from:

[www.gloucester.anglican.org/parish-resources/communications/#messenger](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/parish-resources/communications/#messenger)

# Church News from Canon Michael

## Annual Meeting (APCM)

The church annual meetings, that should have been held in April but were postponed, finally took place in September. At the Meeting of Parishioners, Ann Hardy and Pauline Thomas were elected to serve as our Churchwardens for another year. Thanks were given to them both for their dedication and commitment, particularly during the recent challenging months.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which followed, the annual accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 and reports on last year's activities were received, although it was noted that 2019 seemed a long time ago! There were also elections for 3 members to serve on Wotton Deanery Synod and for 9 members to serve on the Parochial Church Council (PCC). A change in rules which came into place this year have created a rotation of PCC members, serving for a 3-year term before either being re-elected or standing down. The excitement (!) for this year was drawing lots to see who would start a 3-year term, or a 2 year or just one year.

It is usual for the incumbent to give a short report to the meeting. Although I didn't reflect very much on 2019, I did mention the very successful Holiday Club run by Liz Rymer and her wonderful team and the launch of Messy Church at St Giles in October. Sadly, due to coronavirus, we were only able to hold a second Messy Church at the beginning of this year before lockdown and all the restrictions came in. It has been so encouraging to hear people saying how much they have missed it and look forward to having it back. As the church family we see this as vitally important work which we are committed to investing in for the future.

I also spoke about the project for developing St Giles, often referred to as the re-ordering project. As I've already reported, the Faculty, the legal permission to proceed, has been granted but we now need a contractor and to be able to meet the costs! We recognise that this is not the best time to be thinking about fund-raising, but Prue Vernon has begun the process of making bids to grant-making bodies and we hope that they can be persuaded to part with some of their funds. We are very clear that what we are doing in this project is for everyone, not just those of us who worship at St Giles. We hope the project shows that we want to be inclusive and welcoming to all by enabling everyone to access the building easily and safely. We want to demonstrate our ministry of welcome and hospitality by creating space in the building for that to take place for other

## **Welcome to Paula Rix**

We also formally welcomed (actually welcomed back!) Paula Rix who is going to complete the final year of her training for Reader Ministry with us before being licensed as a Reader in our Ewelme Benefice next autumn. Paula will serve in this capacity across both parishes as a member of the ministry team and has already preached one sermon in St Giles. We look forward to hearing more from her and sharing in God's work with her.

## **A time for remembering loved ones — Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

The beginning of November is the traditional time in the Church year to particularly make some space to remember before God our departed loved ones. In other 'normal' years we have invited those who have been bereaved during the past year to a service of remembering in St Giles. Sadly, due to the Covid restrictions and the limit on numbers, this is not possible. Instead we are opening **St Giles on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November (All Saints Day) from 2pm to 4pm** and inviting anyone who wishes, to 'drop in'. There will be places in the church to light a candle to remember someone who has died; names will be gathered and read every quarter of an hour accompanied by some prayers; music will be played quietly during the afternoon and some may just want to sit and reflect for a while. Canon Michael or one of his colleagues will be present throughout the afternoon. All are very welcome to call in during the afternoon, whether your bereavement has been recent or some time ago or if you just want time to reflect before God on what has been lost in these recent months.

## **Remembrance Sunday**

We were initially unsure about whether this could take place, but guidelines indicate that we can hold a short Act of Remembrance at the war memorial in St Giles churchyard on 8<sup>th</sup> November starting at 10.45am. This will include the reading of the names on the memorials from the two world wars, a two-minute silence and laying of wreaths. We will need to ensure social distancing and ask that face coverings are worn please.

## **Advent Carol Service**

The challenge of how we hold carol services this year is huge and sadly it is unlikely that larger gatherings in church, with singing, will be possible. On Advent Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, there will be an Advent Carol Service for the Ewelme Benefice via Zoom. This will include readings, advent hymns and choir pieces, but with everyone joining from home rather than in one of the churches. At least we are allowed to sing in our own homes! Joining details, giving the link to the Zoom service, will be published nearer the time and will appear on our website [www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk](http://www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk)

I feel I should start with the continuing Covid-19 pandemic. As I write we have entered "Tier 1" the lowest tier (let's keep it this way). There are still many restrictions to adhere to. Remember to have a face covering with you for when out shopping, going for a take-away etc. I have them all over the place in the cars, every bag I'm using and by the door as going out. Please don't forget yours! The Volunteers have a choice of their own face covering or the Face Shields provided. These are now for sale in the shop. Also, great "face coverings" made for the shop by Sally Lamerton, with donations going to Women's refuge in Stroud. Thanks Sally (Christmas ones soon)

Remembrance Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a box of poppies large and small with other merchandise on the shop counter along with the lovely knitted poppies made by the Uley WI. All donations will go to the British Legion. Please come and support this as there will be no house-to-house collection this year because of Covid-19.

On a more cheerful note, we have a new Fruit and Veg supplier, Marrows from Nailsworth, with lovely fresh produce and reasonable prices. Our shelves will soon be looking lovely and bright with our Christmas stock of yummy goods and gifts.

The PO is also getting ready for the Christmas, quite daunting for them as already so busy. Christmas stamps will be available from Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pick up the super leaflet "Delivering Christmas" available from the PO. It gives great advice on all Christmas posting, returns and those all-important last dates for posting to different countries. As always better to post early. The advice from the PO ladies for the last pick up of the day is....please get there by 4.30pm Monday-Friday, Wednesday 3.30pm, Saturday 10.45am. Please bring your parcels ready for posting. I suggest you buy your wrapping paper or parcel boxes etc. from the shop, take it home then bring back your parcel ready to post. Make sure you write your return details on the back of the parcel.

Please observe the sign in the PO window before coming into the PO. It will show free, busy or closed. Sometimes it will say busy when there is no one at the counter, this is because they might be completing details for the previous transaction or processing business mail. They thank you for your patience. Also please be aware as the social distancing restrictions are still in place, our system of one customer for the shop and one for the PO will remain.

The weather is very changeable now. Be prepared for queueing outside in all the different elements.

We will be communicating about the AGM sometime in November. Keep a look

out, check our Facebook page, Website and the notice boards in the Shop windows.

Remember to put on your face covering, use the hand sanitizer and then follow the one-way system as you enter.

Monday to Friday, Shop is open 8am-5.30pm / Saturdays 8-1 /Sundays 10am-12pm

Monday to Friday Post Office is open 9am- 5.30pm, closed for lunch 1-2pm (Wednesday closes 4.30).

Saturday Post Office is open 9am- 12.30 /Sunday Post Office closed.

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The **Stroud District Foodbank** is still open for business, since March it has been operating a mobile delivery service rather than giving out food at local drop-ins. We have been busier than ever before. We know all too well that once finances start to get strained food poverty soon follows, it's not always going hungry, but making different choices about food purchases or skipping meals. If you or someone you know is facing financial hardship, we would love you to take the first step and seek some support. There are some resources on our webpage <https://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/> or you can call Citizens Advice confidentially and for free on **0808 208 2138** or visit the Stroud District Council website.

If you are in a position to help we have put together information about ways to help this Christmas and would love for you to help if you are able at <https://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/christmas/>

Uley Parish Council would like to remind all parishioners that wheelie bins and other waste/recycling boxes are being kept on public areas and verges within the village. Stroud District Council who are responsible for waste collection in Uley advise "Your bin should be placed at the boundary of your property, as close as possible to the highway by 6am on your collection day". Uley Parish Council would request that all bins etc are removed promptly after collection and not put out until the day before collection.

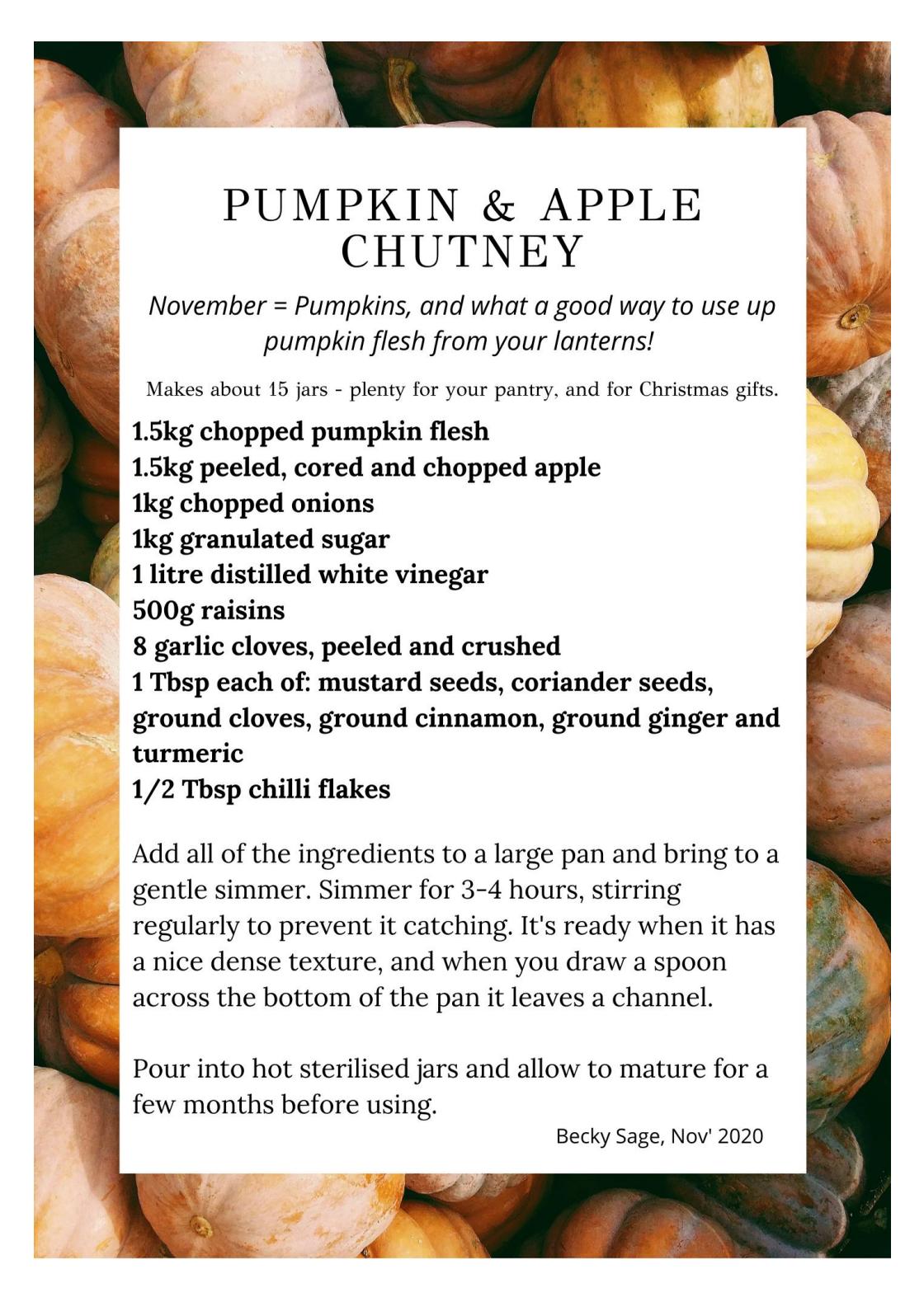


Following the popularity of September's literary speaker for our October zoom meeting, we are looking forward to another author, Debbie Young, telling us how Cotswold village life inspires her mystery novels. After all, October is the month of the great Cheltenham literature festival and many Uley WI members are sharing favourite reads with one another. Our book groups continue to flourish, finding various ways to adapt to the meeting-up restrictions of the ongoing Covid-19 threat. Some exchange thoughts via social media; others simply use emails to build an ongoing discussion; and at least one large group has split in half so that members can meet face-to-face within the socially distancing approved guidelines. There is always a way!

Meanwhile nimble-fingered Uley WI President, Sally Lamerton, has been making festive face coverings to raise money for one of the local charities we support: the Stroud Women's Refuge. As you will be aware, so many charities are struggling to raise funds to continue their work and the Stroud Women's Refuge is no exception. Sadly, its services are in ever greater demand since the outbreak of Covid-19, so we are keen to help. The festive masks will be on sale for just £5 each in the Uley Village Shop from 1st November.

With the onset of cooler weather as Autumn makes its presence felt, members are keen to keep active and in touch while cognisant of the recent surge in Covid-19 infection levels. We are still organising local walks, coffee groups and even the occasional lunch for those who feel comfortable to meet up within the current guidelines. I guess that much still depends on the extent to which the spread of the disease can be contained over the next few months.

Online, members continue to share local news, amusing anecdotes and jokes. One of our members, Jacquie Sarsby, has created several delightful blogs illustrated with superb photographs that were much appreciated. It is inspiring that there are so many talented, creative and caring people in our community.



# PUMPKIN & APPLE CHUTNEY

*November = Pumpkins, and what a good way to use up  
pumpkin flesh from your lanterns!*

Makes about 15 jars - plenty for your pantry, and for Christmas gifts.

**1.5kg chopped pumpkin flesh**

**1.5kg peeled, cored and chopped apple**

**1kg chopped onions**

**1kg granulated sugar**

**1 litre distilled white vinegar**

**500g raisins**

**8 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed**

**1 Tbsp each of: mustard seeds, coriander seeds,  
ground cloves, ground cinnamon, ground ginger and  
turmeric**

**1/2 Tbsp chilli flakes**

Add all of the ingredients to a large pan and bring to a gentle simmer. Simmer for 3-4 hours, stirring regularly to prevent it catching. It's ready when it has a nice dense texture, and when you draw a spoon across the bottom of the pan it leaves a channel.

Pour into hot sterilised jars and allow to mature for a few months before using.

Becky Sage, Nov' 2020

**BONFIRE complaints to [Stroud District Council](#) have increased by 45 percent compared to the same time last year.**

Now the council's environmental health team is asking residents, rather than lighting a bonfire, to consider other ways of getting rid of garden waste.

“With many people returning to the workplace, it’s easy to forget that many are still also quarantining at home, including those with a positive test result”, said Dave Jackson, Stroud District Council’s Environmental Protection Manager.

“Coronavirus is a respiratory disease, and the smoke from bonfires will also cause real problems for people with underlying health conditions such as asthma, bronchitis and heart conditions.”

Instead of lighting a bonfire, there are a number of other ways to get rid of garden waste:

Build a compost heap. A compost heap can be created by simply piling garden waste into a corner of the garden and covering with something waterproof, allowing nature to break it down over time. Or buy a ready-made compost bin, SDC residents can buy them at a discount from [getcomposting.com](https://www.getcomposting.com)

Hire a shredder. Shredders make mulch from woody waste.

Take waste to a household waste and recycling centre such as Pyke Quarry near Horsley. Run by [Gloucestershire County Council](#), it is open seven days a week. To book a visit see: [gloucestershirerecycles.com/](https://www.gloucestershirerecycles.com/)

  
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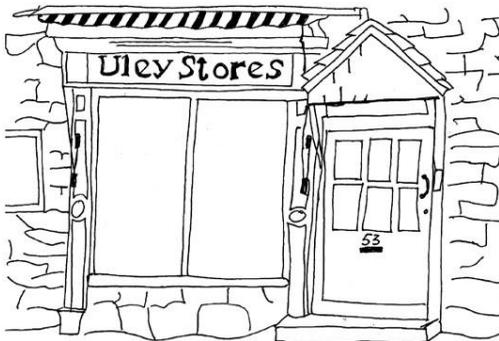
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contribution for  
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an article, a  
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contributions  
before the 10<sup>th</sup> of  
each month!

## Cotswold Country Flowers

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Please email, phone or see website for more information.

### Upcoming workshop dates:

<u>26<sup>th</sup> July</u>	Posy and buttonholes
<u>14<sup>th</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August</u>	From garden to vase
<u>4<sup>th</sup> August</u>	Hand tied and wrapped bouquet
<u>8<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September</u>	Dabble with dahlias
<u>10 and 11<sup>th</sup> October</u>	Pick your own
<u>1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November</u>	Dried flowers

More workshop dates on website.

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Thanks to Loraine Patrick, our local County Councillor, Uley Millennium Green Ltd have been awarded a grant from Gloucestershire County Council's 'Growing Our Communities Fund' to upgrade the paving around the benches and new Information Board.

As soon as the weather permitted, the paving and bench upgrading was carried out by a Uley contractor and we welcome locals and visitors to enjoy our Uley Millennium Green.

**Parish of Uley with Owlpen and Nympsfield**

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### November 2020 Services

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b> St Giles	<b>All Saints Day</b> 10.00am Parish Holy Communion (CW) 2pm – 4pm Church open for Remembering departed loved ones
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b> St Giles St Giles churchyard Nympsfield	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent/Remembrance Sunday</b> 10.00am Short service of Parish Holy Communion (CW) 10.45am Act of Remembrance 10.55am Act of Remembrance beginning in St Joseph's churchyard
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b> St Bartholomew's	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent</b> 10.00am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b> St Giles	<b>Feast of Christ the King</b> 10.00am Parish Holy Communion (CW)
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b> Holy Cross Ewelme Benefice	<b>Advent Sunday</b> 10.00am Parish Holy Communion (BCP) 4.00pm Advent Carol Service via Zoom

### Church opening times

St Giles  
Tuesdays & Fridays 10am – 3pm  
St Bartholomew's  
Wednesdays & Saturdays 10am – 3pm

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by arrangement.  
Please contact Canon Michael

### Parish Administration -

Please contact the Parish Office:  
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01453 549280  
*The office is open on reduced hours at the present time but emails will be answered and messages picked up*

### Church Activities

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2-4pm**

St Giles church will be open for a time of Remembering of departed loved ones

#### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 7pm**

PCC Meeting Via Zoom

#### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 4pm**

Advent Carol Service via Zoom

See website [www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk](http://www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk) for joining details