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From the Editor

If I added up all the years of the anniversaries in this issue it would come to a sizeable number. It's Christian Aid Week in the middle of May and the organisation was founded immediately after the 2nd World War in 1945. That makes C.A. about 79 years old and Cricklade & Latton have been associated with it for most of that time. See page 20 to find out how you can contribute to their good causes worldwide.

The global atrocity that was WW2 would not have come to an end if it had not been for the Allied D-Day invasion of Normandy. Marion Parsons continues her 'Memories' series from *Cricklade Revealed* on page 26. If you want to share your family D-Day memories for publication, send them to me at RickDixonChronicle@gmail.com

Our front cover this month is a collage of the activities that Cricklade W.I. get up to. They are celebrating the re-founding of

their group 40 years ago. See page 17 for more information.

Back to the present and we welcome our new Wiltshire Councillor, Nick Dye, to these pages. Turn to page 5 to see how he can help you ... and how you can help him to do that.

Other organisations are seeking help, whether it's voluntary (Link and Open Door drivers - page 18) or paid (Latton Parish Clerk - page 6). Are you up for a sponsored water carry? See page 27 if you are! And Cricklade Town Council have announced their Civic Awards for service to our community on page 3.

As my daffodils begin to fade and I wonder what to plant up next, Cricklade Bloomers seem to have a plan! But they need help too with planting up and setting out their wonderful displays around the town. See page 28.



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The deadline for the June 2024 issue is Wednesday 1 May 2024

Community contacts all 01793 unless stated or emergency

This section is intended to give quick access to emergency and community help phone numbers. If you spot something missing, please let us know: RickDixonChronicle@gmail.com or 01793 759123.

Churches	see centre pages	Dentist (104 High St)	750388
Cricklade Town Council	751394	Gas leak reporting	0800 111 999
Latton P/Council ...clerk@latton-pc.gov.uk		Library (113 High St)	750694
Wiltshire Councillor	752501	Link Scheme transport	07421 018 499
Wiltshire Council hub	0300 456 0100	Open Door	07599 987 851
Emergency Services	999	Optician (82 High St)	750415
Non-Emergency: Police	101	Purton Vets (Bath Rd)	751698
Non-Emergency: NHS	111	Household Recycling Centre	778205
Doctors: Purton Surgery	770207	Samaritans	FREE: 116 123
Green Gables Surgery	752633	Schools: St Sampson's Primary	750452
Cricklade (De Silva)	750645	Cricklade Manor Prep	750275
Boots Chemist (100 High St)	750226	Bradon Forest	770570

St John the Baptist Club 100

The club 100 draw for March 2024 has taken place and the winners are:-

1st	£100.00	Elisabeth Beaumont
2nd	£30.00	Nikki Lawrence
3rd	£18.00	Jacqui Plant
4th	£6.50	Jean Young

The next draw will take place at the end of June.

To join the club please contact Nicki via email latton100club@gmail.com.

The club's aim is to help maintain the fabric of the Church of St John the Baptist, Latton.

Bingo 4 Us

Bingo4Us meet on Wednesday afternoons in the Jenner Hall, Bath Road, Cricklade. Doors open 1.45pm and it is EYES DOWN at 2 pm.

New members will be made very welcome. No joining fee, just pay £2per session. No forms to complete just come along on the day.

If you have any questions please give Chris a call on 07500 871 680 or call Vicky 07801 952 027.

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Cricklade Town Council

Town Council Meetings

- Monday 29 April** Full Town Council (FTC)
Tuesday 7 May Planning, Conservation and Transport Committee (PCT)
Monday 13 May Annual Meeting of the Council
Monday 20 May Community and Leisure Committee (C&L)



All meetings are held at 7pm in the Council Chamber at Ockwells, 113 High Street, Cricklade SN6 6AE. Members of the public are welcome to attend and have an opportunity to ask questions at the beginning of each meeting.

Cricklade Community Litter Pick

Cricklade Town Council would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all of the many residents that turned out on Saturday 23 March to support the Litter Pick. It was a tremendous team effort and the town looks so much better for your hard work. At least 86 bags of litter were collected.



Cricklade Civic Awards

*At the Annual Town Meeting on 16 April
the 2024 Cricklade Town Council Civic Awards were announced:*

Young Person of the Year: Darcy Bannon

Darcy is a member of the Explorer Scouts and she has demonstrated a huge commitment to the group whilst also being an advocate at her school.

Community Group of the Year: Cricklade Historical Society

Cricklade Historical Society were recognised for their outstanding work to the community in promoting local historical events and for their efforts in making Cricklade Museum a wonderful asset to the town.

The Cricklade Community Award: Bob Jones

The late Councillor worked tirelessly to keep Cricklade a place to be proud of, and he was recognised for his influential roles in the many organisations within the town, at CTC and Wiltshire Council.

Well done also to all those who were nominated. Look out for details later in the year for the 2025 awards and keep nominating our residents for all the hard work they do.

Cricklade Leisure Centre

Very good news for the Leisure Centre! A grant of £58,000 has been awarded towards the cost of triple glazing for the pool windows and the installation of solar panels on the roof. This will produce a worthwhile reduction in the electricity costs of running the building as well as resulting in a smaller carbon footprint. Thanks to the staff, management and trustees for your good work for the community.

The grant has been awarded by Sport England with funding from the National Lottery.

Cricklade in Bloom

Coming to Cricklade soon – Look out on Facebook and our website for more details. As some gardens are not visible from the roadside, if you would specifically like your garden to be judged this year, then please call us on 01793 751394 or email admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk.

Lloyds Bank Mobile Banking Unit

We regret to inform residents that the Lloyds Bank Mobile Banking Unit will cease to operate from Wednesday 22 May and will therefore not be visiting Cricklade from that date. Cricklade Town Council made representations to Lloyds Bank and our MP but, unfortunately, the decision to cancel the service nationwide - to the detriment of over 120 communities such as Cricklade - still stands.

The Lloyds Bank branches in Cirencester and Swindon remain open. In addition, the new Banking Hub in Royal Wootton Bassett is now open and a representative from Lloyds Bank is there every Thursday if you wish to speak to someone in person.

Please note that basic transactions for any bank can be completed at the Post Office in Tesco Express in the High Street in Cricklade.

Cricklade Neighbourhood Plan Review – Have your say on Cricklade's future

Neighbourhood Plans are important planning documents that guide land use and development in the parish. The current Cricklade Neighbourhood Plan was passed at a referendum in March 2018 and runs to 2026. It is therefore the right time to review and update it. It is proposed that the new version will run to 2038.

We are holding two consultation events in the Town Hall as follows:

- Sat 25 May between 10am and 3.30pm
- Thurs 30 May between 1pm and 7pm

Please come along to let us know what policies in the existing plan require updating. Possibly some new ones are needed and some can be removed? Information Boards will set out the key issues for your consideration. We need your input and look forward to seeing you.

The existing Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on our website or on paper in the front office.

The Town Council and Tourist Information Point is open, except Bank Holidays:

Monday to Friday 10.00 - 16.00 hrs (Closed 12.30 - 13.30 hrs)

Tel: 01793 751394 E-mail: admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk

Website: www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk



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Wiltshire Perspective

Firstly, thanks for your support for electing me as your successor to Bob Jones in representing our communities to Wiltshire Council. During the campaign I had a number of representations, meaning right from the get go I had issues to bring up with the Council.

It's not much of a campaign slogan to say "I'm not going to be as good as Bob, but I'll try my best", but it's an honest approach I hope to maintain.

There are a few things I've picked up and probably need to deal with first.

- Traffic
- Potholes

Traffic – I have an idea that I'm going to try to move on, but it's not going to be quick or easy, bearing in mind that this has been the bane of both Cricklade and Latton for several decades, and now a growing problem in Marston Meysey. So let's have a go and find out what the problems are and how we can knock them down, one at a time. But it's going to be a multi-year project to get to the start line, so it's definitely a slow burn.

Potholes – travelling down to County Hall in Trowbridge, a mere 35 of Wiltshire's 3,000 miles of roads, taking over an hour and a quarter each way, I get to see a vast array of potholes on the journey, so it's not just us. But if you want to report it directly to Wiltshire Council just go to:

My.Wiltshire.gov.uk – if you have an account then you'll need to log in or set up an account.

On the banner across the top of the screen, there are two items on the left, Home and Report It, select Report it. Then select 'Roads, pavements and footpaths' and Pothole is the sixth option down.

By reporting this directly – it means I am not the bottleneck, and updates get reported directly back to you. Having said that, if you have problems I'm happy to help at any stage and always if they come back with poor response.

Surgeries: One thing I just want to find out is if there is any appetite for surgeries, if you want to come along and just talk, on the one hand it makes me more available, on the other hand, in between talking to people I'm hanging around not able to do anything solidly productive to help people.

Alternatively, if you have a problem you think I could help with by talking to Wiltshire Council, please get touch with me on:

nick.dye@wiltshire.gov.uk or 01793 752501

And once again – thank you, each and every one of you for your support, I hope to earn that trust as I serve you going forward.

Nick Dye, Wiltshire Councillor

Parkinson's UK At The Cricklade Club, High Street 10.30am - noon

Join us for coffee, cake and chat on 3rd Wednesday each month.

We meet in The Living Room, turn right and follow the sign from the Foyer.

Contact: *parkinsonscafecricklade@gmail.com* or call 07951 944 760.

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Vacancy for Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)

Latton Parish Council

Latton Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Clerk/RFO. The post requires a self-motivated person with sound administrative skills, personal qualities of integrity, discretion and impartiality and an ability to get on with people. Preferably with a working knowledge of local governance and/or public sector administration.

The Clerk is responsible for managing Council finances, assisting and advising the Council in all aspects of local government administration, and ensuring compliance with legal and financial obligations.

The role of Parish Clerk is part time, 5 hours per week. The salary will be commensurate on skills, experience and qualification in line with the NALC (National Association of Local Councils) pay scale SCP7 - 12, currently (£12.63 - £13.73 per hour), this is dependent upon qualifications and experience.

Experience in Local Council Administration is strongly desired. A Certificate in Local Council Administration is desirable but not essential; there will be a requirement to attain this qualification within an agreed period. Training will be provided and supported.

The working hours are flexible but must be available for Council meetings (held on a Tuesday evening every 8 weeks). The successful applicant does not have to live in the Parish, as the role is mainly home based.

Latton (including the hamlets of Eysey and Water Eaton) is within the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area, the Parish Council has 7 Councillors and raises a precept of £15,000.

Closing Date: 18 May 2024

For an application, job description and specification, email: clerk@latton-pc.gov.uk

Cricklade Court Leet D-DAY 80th Anniversary

Thursday 6 June 2024

From 8.45pm at Waylands

Commemorate this historic event at The Cricklade Beacon

National Beacon Lighting following music from The Cricklade Band

In association with The Cricklade Band and the RBL



Cricklade Library

The Library is above the Town Council Office at 113 High Street. The entrance is through the gateway and there is a lift as well as stairs to the library level.

Current opening hours are: *(Closed Bank Holidays)*

Mon:	2-4pm	Wed:	2-4pm	Fri:	2-5pm	Sun:	Closed
Tues:	10am-1pm	Thurs:	2-7pm	Sat	10am-1pm		

Cricklade W.I.

Cricklade WI was restarted in June 1984 by the late Beryl Braidwood so next month we will be celebrating our 40th year! Cricklade WI offers women friendship, education and entertainment as well as being part of The National Federation of Women's Institutes which is the largest women's organisation in the UK. This opens further opportunities to be part of national campaigns on a wide range of issues, giving women a voice and providing a force for good in the community.



Our June meeting will be a birthday party with food and drink supplied by members and other local WI's invited to help us celebrate.

Although we are unable to invite non-members to our celebrations, we would love to see you at our ...

Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale

Saturday 8 June

in the Town Hall Annexe 9.30 - 12.00

with Refreshments - Jewellery - Dried Flowers - Cards

Raffle - Bric-a-brac - Alternative Tombola

Members will be serving refreshments and would love to tell you more about our Group and the activities you can enjoy with us.

Over the last year, we have had some really interesting speakers; **Al Sylvester MBE** talked about the *Royal Air Force's first 600 mile unsupported attempt at the South Pole*; **Danielle Mills** explained the wonderful work the *Medical Detection Dogs* do in supporting people with varying conditions and abilities; **Nancy Heath** showed us some fabulous pieces from the *Royal Jewellery Collection*; **Caroline Pover** described her experience when the *Sunami hit Japan* and the tireless work she was involved with in helping small villages in the aftermath; **Paul Evans** returned and gave us an entertaining evening with his *humorous poems, readings and monologues*; a fun evening with **Wafer Powell** with her demonstration and lesson in *belly dancing*. And of course, our local expertise: **Lynne Curtis-King** walked us through some *Tai Chi* moves; **Jenny Etheridge** taught us *chair yoga* and **Terri Robertson** gave us an update on the work being done on the *Old Police Station*.

We have many more speakers and activities to look forward to in the future and there is also the opportunity to join members in other activities. We have had a go at archery, croquet, bowls, skittles, wine tasting, crafting to mention just a few as well as joining in the regional activities including literary lunches, national speakers and workshops.

Come and find out more for yourselves or for more information check us out on Facebook or contact our Secretary Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or at vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com

Coffee Cafe

All are welcome to attend the weekly Coffee Cafe each Friday at Cricklade United Church Hall, Calcutt Street from 10am to 11.30am. Come along for a coffee and a chat.



YOU CAN MAKE A REALLY BIG DIFFERENCE DRIVING FOR CRICKLADE AND LATTON



Please give a few minutes to read this through and see if you can give a little bit of time to make a lot of difference to our communities in Cricklade and Latton.

I'm talking about the massive difference that both Cricklade LINK and Cricklade OPEN DOOR make to people's lives. But everything depends on a few kind volunteers who provide transport.

LINK and OPEN DOOR both provide transport services as part of their work.

If you can't drive, perhaps for medical reasons, or don't have a car, essential travel can be expensive and time consuming.

It really matters when you've got to get to an appointment. LINK is there for you. It really matters when, perhaps now living alone in later life, you want to get to meet friends and enjoy their company. OPEN DOOR is there for you.

The OPEN DOOR minibus makes it possible for members, who cannot get there on their own, to enjoy sociable days each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at the Jenner Hall. It is also used for trips out to enjoy entertainment or a pub lunch.

But these wonderful, local, personal services aren't provided by magic. Both need more drivers, urgently, because the driving services are being provided by too few people at the moment and many hands really do make light work. The more the hands, the lighter the work.

If you have a current driving licence plus just a bit of spare time and want to help others, you can drive for the LINK. There's no specific commitment; you decide when and how often, or little, you drive. You provide your time, you drive your own car and you receive 45p per mile to cover your expenses. We need at least one more co-ordinator taking requests from callers (doesn't need to drive), but we need 10 more drivers to make it possible to fulfil all the requests we get. Sadly, because of this shortage, we're unable to help everyone who needs us at the moment. I hate letting people down.

Alternatively, if you can commit to a particular day, with the right licence and skills you can drive the highly visible new OPEN DOOR minibus taking our members from home to the Jenner Hall and back. We need four or five extra drivers right now so that each driver is only needed once every three or four weeks.

Following the recent sad loss of Bob Jones, I have become the Chairman of Cricklade LINK. Adina Grace is the longstanding Chair of Cricklade OPEN DOOR. We both have great groups of trustees who, like us, are determined that we don't just keep these two services going, but we improve them by tapping into the huge benefit of local people giving their time, for local people.

Don't turn the page. Don't think "it's ok, someone else will do it". Be the one who does it. Keep the whole community moving, not just yourself. It is important and rewarding

and you never know when it might be you who needs the LINK or OPEN DOOR one day.

Please email me, Jonathan Taylor, at jonathan1m@hotmail.com or call 07786 544 682 and I will get you going on the easy enrolment process for either LINK or OPEN DOOR. Or you can email Adina Grace, for OPEN DOOR at janda.grace447@outlook.com.

Thank you for reading this far. Now please make both our inboxes fizz.

St Sampson's Church Refurbishment Appeal

Creating a Community Space for the Future



Following feedback from our consultation with the local community (last summer) and various other organisations, **we now have a revised sketch plan and new visuals.** Visit stsampsonschurchappeal.co.uk to see the latest plan or see the display boards in Church.

Our next step is the development of the detailed plans so we can obtain permission for the project from the Church of England. The costs are:

- Architect: detailed plans, including materials and construction details: £44,000
- Ingleton Wood: detailed heating plans: £17,000
- Chiz Harward, archaeologist: part 2 of the Statement of Significance: £2,000

Total for this phase: £63,000. Check the website for the latest amount raised. Our next fundraising priority is repairing the North Aisle box gutter and both pitches of the roof (lead and stone repairs), so they are watertight and ready for the installation of solar panels and air source heat pumps on that area of the roof. The estimated cost is £90,000.

How to give: Cash or cheques (made payable to St Sampson's PCC No. 2 Account) in the donations box in church or send to Adina Grace (Church Warden and Treasurer), 24 North Wall, Cricklade, SN6 6DU. For further details please contact Adina on 01793 380583 or email janda.grace447@outlook.com

Online donations can be made by scanning the QR code (right) or visiting <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com>.



We are planning several fundraising events. These include our church fete (Saturday 7 September), another Kavali charity evening, musical events and a wine tasting evening. Information about each of these will be given via posters and social media.

Thank you so much for your support.

St Sampson's Church 100 Club

The lucky winner of the March 2024 draw was:

Mrs June Knowler who won £31.50

St Sampson's Church benefited by £31.50.

To join the 100 Club, contact Sharon Smith tel. 751375
or email sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com

Christian Aid Week: 12 - 18 May 2024

PLEASE HELP US!

Pushed to the brink of survival



The groundbreaking work of Christian Aid began in 1945, when the charity was founded by British and Irish churches to help refugees following the Second World War.

For more than 78 years, Christian Aid has provided humanitarian relief and long-term development support for poor communities worldwide, while highlighting suffering, tackling injustice and championing people's rights. Here, in Cricklade and Latton we have been involved in supporting this work throughout that time.

This year Christian Aid is highlighting the plight of Aline. A woman who lives in Burundi - one of the poorest countries in the world where malnourishment and poverty affect more than 70% of the population, making survival a daily struggle. Jobs and food are hard to come by, and those who have homes often have no electricity or running water. For Aline, life was a constant struggle. She was married young and gave birth to her first child, when she was just 14 years old. Aline experienced poverty, homelessness and domestic abuse. Her life changed when she was helped by one of Christian Aid's local partners - they enabled her to undertake business skills training so that she could set up a small rural business growing and trading peanuts and avocados. With a steady source of income Aline was able to establish a home and develop some resilience against the difficult conditions surrounding her.

Please can you help us to help people like Aline? - a gift envelope has been enclosed with this May issue of *The Chronicle*. Please could you make a donation and post your envelope through the letterbox of one of the following collection points. There should be a collection point within a few minutes' walk of your home.

CRICKLADE

32 Calcutt Street	8 Manor Orchard	2 Frays Garden, Bath Road
"Songbirds" 7B Abingdon Court Lane		Courtyard Cottage, Horse Fair Lane
21 High Street	83 High Street	3 North Wall
7 Reeds	3 Branders	1 Foxlease
57 Pauls Croft	16 Waylands	19 Byre Close
73 The Fiddle	21 Saxon Close	6 Matilda's Piece
39 Pittsfield	85 Pittsfield	98 Deansfield

LATTON

5 Collett Place	Churchfield House, Upcott	6 Limes Place
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COLLECTION BUCKETS will be in:

St Sampson's Church	The United Church	St John's Church, Latton
and St Sampson's Primary School		

Christian Aid Volunteers will be collecting in the High Street on the morning of **Saturday 18 May**.

Continues ...

Friday 17 May - Coffee morning at United Church Hall, Calcutt Street, 10-11.30am with Fairtrade stall.

Thank you for your generous support over previous years. Any help you can give us this year will be gratefully appreciated

Churches Together & the Christian Aid Team

Cricklade Historical Society

Wednesday 22 May: Robert Dudley, Queen Elizabeth 1st and the Kenilworth Entertainment. Speaker – Dr Gillian White

This talk will be held in the Town Hall Annexe., Doors open at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.

Friday 24 May: Quiz Night and Supper

Tickets are now available to purchase online from our website

www.cricklademuseum.co.uk or from Tracy on 07825 430278.

This event will be held in the Town Hall Main Hall.

Friday 7 June: A Walk which is based on the walk of August 2023.

Starts at 7.15pm outside the Town Hall.

Wednesday 19 June: Recent archaeological discoveries in and around Cricklade.

Speaker – Tim Havard (Wiltshire Archaeology)

This talk will be held in the Town Hall Annexe. Doors open at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.

Would you like to join the Cricklade Historical Society?

By doing so you will be supporting us in the running and maintenance of the town's Museum. Annual membership is only £20 (Single) or £30 (Joint) and this gives you free entry to our Talks, unless otherwise stated, regular Newsletters, and also a free copy of our annual publication (CHS Bulletin) which contains articles on our local history. You can download a Membership Application Form from our website www.cricklademuseum.co.uk or contact Paul on 07585 420 027.

Cricklade Town Hall

Your Community Hall

Book your event at Cricklade Town Hall. Birthdays, anniversaries, wedding celebrations, children's parties, quiz nights, club meetings, etc.

- we have done them all! The Town Hall offers flexible space with tables, padded chairs, excellent kitchen facilities and free WiFi.

We offer a choice of one or more of the Main Hall, the Annexe, and a Committee Room, to meet your particular requirements. The Main Hall toilets and foyer area have been recently refurbished to a high standard, making our facilities eminently suitable for that special event you might be planning.

Please contact our Bookings Secretary, Mrs Nicola Fry on 01666 861023 (before 9pm please) or via email at crickladetownhall@hotmail.com for further details. Check out our Facebook page for photos and other information: www.facebook.com/crickladetownhall
The Town Hall was established on 11 July 1933 for the Parish of Cricklade and is a Registered Charity, No. 305499



Churches Together

The Upper Thames Benefice

Cricklade St Sampson's, Latton St John the Baptist, Ashton Keynes Holy Cross and the Leigh All Saints

Contact details:

Vicar: Revd Canon Debbie Dewes email: vicar@upperthames.org.uk tel: 01793 752718

Associate Vicar: Revd Shirley Danby

email: shirleydanby21@gmail.com; tel. 07980 548844

Parishes Administrator: Jane Eyles

email: admin@upperthames.org.uk tel: 01793 979304

Services for the Upper Thames Churches

5 May

Easter 6

- 8am Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Holy Communion *at Holy Cross*
- 10am Morning Worship *at St Sampson's with music group*
- 10am Morning Worship *at St John the Baptist, Latton*
- 6.30pm Evensong *at St Sampson's*

9 May

Ascension Day (Thursday)

- 8.30am Ascension Day Communion followed by coffee/tea and toast *at St Sampson's*

12 May

Easter 7

- 10am Upper Thames Together Communion *at St Sampson's*

19 May

Pentecost

- 8am Holy Communion *followed by breakfast at St Sampson's*
- 10am Holy Communion *at St John the Baptist, Latton*
- 10am Morning Worship for Pentecost & Christian Aid *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Morning Worship *at Holy Cross*
- 6pm Evensong *at Holy Cross*
- 6.30pm Evensong *at St Sampson's*

26 May

Trinity Sunday

- 8.30am Holy Communion BCP *at Holy Cross*
- 10am Holy Communion *at St Sampson's*
- 10am Morning Worship *at St John the Baptist, Latton*

Thursday morning prayers in St Sampson's:

8.30am for coffee & catch up, prayers from 8.45 and finish by 9.30am.

Everyone is welcome.

er in Cricklade & Latton

From the Registers of the Upper Thames Group of Churches

Baptisms

17 March Jenna Grace Messenger-Austen *at St Sampson's*
17 March Jade Bessie Messenger-Austen *at St Sampson's*

Weddings

23 March Alison Louise Slack and Mark Phillip Kelly *at St Sampson's*

Funerals

1 March Jennifer Ellen Barrett *at St Sampson's followed by Kingsdown Crematorium*
9 March Rosemary Jean Chipping *with service and interment at Holy Cross*
12 March Richard Frederick Glead - *Thanksgiving service at St Sampson's*
18 March Charles Rauleigh Cooper Eddolls - *service at St Sampson's*
19 March Janet White *with service and interment at Holy Cross*

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Weekly Mass times 9.30am on Sundays
10.00am on Fridays

For notices please see the noticeboard on the railings of St Mary's.
Parish website www.stthomasparish.plus.com.

Father Michael Robertson can be contacted on 01285 712586 or by email
michael.Robertson@cliftondiocese.com

Gerry Dudley, our Church Secretary, is on 01793 750107.

The Friends of St Mary's website with more details of the history of the church is at
www.cricklade.stmary.org.uk

Cricklade United Church Calcutt Street, Cricklade

Minister: Revd Sarah Simpson, tel. 01666 826866

Email: sarahsimpson14@btinternet.com

As a United Reformed / Methodist Church, we are part of the URC North West Wiltshire Pastorate and the Upper Thames Methodist Circuit. Please have a look at our website for all the current information regarding our services, dates, times and other events.
<https://crickladeunitedchurch.co.uk>

The annual fundraising week for Christian Aid takes place this month 12 - 18 May. On Friday 17 May the Coffee Cafe will be open between 10am and 11.30am. All proceeds will go to Christian Aid.

The morning services this month - all on Sundays at 10.30am - will be led by -

5 May Godfrey Room	19 May Christian Aid service at St Sampson's
12 May Trevor Stinton	26 May Mike Dearsley

Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities



Talk on Parkinson's Disease – 26 March 2024

The Health Talk on Parkinson's Disease was very well received. Many thanks to our two excellent speakers who were very informative - Rachel Gardner, Lead Parkinson's Disease Nurse Specialist at GWH gave the medical information and Vincent Mobey from Cricklade Parkinson's Café told the story from a personal point of view. The questions at the end were helpfully answered.

Our next talk, which will be in October, is to be finalised.

Easter Raffle: What a success the Easter Raffle was! Many thanks to all who bought tickets – over 500 were sold and there were 20 prizes. A total of £589.65 was raised! A big 'Thank You' to the Receptionists for organising this!

Purchase of new Items for Purton and Green Gable Surgeries

The PPG is purchasing 13 new blood pressure monitors and arm cuffs for the treatment rooms in both Purton and Green Gable Surgeries.

Did you know? There are up to 1250 appointments at the practice each week, approximately 250 each day, hence the two Bank Holidays over Easter resulted in a shortfall of around 500 appointments. Staff are busy catching up on these.

200 Club: New members are welcome! The 200 Club year started on 1 October, however you may still join part way through the year, bearing in mind that you will have missed some of the draws for the year. The cost is just £15 a year and there are two prizes each month of £100 and £15. Setting up a Standing Order for your £15 to be taken annually on 1 September is much simpler for administration purposes. Forms are available at both Purton and Green Gable surgeries.

The March draw was made by Health Care Assistant Maria Collins (*pictured*) and the winners were £100 M C Parsons, £15 Christine Rawlings. All members of the 200 Club are allocated a number to be used in the draw, if you wish to know your number then please email our Treasurer (treasurer.psppg@gmail.com) to request it.



Table Top in Purton Surgery:

The Table Top in Purton Surgery Waiting Room is very busy; many thanks to those who contribute items and to those who buy. We are pleased to receive good quality donations for the Table which should be handed in to Reception (no shoes please). If you would like to purchase any items then please hand your money in to Reception.

As always, your support for our work to both inform and support patients is much appreciated. If you know of anyone who would like to be included in our email list (all sent bcc) then please ask them to contact via secretary.psppg@gmail.com

Sheila Fowler, PPG Secretary



St Sampson's Church,
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Director of Music, Bristol Cathedral

**Saturday
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- ❖ 10.30am Registration
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- ❖ 4pm Performance
- ❖ Cost: £20 to include score and refreshments (please bring a packed lunch/buy lunch locally)
- ❖ Parking is available at Cricklade Town Hall SN6 6AE or St Sampsons Primary School SN6 6AX

If you don't want to join the singing workshops please come and enjoy a FREE performance at 4pm—all welcome!

Book now

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Cricklade's D-Day Memories (2)

The building of RAF Blakehill and RAF Down Ampney

In 1943 the Allies were planning a secret offensive – Operation Overlord – to launch an assault on the German controlled territories in northern Europe. This resulted in numerous temporary airfields being rapidly constructed in southern England, including RAF Blakehill Farm a short distance west of Cricklade, and RAF Down Ampney some three miles north of it by road. Both were allocated to the newly formed No. 46 Group of Transport Command, were operational in less than a year and played a crucial role in the D-Day action in June 1944.

The airbase squadrons were equipped with American Dakota aircraft (*pictured above*) for dropping assault troops and military supplies across the Channel using towed wooden gliders, and for bringing the wounded back from the battle zones. With both within a two-and-a-half mile radius of Cricklade's town centre, the period between 1943 and 1945 became the most memorable of the war for many local people, who were able to witness the momentous preparations for the D-Day operation close at hand.

The building of RAF Blakehill Farm had an enormous impact on those whose land was confiscated by the Air Ministry, resulting in the loss of over thirty fields used by many different farmers in the vicinity.

At the end of April 1943, notice to quit was so short that one farmer was given only six days to move out and sell all of his livestock, farm implements and machinery. By the first week in May the airfield building contractors had knocked down his farmhouse and outbuildings, cut down trees, up-rooted hedges, and laid the foundations for three concrete runways and a perimeter track. Technical and communal sites were then built, including aircraft maintenance and operations blocks, engineering workshops, a parachute centre, recreation rooms and even a post office. Five accommodation sites consisting of hundreds of Nissen huts, were erected to house over 2,500 air force personnel around the base.

This greatly outnumbered Cricklade's entire population at that time!

Similarly, in 1943, Down Ampney village first learnt that an RAF airfield was to be built close to the village with more than five hundred acres of farm land commandeered

from the CWS estate. As with RAF Blakehill Farm, government contractors moved in immediately to construct the airfield, and by March 1944 both bases were fully operational.

This story is extracted from the Cricklade Revealed wartime books. For availability please contact Marion Parsons on 01793 750542, or email mfp Parsons071@btinternet.com

Profits from all CR book sales are donated to Cricklade Open Door.



Pictured: one of the Nissen huts at Blake Hill Farm

Cricklade Open Door

April passed with several special events, all thoroughly enjoyed by members and volunteers, as well as the usual, weekly activities.

In case this May issue of *The Chronicle* has arrived through your letterbox before the end of April, here's just a reminder that Open Door are taking part in Cricklade Pre School's Jumble Trail on Saturday 27 April 10am to 2pm at 39 Pittsfield. Should the weather be wet, we will be inside the large garage, so do still come and find a bargain and treat yourself to Chris's cakes and scones!



During May, members will be offered a Pub Lunch Outing – the pub and date are not yet finally decided but members will find details on our notice board and it will be a super Friday outing, a good start to a weekend.

There are two Bank Holidays in May, so Open Door will not be open on Mondays 6 and 27 May but our phone line will still be in operation if anyone needs to contact us.

Looking ahead to June, Open Door has two exciting events to enjoy. On Thursday 6 June, which is the 80th anniversary of D-Day, we will have a 1944 fish and chip lunch! Thank you, Cricklade Town Council. Then on Wednesday 12 June we have been invited to watch Cricklade Manor Prep School's Summer Production 'Alice in Wonderland'. We really enjoy and appreciate being thought about by Cricklade schools and Pre schools.

A warm welcome to two new volunteers - John W who is on the rota to join our mini bus drivers and Sue W who will be assisting members on and off the mini bus. Thank you both for 'coming on board'. Open Door wouldn't exist without its wonderful team of volunteers (and funding!!).

We have two simple fundraisers running throughout the year and from April 2023 to March 2024, our book stall raised £267.84 – thank you to everyone who donates good condition paperbacks, especially, Bridget, Evelyn, Lynn and Anne. Members also collect loose change (especially those irritating little 5ps) in 'Penny Pots' and this year they raised £202.21, even though loose change is getting less and less in this push to a cashless society. Thank you.

Come along and meet us all on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to 3.30pm at The Jenner Hall, Bath Road, Tel: 07599 987 851.

Water Aid - Sponsored Water Carry

Raising money to provide clean water worldwide

Churches Together will be holding a sponsored water-carry in Cricklade High Street on 29 June. For this fun event, we are looking for strong individuals to carry half-full buckets of water from the Thames Bridge to a large water butt by the White Hart. Participants will be sponsored by either the number of journeys made or the total number of litres put into the butt.



The event will run from 10am to 12 noon.

More details of sponsorship forms will be in the June issue of *The Chronicle* or by contacting Richard Roberts on 01793 751063 - email richardroberts1401@gmail.com

Cricklade Bloomers

Whispers from the Walled Garden

After a very wet March we wish, at the time of writing, for a drier April and a good display of Fritillaries on North Meadow. May is Bloomers busiest month with our Wednesday and Saturday mornings dedicated to the summer planting in the town. One of our tasks is to prepare the lamp post baskets for the Town Council. This will be done on Saturday, 11 May between 10am and 12 noon at Ockwells (behind the town council offices). Everything needed is pre-prepared and in place beforehand and the task is finished quickly with extra volunteers. Additionally, volunteers are welcome to join us on Wednesdays 8 and 15 May, at the walled garden behind Tesco; we will be stripping out and planting Bloomers baskets and troughs from 9.30am onwards.



We are making changes to the border adjacent to the bus stop at the turning circle at the start of the Purton Road. The border has proved difficult to maintain because of the presence of two native plants that are near impossible to weed out - *equisetum arvense* (field horsetail) and *convolvulus arvensis* (field bindweed). The border has been cleared and the space will be sown with wild flowers and cornfield annuals providing a natural habitat that will be mown at the end of the summer. We will then plant spring bulbs.

Finally, we would like to invite everyone who signed up to become a **'Friend of Cricklade Community Orchard'** on planting day on 2 March to come to the inaugural meeting of the group. This will take place at the orchard on Fairveiw Fields between 10 and 11am on Saturday 4 May. As well as announcing the official name of the orchard, the cultural calendar, and the inspection of the trees, there will be a bug hunt for the children. If you missed planting day but would like to become a 'friend' just turn up on the day or contact anita@crickladeinbloom.co.uk.

Cricklade & District Probus Club

We are looking forward to our coming group meetings when the following talks will take place.

- 2 May Annual General Meeting
- 16 May John Nevil Maskelyne - Gloucestershire's master of magic and mystery
- 30 May Private Godfrey's Real War



The meetings normally take place fortnightly on a Thursday at 10am at the White Hart Hotel in Cricklade. Ours is a friendly group who enjoy keeping our minds active and socialising over a drink in the bar after the meetings. We are actively seeking to expand our numbers and look forward to welcoming new members to the Club.

For further information about our local club please contact the Honorary Secretary, Richard Roberts on 01793 751063.

Cricklade Garden Club

Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month in the Town Hall Annexe. Tea and cakes are served from 7pm. Speaker starts at 7.30pm.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 14 May** and our speaker is Jo Homan.

Jo's talk is entitled "The Orchard Project: the Benefits of Community Orchards"

The Orchard Project is a charity whose mission is to bring the magic of orchards into cities and areas of urban deprivation. Working with communities, the environmental, social and health benefits of green space and community growing can be transformative.

We now have our very own Community Orchard, planted a few weeks ago in Fairview Fields by heroic volunteers who had to contend with wind, rain and waterlogged clay. Planting trees is the start: looking after them is long term. Jo should be able to guide all of us who have planted trees in our own gardens. Even if it's like me, just two apple trees!

For information about the Club, upcoming events and trips please look at our excellent website www.crickladegardenclub.org.uk

Membership is £20 p.a., we are affiliated to the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies (gfgs.org.uk).

Visitors welcome at £3 a session – come and give us a try.

Queries to Bizzie 07876 347 973, Morag 07730 454 512 and Janet 07765 276 534

We look forward to seeing you!

Cricklade Memory Café

The café is open on the first Wednesday of each month from 10.30 to 12.30 at the Town Hall Annexe.

We charge £2.50 each to include tea/coffee and cake, plenty of fun and a variety of activities to enjoy in a safe and supportive environment for people with memory impairment and their family or carers.

To find out more please contact Vona 07896 723 794 or Margaret 07976 620 089.



Cricklade Jenner Hall (Parish Hall) "Save It Club"

In the Monthly Draw held on 28 March, the lucky winners were :-

First Prize:	Charles Head	£36.90
Second Prize:	Pat Nevill	£24.60
Jenner Hall Funds:		£61.50



To Join the Jenner Hall "Save It Club", please contact Paul Marley Tel: 752851

The Subscription for the "Save It Club" is only £12 per year. Subscribers are encouraged to pay a year's subscription of £12 by Standing Order. (GDP Regulations compliant.)

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Cricklade Foodbank

Open every Friday 10.00am to 11.30 am in the Jenner Hall, Bath Road



The recent Easter holidays has been a struggle for some of our clients, as they rely on free school meals during term time. The end of May sees another week's break, which again, will provide problems for our families. Hopefully by the time you read this the weather will have turned warmer.

We are very grateful for your continuing support in donating food and other non-perishable items into our donation points. We are in need of gluten-free food, as demand for this is rising.

Our baskets can be found in: Tesco, Animal Fayre (pet shop), Culverhay Stores (Spar), St Sampson's School, the Town Council and all the local churches.

However, if you would prefer to make a financial donation, there is a 'donate' button on the top of the 'Donate Food' page on the Malmesbury & District Foodbank website.

Another way is the 'BanktheFood' App, which gives up to date Foodbank needs.

If you, or someone you know, is struggling to feed either themselves or their families, you can contact us on any of the addresses below:

call – 01666 826982 (we will call you back)

Email: crickladebm@malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Visit the website: malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Cricklade Development Foundation

Old Police Station Update

Our community project continues to progress.



We're getting closer to finishing the internal aspects of the property. The commercial areas on the ground floor, two larger and two smaller, are fully formed, have been painted and lighting and heating added. The render to the front and rear will be painted as soon as the weather allows. When completed, our attention will turn to making the green area at the rear into a space that can be enjoyed by the community.

Our funds are running low so more is needed to help us to complete the full project. Our group was set up to help save and enhance our High Street, not just for the here and now but for generations to come. If you agree this is a worthwhile cause, please join us today and become a Member.

Our share prospectus can be found on our website (www.cricklade.foundation.org.uk). In summary, £50 will buy you a membership share and voting rights. If you buy 50 shares or more, you will be eligible to attract interest on the amount invested. The first £5,000 of your shareholding falls outside of your estate and may help with inheritance tax planning. We will be very grateful for any help you can offer.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or require a membership form by emailing: contact@cricklade.foundation.org.uk or phoning our Secretary, Terri Robertson, 07902 421 756. You can also find out more about by visiting our Facebook page and/or website: www.cricklade.foundation.org.uk. Thank you!

Cricklade Camera Club

Cricklade Camera Club's season runs from September to June. During July and August friendly summer meets and workshops are held. Our full programme for the whole season can be found on crickladecameraclub.org, or contact the Club Secretary, Anne Eckersley, for further information. Email address: clubsecretary@crickladecameraclub.org



New members are always welcome - you don't even need a camera. Everyone is welcome. So if you are budding novice or a more experienced photographer, why not try us out for an evening at a guest fee of £6.00?

We meet in person on the first Tuesday of every month between September and June in the Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm and on another Tuesday of the month by Zoom.

7 May: Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm – PDI League Round 3 and Prints League Round 3 with Aleks Gjika DPAGB EFIAP

There's all to play for tonight in the last round of this year's league competitions for both prints and PDIs.

14 May: Zoom Meeting - 7.30pm And now for something completely different with Dr David Sadler ARPS, CPAGB, EFIAP

To quote an article in the Dundee Telegraph, "As a forensic pathologist and the head of a photographic society, David Sadler is not someone you'd expect to still identify with punk."

Safe to say, David is not a run-of-the-mill photographer and his images reflect that. His Flickr profile says: "Interested in trying all kinds of photography. An opportunist, I suppose. I joined Dundee Photographic Society in 2010. Having enjoyed the stimulus and competition within my local club I started entering pictures into Salons, with reasonable success. Since joining, I have obtained a few photographic distinctions: ARPS, CPAGB, EFIAP, BPE*2, LBIPP. I was the President of DPS (2016-18). My main interests are travel, street and opportunistic photography, with a humorous element wherever possible. A recurring theme is fisheye selfies, boldly processed to be "in your face". And the obsession continues ..." (davidsadlerphotography.com)

4 June: Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm - AGM and Annual Exhibition

A great evening to end our season as Caroline Colegate ARPS APAGB, our esteemed judge delivers her verdict on this year's images and prizes are presented.



The Club ended the current season on a high with a 38-7 league win against Royal Wootton Bassett IV.

The new season starts in September but if you want to express an interest or look for further information, our contacts are:

Captain, Mike 07514 596 910

Coach, Pixie 07728 399 759

Director of Minis, Seth Wareing, sethwareing@hotmail.com or phone 07305 059 879.

Cricklade Pétanque Club

At the Cricklade House Hotel, SN6 6HA

Pétanque is great fun and an excellent way to meet people.

Our playing days are:

Mon	2 - 4.30pm	Wed	2 - 4.30pm
Tue	7 - 9.30pm	Sat	10am -12.30pm

Coaching Sessions are:

Wed	10 - 11.30am (ladies)	Fri	10 - 11.30am (mixed)
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The Club recently sent 8 out of 24 pairs to the GWR International Women's Day tournament. Congratulations to Club members Sandy Brimacombe and Beth Dennis who took second place.

League Results

Wednesday Morning Ladies League

- 1st Chris Saunders
- 2nd Gill Brooks
- 3rd Helen Dixon

Friday Mixed League

- 1st John Woodward
- 2nd Chris Saunders
- 3rd Sandy Brimacombe

Saturday Winter League

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| 1st Gerry Ough | 2nd Richard Head | 3rd= Alan Slatter | 3rd= Doug Kendall |
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Ladies, Men's and Mixed Doubles competitions have begun and will conclude by the end of September.

Our Club social night will be on Friday 31 May.

For more information please go to our website www.crickladepetanqueclub.co.uk

Find us on Facebook by searching Cricklade Petanque Club



Cricklade Festival Sunday 9 June 2024

Festival update... Progress with our preparations is well under way, with some fantastic music and dance acts already booked.

We are pleased to announce the return of the fancy dress parade for the opening of the day. All ages are invited to take part. As our theme this year is "It's a small world after all", we suggest some kind of national dress, but all types of costumes are welcome.

In addition, acting on feedback from last year, we are excited to be introducing a new children and family area.

More details to follow in next month's issue and our programme.



Friends of St Mary's Church

Event details: St Mary's RC Church – during Cricklade Festival (9 June)

Situated at the far end of the High Street, the Friends of St Mary's will be serving tea, coffee, squash and homemade cakes in the grounds of St Mary's from 11am until 4pm. Sit and relax in calm surroundings and enjoy a cuppa and a little homemade treat!



Saxons Pétanque Club, Cricklade

Saxons Pétanque Club play on the gravel just in front of Cricklade Leisure Centre at 2pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and 10am on Saturday mornings, with Wednesday evening sessions during the summer. We also run informal training sessions at 10am on some Wednesdays.

Membership is very reasonable at just £20 per annum for adults and £5 for children. For some members our club sessions are enough whilst others enjoy the challenge of club competitions and external matches.

Forthcoming social events include a meal at Jicsaw, our local Thai restaurant, and we hope to try tenpin bowling in Swindon soon.

If you'd like to find out more about Saxons Pétanque Club, we're a friendly bunch so please come and say hello, take a look at our notice board inside the Leisure Centre, or visit our website at saxonspetanque.co.uk.

Cricklade Bowls Club

The Club will be participating in the Bowls England Big Bowls Weekend on **Saturday 25 May** when we will be open to the public. We welcome everyone who wants to know more about the game of bowls. No charge, no experience necessary and no special kit – just make sure to wear shoes with a flatish sole. We have club members who can show you what to do and we have spare bowls for you to use. Come along to the Bath Road green, opposite St Sampson's primary school, and try us out between 10am and 4pm.



For more information please contact:

Roy Phillips (Secretary) roy2308@btinternet.com

Paul Coleman (Men's Captain) colemanpaul1@hotmail.com

Adina Grace (Ladies' Captain) janda.grace447@outlook.com

Rick Dixon (Treasurer) rickdixonbowls@gmail.com or 01793 759123

We hope to see you there.

Cricklade Jenner Hall ...

... continues to be At The Heart Of Cricklade for over 300 years.

The Jenner Hall continues to be a popular place for family events and smaller wedding receptions.

Our Trustees aim to make the Hall attractive to all age groups and any suggestions would be welcomed.

If you would like to know more about the Hall or check booking availability, please visit our website - crickladejennerhall.com.

If you would like to book the Jenner Hall for a party or celebration, please contact our booking email address at jennerhall.bookings@gmail.com or call on 07823 324 821.

Richard Hickman, Chairman, Cricklade Jenner Hall Community Trust



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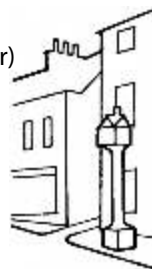
- 1 W 10.30am to 12.30pm: Memory Café's launch event at Town Hall Annexe
end of day Chronicle copy deadline
- 2 Th 7am close 10pm: **Polling Day: Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner**
10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 6 M **Early May Bank Holiday**
10am to 12 noon: Computer Club at Leisure Centre
7pm Town Council Planning (PCT) Committee, Council Chamber
- 7 Tu 1.45pm to 2.45pm: Bounce & Rhyme. United Church, Calcutt St
7.30pm Camera Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 12 Su Start of Christian Aid Week (to 18 May)
- 14 M 7pm Annual Meeting of the Council, Council Chamber
Tu 7.30pm Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe
7.30pm Camera Club Zoom meeting
- 15 W 10.30am to noon: Parkinson's Café at Cricklade Club, High Street
- 16 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
7.30pm Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe
- 17 F 10am to 11.30am: Coffee Morning, United Church Hall, Calcutt St
- 20 M 7pm Town Council Community & Leisure Committee, Council Chamber
- 21 Tu 1.45pm to 2.45pm: Bounce & Rhyme. United Church, Calcutt St
7.30pm Art Group at Town Hall Annexe
- 22 W 7.15pm for 7.30pm start: Historical Society at Town Hall Annexe
- 24 F tba Historical Society Quiz & Supper at Town Hall, Tickets see p21
- 25 Sa 10am to 4pm: Big Bowls Day at Bowls Club, Bath Road - see page 42
- 27 M **Spring Bank Holiday**
Wiltshire Schools holiday until 3 June (others may differ)
- 30 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel

Every Week

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10am-3.30pm: Open Door at Jenner Hall
- W 1.45 for 2pm Bingo4Us at Jenner Hall
- Th 10-11.30am Acorn Community Bank: in Tourist Information Office
1.30-4.30pm The Paint Palette: Ladies' Art Group at Town Hall Annexe
7-10pm The Cricklade Band rehearsal night, at Town Hall, visitors welcome
7.30-9.30pm Sing Four Four choir rehearsal at United Church, Calcutt Street
- F 10-11.30am Cricklade Foodbank at Jenner Hall
10-11.30am Coffee Cafe at Cricklade United Church Hall
7pm St Sampson's church choir rehearsal
- Sa 10am-noon Cricklade Museum open, Calcutt Street

Moon Phases

May 2024 1st ● 8th ● 15th ● 23rd ○ 30th ●



The Final Word ...

Christian Aid Week - 12 - 18 May 2024

The world we experience is broken by suffering, injustice and selfishness. Relationships between people, communities, corporations and nations are distorted by inequalities of power. As a result, we are confronted by the scandal of poverty and the degradation of creation.

However, our hope is founded on God's promise of a world without poverty where everyone has life in all its fullness. We, therefore, believe the world can be restored and transformed, and that God calls us to speak and act with vision to bring change.

Christian Aid is an international development agency which responds to humanitarian crises, supports long term development projects and campaigns on international issues such as the eradication of poverty and climate change. In recent months Christian Aid has been active in relief work in Gaza - distributing drinking water, food packages and essentials such as blankets, nappies and hygiene kits. Working across the world amongst the poorest and most disadvantaged, Christian Aid has been able to meet directly or indirectly the humanitarian needs of 3.3 million people.

If you would like to help Christian Aid during this important fund raising week please see details of how you can make a financial donation on page 20.

Everything we do through Christian Aid is rooted in our Christian beliefs. Jesus said that everyone is made in God's image and proclaimed the good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. Through his life, teaching, death and resurrection, Jesus called his followers to love God, love their neighbours and to seek justice for those who are oppressed.

The issues we work on are complex. But we are sustained by the confidence that God is with us, revealing to us good ways of living together. We are therefore committed to working and praying for God's will to 'be done on earth as it is in heaven'.

We are United by Hope

In a world of drought may seeds of hope
be drenched by waters of justice.

In a world of inequality may our hunger for justice
bring an end to the scandal of poverty.

In a world of danger where peace is in pieces,
may justice hold hands with love and create an unbreakable bond.

The Christian Aid Team

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