



Tormarton Newsletter

December 2018
January 2019

TORMARTON AND WEST LITTLETON NEWS

Diary – December & January

Mon	10 Dec	6.30 pm	Parish Council Committee Meeting in the Hall Committee Room
Sun	16 Dec		Playground clean-up
Mon	17 Dec	8.30 pm	100 Club Christmas Draw in The Major's Retreat
Fri	21 Dec	6.30 pm	Tormarton Village Carol Singing – departing from Drake House
Wed	16 Jan	7.30 pm	Faith Matters, at Tormarton Court

Advance Notice

Fri	22 Mar	7.30 pm	Madrigal Concert in St. James' Church, West Littleton
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Recyclable & Refuse Collection:

N.B. According to the South Glos Council website, collections over Christmas and the New Year will be on the usual days of the week. However these dates will be changed over this period - a leaflet has been left by the refuse collectors advising changes. Apologies that only Tormarton dates shown below are as per the leaflet. Residents on the B4465 and in West Littleton need to look at their leaflets – especially for the dates in italics.

Recycling items and food bins are collected **every** week.

Black and green bins are collected **alternate** weeks.

For details on Recycling items to be put in each box/bag, check information on leaflets that have been left

Tormarton – Mondays

Bins: 3, 17 Dec; **Wed 2, Mon 14 & 28 Jan**
Recycling date change: **Tues 8 Jan** (not Mon 7)

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 14 & 28 Dec; *11 & 25 Jan*

West Littleton – Mondays or Tuesdays (depending on location in the village)

Bins: 10/11 & *24/25 Dec*; 7/8 & 21/22 Jan; 4/5 Feb

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 2 Dec:	10.30 am	Holy Communion & Gift Service (see below)	Rev. Lynne Godfrey
Sun 16 Dec:	5 pm	Carol/Christingle Service, followed by refreshments	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Tues 25 Dec:	10.30 am	Christmas Family Service, with Holy Communion	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun 6 Jan:	10.30 am	Epiphany Sunday service, with Holy Communion	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun 20 Jan:	10.30 am	Family Service, followed by refreshments	Rev. Sally Wheeler

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 9 Dec:	10.30 am	Gift Service (for Sisters of the Church in Bristol)	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun 23 Dec:	6 pm	Carol Service	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Tues 25 Dec:	10 am	Christmas Service with a short Holy Communion	Rev. Lynne Godfrey
Sun 13 Jan:		No service – Plough Service in Marshfield – see below	
Sun 27 Jan:	9 am	Holy Communion (1662)	TBA

MARSHFIELD BENEFICE SERVICES – December/January

Mon 24 Dec:	5 pm	Christingle	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Mon 24 Dec:	11.30 pm	Benefice Midnight Communion	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun 30 Dec:	10.30 am	Benefice Family Communion	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun 13 Jan:	11.30 am	Blessing of the Plough Service – invitation to all, followed by a hot lunch.	

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Tormarton Family Friendly Gift Service – 10.30 am Sunday 2nd December

A special ‘family friendly’ service with the theme of Advent/light coming into the darkness.

This is our next opportunity to support the work of the Sisters of the Church who hope to provide Christmas bags of food and gifts to over 500 people.

Information on suggested gifts was given in the November newsletter.

A special collection box will be available at the back of the church during the Gift Service; monies raised will help the Sisters to fund their bulk food buying and particular support to their most vulnerable families.

The usual collection towards Church Funds will be made during the service.

If you are unable to attend the service but would like to make a contribution, gifts can be left in the church during the week before the Gift Service - or contact Janet Wells (218549).

Tormarton Carol Service – 5 pm on Sunday 16th December

Tormarton Church Nativity figures have been beautifully restored by Jane Smart, Dee Baker and Antonella Scarpa Isles. We think they date from the 1930's and look forward to rededicating them and seeing them in the crib scene at the Tormarton Carol Service.

As ever all are welcome to the carol service. It's a beautiful candlelit evening which this year will include Christingles for the children, and mince pies, mulled wine and other refreshments for all. Please bring family and friends. It is a beautiful way of starting the Christmas period.

Carol Singing in Tormarton – Friday 21st December

The village Carol Singing is a great Tormarton tradition and we are keen for families to get involved; singers and non-singers – the young people have fun running from house to house and knocking on doors with the collection tins. Last year the money collected was divided between the Children's Society and UNICEF support for the Syrian Refugees. We will leave **Drake House** (the modern house behind the village pond) at **6.30 pm** and hope to visit most of the houses in the centre on the village.

If you would like us to visit you or if you would like more details, do please contact Janet Wells on 218549.

Faith Matters Group, Tormarton – next meeting Wednesday 16th January at 7.30 pm

Informal Discussion Group open to all, meeting at 7.30 pm at Tormarton Court. For more information please contact Rev. Sally Wheeler on marshfield.benefice@gmail.com or tel: 01225 892180.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the Chairman

1. **Cllr. Charlie Orchard** has decided to resign from the Parish Council after having served as a councillor for nearly three decades. Charlie has used his local knowledge and expertise to provide valuable advice and guidance on many issues that the council has had to deal with during his term of office. The Parish Councillors and Parish Clerk wish to thank Charlie for his unstinting service to the community and wish him well in future years.
2. **Vacancy for Parish Councillor** - The resignation of Cllr. Orchard has resulted in a vacancy on Tormarton Parish Council. Anyone who is interested in becoming a councillor should contact Gill Pemberth, the Parish Clerk, for more information (tel. 01454 218186 or 07976 82 08 05).
3. **Defibrillator installation** - The Parish Council has purchased two defibrillators which will be installed in the next few weeks next to the front door of The Major's Retreat in Tormarton and next to the public telephone box in West Littleton. All villagers are encouraged to attend a training session on CPR and defibrillator use which will be held in the parish hall at the beginning of next year. Further details will be announced in the Newsletter, posted on village notice boards and communicated via social media.
4. **The Next Meeting** of the Parish Council will be held in the Hall Committee Room on Monday 10th December starting at 6.30 pm.

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH HALL COMMITTEE

The Barn Dance held in the village hall on Saturday 17th November was thoroughly enjoyed by all attending. Thanks to the Organisers for their efforts in selling tickets and preparing for the evening. The evening raised approx. £250 towards refurbishing the ladies toilets which will hopefully be commissioned early next year after grant aid has been confirmed.

The clean-up of the playground will take place on Sunday 16th December and volunteers will be welcome. This is the annual sweeping up of the car park and general tidy up of the area around the Village Hall and Playground.

Mission Theatre: Tuesday 11th December to Saturday 15th December at 7.30 pm (including a Saturday matinee at 2 pm) George Gent and Joanna Bowman are appearing in **Bedroom Farce by Alan Ayckbourn** - a classic from the 1970's and possibly one of his funniest plays blending his characteristically incisive observation of human relationships with a fast paced storyline - a great pre-festive treat!

Tickets are available from the Next Stage Box Office on 01225 428600 or online www.missiontheatre.co.uk

100 Club: The Christmas draw will take place at The Major's Retreat on Monday 17th December at 8.30 pm.

The annual **West Littleton Madrigal Concert** by the Bristol University Madrigal Ensemble will be held in St. James Church at 7.30 pm on Friday 22nd March, followed by supper at Cadwell Hill Barn.

Coffee Morning: Stella and Phil Turner would like to thank all those who supported the charity coffee morning they held recently. The event raised an amazing £800.00 for GIST Support UK (more details about the charity is available on their website www.gistsupportuk.com).

As well as raising money for a worthy cause the event provided an opportunity for villagers to get together with friends & neighbours and enjoy a chat over a cup of coffee and a piece of cake. They were also able to pick up a few bargains in the pop-up charity shop.

Pilates Sessions take place in the Village Hall on Monday evenings, 7-8 pm. This group has been taking place for some time now so we are not able to take beginners, but anyone interested, who has already done some pilates, can contact Sophie, email: sophie.thomson@hotmail.com, phone: 07786 653834.

The cost of each class is now fixed at £6.50, but before each session of 4 classes you will be asked how many you would like to book and pay for. (£25 if booking for all 4).

Fireworks on New Year's Eve: It would be appreciated if anyone planning to have fireworks could let their neighbours know, especially those with dogs or with livestock in the fields.

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 2 Dec - Mrs M. Campbell Hill 9/16 Dec – Mrs J. Berry
All festive decorations for the Carol Service on 16th December
23/30 Dec – Mrs S. Porter 6/13 Jan – Mrs J. Bowman 20/27 Jan - Mrs J. Davies

Church Cleaning: Dec - Mrs J. Orchard and Mrs H. Ralph
Jan - Mrs J. Clark and Mrs L. Scott-Martin

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Items for the next issue to be given to Diana Elliott, St. Mary's House, Tel: 218364,
or email: diana.elliott@hotmail.co.uk, not later than 26th January please.

WITH BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR