



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

December
2024
& January
2025

YOUR CHRISTMAS DIARY

full details can be found in this newsletter

Family Gift Services – our chance to help those struggling at this time

Tormarton Sunday 1 Dec 10.30 am

West Littleton Sunday 8 Dec 10.30 am

Children's Christmas Party

3.00 - 5pm Sunday 1 Dec in the village hall

Free Coffee Mornings at the Compass Inn

10.00 – 12 noon Monday Dec 2, 9 & 23; Jan 6 & 24

Village Christmas Supper at The Compass Inn

7.00 pm onwards Friday 6 Dec

Village Carol & Christingle Services

Tormarton Sunday 22 Dec 5.00 pm

West Littleton Monday 23 Dec 5.00 pm

Tormarton Village Carol Singing

Meeting 6.00 pm at Grange Farm on Monday 23rd December

Christmas Day Services

Tormarton 10.30 am with Rev Sharon

West Littleton 9.00 am with Rev Sally

New Year's Eve at the Compass

Full details are available on the Compass Inn website <https://www.compass-inn.co.uk/>

BREAKING NEWS – an invitation from Penny and Rupert at the Compass Inn

The Compass Inn is offering an open house to Tormarton residents affected by the planned power outage on Tuesday the 26th November. We will be running on a generator and so we are able to offer free tea and coffee throughout the day and a 10% discount for people who wish to purchase food and drink. It goes without saying that the fires will be lit and WiFi is free for people “working from home”.

It will be lovely to see everyone knowing they are safe and warm.

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 1 Dec:	10.30 am	Family friendly morning Gift Service	Mike Stratheed
Sun 15 Dec:	9.00 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Rev Sally/Rev Sharon
Sun 22 Dec	5.00 pm	Candlelight Carol & Christingle Service with seasonal refreshments to follow	
Mon 25 Dec:	10.30 am	Christmas Family Celebration with Holy Communion	Rev. Sharon
Sun 5 Jan:	10.30 am	Family Service followed by light refreshments	
Sun 19 Jan:	9.00 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion	

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 8 Dec:	10.30 am	Mattins & collection of Gifts for the Sisters of the Church	Aurea Hart
Mon 23 Dec:	5.00 pm	Carol & Christingle Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies	
Mon 25 Dec:	9.00 am	Christmas Service with Holy Communion (1662)	Rev. Sally
Sun 12 Jan	10.30am	Mattins	
Sun 26 Jan:	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	

MORE NEWS FROM REV SALLY

As we enter Advent and the busy Christmas Season, we wish you joy, and hope to see you in church for the Carols & Christingle Services and the family-friendly Christmas morning services.

Christmas Collection for the Community of the Sisters of the Church

At Christmas we support the Sisters of the Church based in Bristol as they reach out to help local individuals and families. We are collecting gifts of new toiletries, gloves, warm scarves, hats and socks for men and women and £15 Argos or One4All gift cards for the children.

Gifts will be collected at the special Gift Services on December 1st (Tor) and 8th (WL). Tormarton gifts can also be left in a box at the rear of the church during the week before the Gift Service, gift cards or money donations should be delivered to Janet Wells (01454 218549).

Benefice Advent Carols by Candlelight - December 1st at 6.00pm at Marshfield Church - an opportunity to 'Shine a light in the Darkness'. All are welcome to this Benefice celebration of the start of Advent, to worship together with beautiful choral music as part of the service.

Plough Sunday Celebration – 12th January, 11.30 am at Marshfield Church followed by a hot lunch in the church.

Supporting Farmers: Bishop Viv has a meeting in early December with a Government minister on behalf of farmers in our rural parishes who may be adversely affected by the budget implications on inheritance tax. Please send any questions/concerns to me before the end of November at marshfield.benefice@gmail.com and I pass them on to Bishop Viv.

Resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury - Bishop Viv has prepared a statement following the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is available at [Bishop Viv's statement on the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury - Diocese of Bristol](#)

TORMARTON CAROL SINGING – Monday 23rd December

The village Carol Singing is a great Tormarton tradition and we are really keen for families to get involved; all are welcome - singers and non-singers – while the young people have fun running from house to house and knocking on doors with the collection tins. Last year we collected £260 which was split between The Children's Society and Medicins Sans Frontieres which supports people affected by war in Ukraine, Gaza, Syria and the Sudan.

We will leave Grange Farm at 6.00 pm and hope to visit most of the houses in the centre of the village.

If you would like us to visit you or if you would like more details, do please contact Heather Gent on 218223

PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES from Chairman Simon Stevens

It looks like there's already plenty to do in and around our villages this festive season, and I hope that you will be able to attend one or two of the events covered in other sections of the newsletter.

I also have a couple of events that I would like to personally mention. The first is on the 20th of December when the team at Mini Concerts will be putting on a Gala Christmas party show at Chipping Sodbury Town Hall to raise funds to put on a free Christmas theatre experience for those living in Care and Nursing Homes and for groups supporting those living with dementia. The show is performed as the ultimate live 'Musical' advent calendar', counting down through some of the greatest Christmas hits ever recorded and all washed down with a liberal glass of Christmas spirit.

For more information and tickets check out www.ticketsource.co.uk/mini-concerts-cic.

The other event I would like to mention is The Compass Inn's New Year's Eve Dinner Dance, which this year will feature their very own 'Jane McDonald', cruise ship performer and director local girl Sophie Gideon. Since the closure of our local pub The Compass Inn has been a fantastic supporter of the parish, hosting free coffee mornings, events, and council meetings, and I think it's only right that I should shout out their New Year's Eve event. You can book tickets for the event by calling Rupert and the team on 01454 218242.

Finally, I would like you to join me and the Parish Council members in welcoming our new locum Clerk Sara Thomas, who will take up the position for our next meeting detailed below. Sara has a wealth of experience from her work with Siston Parish Council, and I am absolutely sure she will prove to be an amazing asset for the parish over the coming few months.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the village hall on Monday 2nd December at 6:30pm. As always, participation from residents is greatly encouraged and welcomed, either in person or by writing with your questions or input to the Parish Clerk via email at clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk.

PARISH HALL NEWS from Chairman Stewart Waters

The Children's Christmas Party will be in the village hall on Sunday 1st Dec between 3 and 5pm. All children at primary school and younger welcome with Mums & Dads and/or grandparents. A little fun before the real Christmas celebrations with special guests. Good to see as many as possible, all welcome.

Thank you to all those who turned up on Sunday morning to clear the car park of the autumn leaves and make sure the playground was tidy. Your help on a blustery and wet morning was very much appreciated. Hopefully you managed to find a warm place to spend the rest of the day.

Village Hall Bookings

The Hall is available in the evenings and at weekends for any function and the Rotowasher which is used to clean the floor in the hall is available to hire, this can also be used to clean carpets.

Please contact Sophie email: sophiehthomson@hotmail.com, phone: 07786 653834 for all enquiries.

Badminton Club

The Badminton club plays every Tuesday at the Tormarton Parish Hall from 7 - 9 pm.

New members of all ages and experience are most welcome to join us.

Please contact Heather Gent on 218223 for any further information.

TORMARTON PLAYING FIELD

The football season is now in full swing and villagers and their visitors are very welcome to come along and support the Tormarton team. December games are at 2pm on 7th and 21st and January games are on the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

The December Playing field 100 club draw will be at 8.00pm on Mon 16th at the Compass Inn.

NEWS from THE COMPASS INN

Free Coffee Mornings – stay warm this winter with free village coffee mornings. Everyone welcome, no need to book, just come along between 10am and 12 noon. Dec 2, 9 & 23, Jan 6 & 24.

Village Christmas Supper – Fri 6th Dec 7pm onwards

Tasty Cheese Board, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies will be supplied.

There is no charge to attend but it will help with catering if we know that you are coming.

Please contact the Compass on info@compass-inn.co.uk , 01454 218242 if you are planning to come.

You could save a life! - DEFIBRILLATORS

We have TWO AED (Automated Electronic Defibrillators) available locally, one by the entrance to the Village Hall in Tormarton and one near the village noticeboard in West Littleton.

NO training is necessary to use them BUT they are the best way to save someone's life if they have gone into cardiac arrest. **Using a defibrillator fast after a cardiac arrest saves lives**

The Defibrillator case **DOES NOT need a code** – just twist the cover to remove and access.

Contact Details for our Local Community Police

Bianca Rotariu – PCSO 9061 Email: 9061@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Emma Sheppard – PCSO 7315 Email: 7315@avonandsomerset.police.uk

VILLAGE AGENT Aimee Cherry -Williams

Aimee Cherry-Williams, is the village agent for Tormarton and West Littleton. Her role is to help/advise residents on where to find help re. all things health and wellbeing and links into South Glos Council social services. Aimee can be contacted on 07555 460655 or email aimee@wern.org.uk

WESTlink – ‘on demand’ bus service

WESTlink, the ‘on demand’ bus service, can be booked via the WESTlink App or by phone 0117 457 8561. To find out more about the service visit <https://travelwest.info/westlink/> or download the WESTlink App.

Green Community Travel (GCT)

Green community transport provides affordable and accessible transport from your door. More information is available at www.greencommunitytravel.co.uk or telephone 01454 228706.

GUIDED WALKS in the COTSWOLDS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE

Every month the Cotswold Voluntary wardens issue a list of Guided circular walks in the Southern Cotswolds. This month they include:

Dec 3 – 5 miles circular moderate walk from the Fox and Hounds, Colerne.

Dec 11 - 5.5 miles strenuous circular walk from Brimscombe via Minchinhampton and return.

Dec 11 _ 8 miles moderate circular walk from Old Sodbury via two Iron Age hillforts and a Cold War Nuclear Bunker.

Dec 17 – 5 miles moderate circular walk from Box Parish Recreation ar Park.

For full details of the walks available visit: <http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks> OR check the village notice boards.

Our local footpath warden is Bev Hope-Bell who can be contacted for any issues with local paths bevhopebell@btinternet.com

Would you like your newsletter via email?

If you would like to receive future copies of the newsletter via email, please email newsletter@tormarton.org with your name, first line of address and email address

Tormarton Community WhatsApp group

The group has been set to facilitate the sharing of important information relevant to the people of Tormarton. All are welcome and encouraged to join. To join the group please send an email to Noreen at home@thefinnamores.com giving details of your name, mobile number and the first line of your address.

Recyclable & Refuse Collections:

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 the South Glos website

N.B. Days/dates shown below may well be changed over the Christmas and New Year period, up to date information should be provided with your bin collection.

Tormarton – Mondays

Bins: 9 & 23 Dec; 6 & 20 Jan

Old Hundred Lane – Wednesdays

Bins: 4 & 18 Dec; 1 & 15 Jan

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 6 & 20 Dec; 3 & 17 Jan,

West Littleton – Mondays or Tuesdays (depending on location)

2/3 & 16/17 & 30/31 Dec; 13/14 & 27/28 Jan

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 1/8 Dec – Mrs J. Berry 15/22/29 Dec & 5 Jan – Mrs S. Giles
12/19 Jan - Mrs S. Turner 26 Jan & 2 Feb - Mrs. L. Scott-Martin
All festive decorations please for the Carol Service on 22 December

Church Cleaning: Dec – Mr. T. Calleja
Jan - Mrs J. Clark and Mrs L. Scott-Martin

The village newsletter is kindly printed by Simon Stevens. Thank you Simon.

Items for the next issue to be sent to newsletter@tormarton.org no later than 24th January please.