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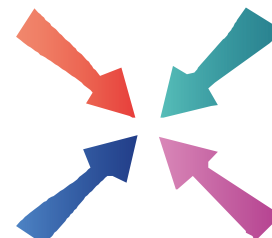
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From the Editor

This month, to remind us that November is the month for remembrance, we have the story of a Tockington man who served in the Royal Navy in both World Wars and undertook many voluntary roles in the community once he retired.

Our wildlife contributor has produced another fascinating article – this time it is about the birds we can see if we walk down by the Severn at this time of year.

Among the other items in a very full magazine, we have got the programme for the upcoming talks offered by Olveston Parish Historical Society, details of how to contribute to Mo's Christmas Appeal, plus updates from both GreenForce and making Space for Wildlife.

Finally, my thanks to former editor, Chris Bolton, who held the fort while I was away for a week at a crucial time in the Meeting Point schedule.

Marelin

This month's cover is by Peter Floyd.

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It's time to dust off those binoculars!

Paul Godwin

Have you ever walked along the Severn estuary and seen flashes of white appearing and then disappearing quickly, low across the water? It is quite a common and often spectacular sight to see from late autumn until early spring. What you are seeing are two of the birds which migrate to our shores to spend winter here before returning to their breeding grounds in spring - the dunlin and the turnstone. The birds are quickly twisting and turning, showing their white bellies in a coordinated flight. They may also be joined by other birds such as the ringed plover.



It is a fairly common sight to see these birds locally, especially up around the power station reservoir walls at Oldbury on Severn or New Passage. The photographs in this article were taken on a very bleak morning at Oldbury on Severn at the reservoir wall, just before high tide in January 2022. As the estuary is so tidal it is best to observe around an incoming or outgoing tide about an hour either side of high tide. I look up BBC website tide times for either Beachley or Sharpness, depending on my whereabouts.

Turnstones (see photo over the page), which winter on our shores, are remarkable birds. Their breeding grounds are in Greenland and northeast Canada. So, every year they migrate to the UK as we have a much milder climate in winter, a long and fantastic journey. The turnstone does not breed in the UK so most return to their breeding grounds every year. Those who are

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non-breeding may choose to stay. They arrive in late autumn so it is possible you may now be able to see this bird. It is also possible to see some turnstones in August and September. These are birds migrating further south from Scandinavia and Russia. These earlier birds may have a more 'orangey'



plumage. It is exclusively a coastal bird so you will not see it inland. It will find all the food sources it needs along the shores and tidelines of our local estuary.

The dunlin (see below) is the UK's most common small wading bird. There are 3 types: the UK breeding bird, the passage migrant, and the winter visitor.



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by the arrival of the winter visitors. Most of the dunlins you will see locally have migrated from Scandinavia and Russia and are here for winter. The UK breeding birds will themselves have migrated further south for winter to southern Europe or Africa. When these winter visitors arrive around October, they will begin to form large flocks and it is then you may begin to see them form murmurations across the water.

There are of course many other birds you may spot locally in winter: wigeon, teal, black tailed godwits, curlew, redshank and lapwing are just a few. We also have the fantastic resource of Slimbridge not far from us, where in winter you can go to the bird hides and observe huge numbers of migratory birds out on the wetlands and in the lakes. So, dust off those binoculars and go out and look! It is worth it.



Green Force

About 30 people came to the meeting which Green Force held last month to learn all about our carbon footprints. Those present completed a pro-forma sheet or did it on an app on their phones using <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>. What emerged very strongly was that using air travel for whatever reason, often for holidays, added many points to the count. A big thank you to Martyn Suker for a most informative and professional video presentation and to Rod Williams for his technical expertise.

So, what are our objectives now?

- 1) to increase awareness of the need for individuals to reduce their carbon footprint.
- 2) to identify ways in which to reduce that footprint.
- 3) to encourage changes in lifestyle.

We can now add three more R's to our list: Restraint, Replace, Regulate, all of which are realistic options to put into practice.

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The Blessing of the Marriage of Lucy and Oliver Harries

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Nick Fear

Athelstan Paul Bush (who preferred to be known as A Paul) was born on the 11th June 1892 in Clifton, Bristol, and he moved to Tockington in 1931. He was educated in Bristol and in 1905 entered the Royal Naval College, Osborne, where he was given the rank of Midshipman in 1909, moving on to Dartmouth Naval College. As well as being well qualified in seamanship, he had a skill with languages, speaking French and German. His first posting was to the



armoured cruiser HMS Drake, and he gained further experience in the Mediterranean on other naval vessels. A Paul continued his naval studies in service and in 1912 qualified for certificates in general seamanship and navigation. He also passed examinations in engineering, gunnery and the use of torpedoes. As a result, he was promoted to the rank of Sub-Lieutenant.

On the outbreak of the Great War, A Paul was promoted to Full Lieutenant and posted to a destroyer, HMS Spitfire. In December 1914 the ship supported the repulsing of a German naval raid on Scarborough. Spitfire was in combat in the Battle of Dogger Bank in early 1915 and The Battle of Jutland in the

late spring of 1916. A Paul was injured in the latter, having taken command after his Captain was incapacitated by shelling. His injuries were treated on board, but he insisted on staying on the vessel to continue command. The French President honoured him with the Legion of Honour. He was soon transferred to the destroyer HMS Offa, part of defensive screening for The Grand Fleet.

In May 1917 A Paul was promoted to the command of the P25. 'P boats', developed in The Great War, were small fast armed vessels which relieved larger destroyers from escort duties. They also played a part in anti-submarine warfare.

A Paul was promoted again in March 1918 to command the destroyer Orcadia. Within days, A Paul came to the notice of the Admiralty for attacking enemy submarines with 'promptness, skill and good organization'. He ended the war still in command of the Orcadia and kept this post until 1920. A Paul was awarded the Distinguished Service Order in the summer of 1919 for distinguished services during the war. He was formally invested at Buckingham Palace.

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With the decommissioning of HMS Orcadia in 1920, the adventurous A Paul volunteered for service in Australian waters and went on attachment to the Royal Australian Navy. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander in 1922. Part of his duties involved returning to London, where he met and married Prudence Cheney, the widow of a Captain in the Royal Artillery who had been killed in 1916. Prudence had a daughter by her first marriage and she and A Paul soon had another daughter to add to the family.

A Paul, now a family man, was still attached to the Royal Australian Navy and applied to return to Home Waters. In 1924 his request was granted, but fate and perhaps a naval sense of humour posted him to the China Station in the Far East where he performed his duties well. In 1925 Prudence visited him in Hong Kong, leaving their daughters with grandparents in Clifton. Perhaps as a result A Paul requested a return to the UK, which he finally achieved in 1926. After serving on two further vessels in 1928 he was discharged to land duties and settled down to family life, first in Caterham and then Plymouth, where sadly Prudence died in the autumn of 1930.



A Paul returned to his Bristol roots and moved to Tockington Court in Tockington. At his own request, on the 11th of June 1932, he retired from the navy with a Commander's rank and on the same day he married Elma Rose Pomeroy Salmon, the only daughter of the Salmon family of

Tockington Manor, in Saint Mary's Church in Olveston. Their marriage was heralded as a 'society wedding' with locals prepared to be 'thrilled to the bone'. The coverage of the day reported local houses being decorated with flags and bunting. The area was renowned for celebratory floral arches, and

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the other, in Tockington, 'God Bless the Happy Pair' and 'Good Luck'. The couple had a reception at Tockington Manor and honeymooned in Norway. A large banner across the entrance of Tockington Court welcomed them home.

Settling down in the area, A Paul took a senior management position with The Port of Bristol Authority. He was appointed as a Justice of the Peace for Gloucestershire. On the outbreak of the Second War, he sought a naval reappointment, but this was rejected because his civilian position was vital for the war effort. A Paul continued to press for further service and in June 1944 he reported for duty on the staff of the Naval Flag Officer in Cardiff. But the navy then undertook a general reorganization and the Cardiff base closed. A Paul left his post in October 1944 and went into full and final retirement.

A Paul and Elma continued to take an active part in local life and were much respected. A Paul was on the committees of Old Down Cricket Club and the local bowling club. He was a supporter of the Bristol Zoological Society and the Berkley Hunt. He assisted the Bristol Sea Cadets, was a Governor of Colston's Girl's School, treasurer of Colston Boy's and St. Monica's Home. He was the Chair of the Bristol Downs Commoners' Committee and a Vice President of the local Young Farmers Club. A Paul was elected to The Society of Merchant Venturers in Bristol and was its treasurer from 1944 until 1962, relinquishing the post to become the Master.

Athelstan Paul Bush died on the 13th of September 1972 and is buried in St. Mary's church, Olveston. Elma died on the 28th of July 1982.

A Paul accomplished much in the service of his country during his 80 years, both at sea and on shore. I hope he may have approved of the epithet, 'A Local Hero'.

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A Message from Olveston and Tockington Methodist Church

The June edition of Meeting Point kindly reported on our celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Olveston Chapel. Now, rather differently, we need to share with you two items from our recent Church Council.

The first is the decline in our active membership post-Covid, which is significantly diminishing our capacity to sustain our usual round of activities. This leads inevitably to the second item, the future of our properties.

Most of you will be aware that we have four separate buildings – two in Tockington and two in Olveston. We have sought to maintain and manage them for the benefit of the community as well as for our own purposes, and they have been well used. With great reluctance, the recent meeting of Church Council judged that in the longer term we will be unable to do so; instead, we will have to be selective in what we retain and what we let go. This does not affect the 2022/2023 year, and no dates beyond that have yet been considered. However, Church Council recognises the need to determine the longer-term future for our properties by Summer 2023.

Our Church Council members are the managing trustees of our buildings and have the power to decide what we keep. However, it is the Methodist Connexion's custodial trustees who have the final say on what should be done with any proceeds resulting from the release of property. In this situation we will have a full opportunity to make our own proposals to the custodial trustees on what would be in the best interests of our local Methodist church and community, and of course we will do so.

If you would like to share your views on the choices we face, we will be very pleased to hear from you. It will help if you do so by written note or email (see below) and it would be helpful to hear from you by the end of 2022.

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Also from the Methodists

Advent: Christmas

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A Causley Christmas

Join Jim Causley in celebrating the Christmas season as he entertains us with lesser-known West Country carols, and medieval and secular carols from around the British Isles, his own settings of moving Christmas poems by his relative, the late Cornish poet Charles Causley as well as a 'gurt dollop' of festive fun with songs of over-indulgence and even a spot of panto too!



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West Country father of folk Geoff Lakeman described him as having "a voice in a million."

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Femmes - are back to celebrate Christmas at St Mary's Church, Olveston. Featuring Junior FR choir, they would love to invite you to join them for this one-off festive evening.

St Mary's, December 3rd, 7pm. Tickets: Adults £12, Children (6-18) £5 on the door. Through Eventbrite, <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-femmes-christmas-tickets-440429254757>, or from Jane Sawyer. Under 6's FREE.

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Mo's 2022 Christmas Toy Appeal

Mo Lewis is launching her 5th Christmas Toy Appeal, in conjunction with the Salvation Army. Last year Mo handed over a staggering number of new toys, toiletries, knitted items, Boots Gift Vouchers and JustGiving donations amounting to a retail value of over £10,000. A simply amazing effort that certainly took everyone by surprise back in the days when the whole country was really suffering from the Covid blues!

This year, Mo realises that times are even tougher for most of us, but just hopes that the amazing community spirit in the area shines through once again and people will be able to find just a little money to ensure that a disadvantaged child will have a happy Christmas Day.

This is what Mo is seeking this year:

- New, unwrapped toys for children of all ages.
- Toiletries, especially deodorants for older children.
- Knitted items such as cot blankets, hats, cardigans, teddy bears etc for very young children.
- Boots Gift Vouchers.
- Donations to Mo's just giving page:
www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mollie-lewis

How do I get my gifts to Mo?

- Deliver them to her home in Severn Beach, address below.
- Mo can collect in the Thornbury, Olveston, Alveston, Almondsbury area.
- Gifts can be ordered via Amazon etc and delivered to Mo's home address.

The deadline for all gifts is Wednesday 30th November at 12 noon. This ensures that Mo can collate the gifts, the Salvation Army can collect them in their van, take them to their South Gloucestershire base for wrapping, and then deliver them in time for Christmas morning to the many local children who are known to them as being less fortunate, and otherwise likely to wake up on Christmas Day to find no presents.

There is a 3-minute video on YouTube and Mo's Facebook page to support this appeal and provide more information. In anticipation, to the many people who will generously respond to this appeal, Mo sends her heartfelt thanks.

Since the last appeal, Mo has moved from her home of 11 years in Olveston. Her new address is Elderflower Cottage, Salhouse Farm Park, Shaft Road, Seven Beach BS35 4NH. Contact: 0795 814 0896 or lewismollie829@gmail.com.

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Adrian Holmes

Open Studio 19th and 20th November, 10am to 4pm

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turning, I'd love to invite those of you who can, to come to an informal
exhibition of recent paintings as well as a selection of both framed and
unframed earlier work.

This Open Studio is not part of a wider public event - it's just me opening my
studio door to local people with an interest in art. Visitors will be able to try
their hand at abstract painting and creating an image using an Ipad.

See details below - and a couple of the paintings that will be on display.



Also on display will hand woven home accessories made by Amy Hodson.
Amy's work has featured in @mollies magazine and most recently in the
Charlotte TV series Dream Build on the Discovery+ and REALLY channels
from 5th of October

See her work on www.weavloveamy.co.uk and @weavloveamy Instagram.

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Thornbury Men's Shed

Lynn Shelley

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So far, The Men's Shed has provided 40 brilliantly renovated bikes to Ukrainian refugees - and they only ask, if possible, for a donation to cover their costs. South Glos Council has blown their very large trumpet about providing 20 bikes, but The Men's Shed has quietly gone about their work without any fuss at all.

So here I am - making a great, big fuss on their behalf. The volunteers working in The Men's Shed deserve a huge pat on the back for their valuable contribution to the lives of our Ukrainian guests. With bus services being few and far between and no access to a car, these bikes are a lifeline to a group of people who can only get a job if they have a means of transport. Their bikes are an absolute necessity.

The Men's Shed do something else, too. If you have garden tools with broken handles, a lamp that doesn't work or a sad looking clock with a tick but no tock, don't throw it away to be dumped in landfill. Take it to The Men's Shed. They will fix it for you - again, for a small donation to cover any costs. This morning, I took a much-loved piano lamp to them and within a few hours had a telephone call from them saying that they had fixed it. Try getting that level of service anywhere else!

Contact details? Bob Collins, Thornbury Men's Shed, 6 Eastland Road, Thornbury BS35 1DS, 01454 414834 or thornburymensshed@gmail.com

And of course, if you'd like to join their talented team, I'm sure they'd love to hear from you!

Olveston and Tockington WI

November at WI is AGM month, when we can look back on what has been a very successful past year and look ahead to what comes next. We hope some of our newer members will be happy to take part in running the meetings in one capacity or another - there are plenty of little jobs going!

After the business one of our own members, Victoria Sheridan, will be giving a talk called "Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner". Do come and hear what she has to tell us; it's sure to be entertaining!

Tuesday 8th November at 7.30 in the Parish Hall - we look forward to seeing you there.

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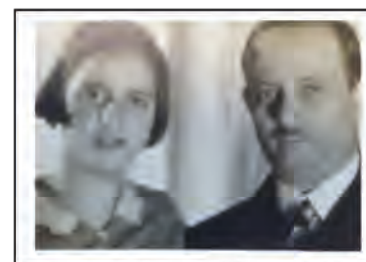
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Second World War Stories

Wednesday 2nd Nov. 7.30pm. Methodist Church, The Street, Olveston.
All welcome! Pay on door. Annual membership: £10. One meeting: £3.

A reminder that, at this meeting, which is open to all, we are going to show a selection of 10 minute edited filmed interviews carried out by Christina Wheeler, project officer for Second World War Stories, a recent South Gloucestershire Council-led project, carried out in association with the museums of South Gloucestershire.

In these films, Christina asked older South Gloucestershire residents for their memories of the Second World War. Sadly, some of the participants are no longer alive.



One of the most moving stories is that of the late Hella Hewison, interviewed in her Downend retirement home in her 90s, with her memories still very sharp. Hella, pictured here with her father, was born in Berlin on 7th January 1925 to German Jewish parents. She witnessed Kristallnacht and escaped on the Kindertransport. In the film, she reads the Red Cross letter from her mother saying goodbye before going to a concentration camp. Hella's mother, father and grandmother were all killed. Once in Britain, Hella studied hard and became the first non-British nurse at Southmead Hospital.

Other stories, told in an impressively matter-of-fact way, tell of romance, work, and family members going off to war. Come along and hear some first-hand testimonies of local people's experiences.

Olveston Parish Historical Society 2022/23

Wed. 2nd November 2022: In this month of Remembrance, we'll show some remarkable (and often moving) **Second World War Stories**, 10-minute films of older South Glos residents, some sadly no longer alive. Not to be missed. (See the separate article above about this meeting.)

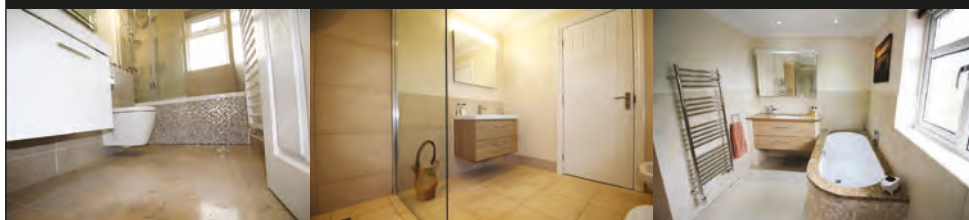
Wed. 7th December 2022: The Railway Comes to Thornbury: On the 150th anniversary of the arrival of trains in Thornbury, Meg Wise of Thornbury and District Museum will tell us how it all started and will regale us with tales of how, for a while, the railway was a vital part of the market town of Thornbury.

Wed. 4th January 2023: Dan Farrell, design engineer at the Moulton Bicycle Company, tells how Stephen Moulton in 1842 brought the secret of vulcanised rubber to England from Massachusetts, establishing a rubber factory in

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Wed. 1st March 2023: To coincide with a touring exhibition at Thornbury & District Museum, tonight we'll see extracts from beautifully **filmed interviews with South Glos. residents of Indian heritage**. Their stories span a century and encompass war, migration, family, work, community, friendship, home-sickness and belonging. They offer a real insight into individual lives and their wider context.

Wed. 5th April 2023: Brian Kemp returns to give us the second instalment of his history of **Olveston Court and Manor**, this time 1600 to the present day. Expect another fascinating, well-illustrated talk.

Venue: Olveston Methodist Church, The Street BS35 4DR at 7.30pm

Annual membership rate (for all talks): £10 in total - pay on the night
or £3 for a single meeting - pay on the night.

Programme Secretary: Jenny Newley 01454 202011

Website: <http://www.olvoston.com/historical-society>

Thornbury Choral Society Concert

On Saturday November 26th, Thornbury Choral Society will be performing their first concert of the 2022/23 season. The concert will take place at Castle school at 7.30pm (to be confirmed).

The programme is an exciting one including Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man (Number 17 in Classic FM's Hall of Fame listing for 2022) and Misa Criolla by Ariel Ramirez, an Argentinian composer whose piece is full of energetic South American rhythms accompanied by a large number of percussion instruments.

Tickets priced £14 (£14 on the door), Under-18 £5, are available from members or from Horders Stationers (after November 14th)
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"This movie put a smile on my face. It was nice to watch something so uplifting and entertaining. Great cast and good characters. I gave it an 8 because the court scenes were so great."

Doors open at 7pm, film starts at 7:30pm. Everyone welcome, no admission fee (although donations towards expenses are always welcome!). Tea & coffee, licensed bar.

CRUK Wine Challenge

The Thornbury and District Cancer Research Fun Wine Challenge is returning in November. This is an enjoyable evening when you have tastings of 8 different wines. If you know your Shiraz from your Cabernet Sauvignon then your knowledge can be tested with this fun quiz. Come along with your friends for a convivial evening when you can sample wines, enjoy cheeses and paté and help raise money for Cancer Research UK.

This event will take place at St Mary's Church Hall in Thornbury on Saturday November 12 for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £18 pp to include wines, food and entrance, and can be obtained from Jennie on 01454.415856 or Gill on 07866 580608 or from any committee member.

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Michael Lunts, from the Armstrong Arts Group team, is to present a concert featuring a number of highly talented young musicians. The event commemorates Remembrance Sunday and marks the sacrifice of those who served in the first and second world wars.



The concert will take place at The United Reformed Church, Chapel Street, Thornbury BS35 2BA on Sunday 13th November at 3.00pm. Tickets cost £7.50 or £5 for under 16 years. Tea and cakes will be served in the interval. Contact AAGThornbury@gmail.com or phone 01454 850933.



What would you like to do for nature locally?

Olveston Parish Council's local nature action plan, or LNAP, has been in place for about a year now. In the LNAP we set out our plans to focus on three main themes to help nature in the Parish, namely species,

habitats and community spaces.

Readers of Meeting Point may recall that to date we have focussed on two species, hedgehogs and swifts. For hedgehogs, with your help, mostly this means counting them, so that we can build up a picture of where they like to live in our community*. To help swifts we installed nesting boxes on the Parish Hall and St Mary's Church to provide more places for them to raise their young during their annual summer migration.

Now we'd like to hear from you to help us develop the next stage of the LNAP. If you have any ideas for a particular species you'd like the LNAP to focus on, please let us know. Send your ideas to our email address: olvestonwildlife@gmail.com.

* See The Big Hedgehog Map: <https://bighedgehogmap.org/> Please keep logging them! Or send your sightings to: olvestonhedgehogs@gmail.com



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Also, we are looking for volunteers to help man the church during this time. If anyone can offer some time between those hours on Monday 14th and Sunday 19th November, then please contact Clare.

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Yours Faithfully

Trevor Cook LLM

Focal minister, St, John's Aust

This year it seems that we are going to be colder and poorer (well, most of us at least) and that we are due to experience a very 'Bleak Midwinter', because, as Advent and Christmas approach, we face difficult choices about which of the many season's 'must haves' we can do without.

It's not a new problem; St. Paul himself explored his personal standing and future uncertainties in Chapter 13 of his first letter to the people of Corinth. He went on to define what love is and realised that love should be at the heart of everything he did; and that when all his uncertainties and unknowns were stripped away he saw that only three things matter:

"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

Faith that we have a God who determined to create a new relationship between him and ourselves and who sent to earth a child, a man, a Saviour.

Hope because this Saviour grew up to persuade us of this new relationship and way of living, this 'New Testament', by which we live today, knowingly or unknowingly.

Love, being the 'greatest of the three', is because that is the basis of the new relationship, which is that we should love and trust in God and love one another.

And so, whatever we can or cannot manage to make out of this 'holiday season' we can still keep faith in the one who inspired the celebration. At the same time, we must remember that, if we do everything with love in our hearts, then all will be well; and that we can keep hope that things will get better.

Then the only thing that will be 'bleak' this winter ought to be the weather!



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ST MARY the VIRGIN, OLVESTON

NB. Clergy taking services may change.

Nov 6	10am 6pm	Holy Communion Evensong	Revs Lloyd & Bone Rev David Moss
Nov 13	10am 6pm	Remembrance Day No Service	Rev Simon Edwards & Janet McBride
Nov 20	10am 6pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Fran Brealy Rev David Moss
Nov 27	10am 6pm	Holy Communion Advent Carols	Rev Ann Lloyd Rev Ann Lloyd, Janet McB Fran Brealey, Tracey Black

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CHAPELRY OF ST JOHN, AUST

Nov 13	10am	Morning Prayer	Trevor Cook
Nov 27	10am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone

Contact: Trevor Cook, 01454 618442

Church Wardens: Jenn Dickens 632312 & Clive Roberts 632238

ST MARY DE MALMESBURY, LITTLETON-ON-SEVERN

Nov 13	9am	Morning Prayer	Janet McBride
Nov 27	9am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bone

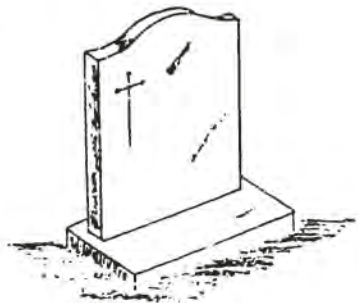
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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ELBERTON

Nov 13	9am	Morning Prayer	Judith Heybyrne
Nov 27	9am	Holy Communion	Judith Heybyrne

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Nov 13	10am	St Mary's Church	Remembrance Day Service
Nov 20	10am	Tock Ch	Morning Worship led by our Superintendent Minister, Rev Teddy Kalongo
Nov 27	10am	Olv Ch	Morning Worship led by Mr John Creech

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Diary Dates for November

Information believed to be correct at going to press.

1 Tues	Thornbury Macular and Low Vision Group Over 60's Coffee Morning, every Tuesday	10.30 10-12	TMH DGCL
2 Wed	Table Tennis every Wednesday OPHS 'WW2 Stories'	7pm 7.30	PH
3 Thurs	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop Low Noise Fireworks, Old Down Country Park	9-1.30 9-12 5pm	S+M
4 Fri	Over 60's Bingo or Quiz, every Friday Low Noise Fireworks, Old Down Country Park Fireworks at The Chantry	2-4 5pm 6.30	DGCL
5 Sat	Christmas Tabletop Sale Thornbury Volunteers Centre 'Refresh', relaxed fun for families Low Noise Fireworks, Old Down Country Park Fireworks, Mundy Playing Fields	10-2 4.30 5pm 6.30	AMH S+M
7 Mon	Severnvalle Flower Club Monday Movies	2pm 7.30	SMCH S+M
8 Tues	Over 60's Coffee Morning Thornbury Memory Café W.I. 'Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner' Aust Parish Council	10-12 10.15 7.30 7.30	DGCL TMH PH EVH
9 Wed	Octopus Drama, 'Give Us a Sign!' - a comedy - until Saturday (rescheduled)	7.30	CTK
10 Thur	Coffee Shop	9-12	S+M

11 Fri	Over 60's Bingo or Quiz Allotment Assoc'n AGM then Q&A's from local experts	2-4 7.30	DGCL PH
12 Sat	'Refresh', relaxed fun for families	4.30	S+M
13 Sun	Remembrance Parade Young Persons' Remembrance Sunday Concert United Reform Church, Thornbury	10.00 7.30	S+M
15 Tues	Over 60's coffee morning	10-12	DGCL
17 Thur	Thornbury Farmers' Market Coffee Shop	9 - 1.30 9-12	S+M
18 Fri	Over 60's Bingo or Quiz	2-4	DGCL
19 Sat	Model Railway exhibition, Turnberries, also Sunday 'Refresh', relaxed fun for families	10-5 4.30	S+M
22 Tues	Over 60's Coffee Morning, every Tuesday Thornbury Memory Café Thornbury Christmas Lights switch-on, tbc. Olveston Parish Council	10-12 10.15- 11.45 7.30	DGCL TMH PH
23 Wed	Severnvalle Flower Club, Practice Class	2pm	
24 Thur	Coffee Shop	10-12	S+M
26 Sat	'Refresh', relaxed fun for families Advent Celebration, Olveston Methodists Thornbury Choral Concert, Castle School (tbc)	4.30 10.30- 1.00 7.30	S+M
30 Wed	The Village Players, Pilning VH: 'Robinson Crusoe' until Saturday (with matinée).	7.30	

KEY: **AMH** - Alveston Methodist Hall, **CTK** - Christ the King, **DGCL** - Daldry Gardens Community Lounge, **EVH** - Elberton Village Hall, **OPH** - Olveston Parish Hall, **S+M** - St Mary's Church, **SMCH** - St Mary Church Hall Thornbury, **TMH** - Thornbury Methodist Church Hall

Looking Ahead to December

Fri 2nd 'A Causley Christmas', The Ship, Alveston, 7.30

Sat 3rd, 'The Femmes', St Mary's Church, Olveston, 7.00

Sat & Sun 3rd & 4th, 'The Pied Piper', Thornbury Musical Theatre Group, Olveston PH, 2pm & 7pm

Sat 10th, 'RockPipes', St Helen's Church, Alveston, 7.30



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