

# Horsell Matters



The Village Magazine from your Parish Church  
December 2020/January 2021

# Horsell Directory

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|                                    | Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals   | 772134   |
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|                                    | St Andrew's Room, Tues 9.30am to 11.30am, term time  |  |
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# St Mary's

Welcome to Horsell Matters for December 2020 and January 2021.

These are the two darkest months of the year so it is no coincidence that, at this festive season, we like to use lights in our individual and collective celebrations.

For the world's 2+ billion Christians, Christmas is one of the great festivals in our year.

It is the time when we celebrate the light of Christ coming into the world. He is a light that no darkness can ever overcome. He came into the world to be our mentor, guide and friend, so that we might live at one with our heavenly Father and share in the peace of his kingdom.

At St Mary's our Christmas celebrations may well have to be (rather) different this year. No matter! Our Christmas celebrations will be heartfelt and joyful. For very many people, Christmas is a time of goodwill to all, a time for celebrations with family and friends, a time when we exchange gifts, and enjoy good food and company.

But it is important to remember that Christmas time is not a time of good cheer for everyone. Some will suffer from 'winter depression' or SAD. Others will find themselves separated from loved ones by distance or death. For many people Christmas can be quite a lonely time. The empty chair speaks more loudly at Christmas than at just about any other time.

Please bear in mind any you know for whom this Christmas may be hard to

bear for whatever reason.

Immediately after Christmas comes New Year. 2020

surprised us with the Covid pandemic which has affected our lives so much. This New Year may be an anxious and uncertain time for some but, as St Paul reminded us, the love of God is something from which nothing, no power on earth or in heaven, can ever separate us. (Romans ch 8).

The present time has sometimes been compared with wartime. I am reminded that, in his 1939 Christmas Day broadcast to the nation, King George VI quoted from Minnie Haskins' poem "God Knows":

'And I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year,

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.'

Let us pray that the hand of God will guide all who live in our village into the coming year.

From St Mary's we pray that you and your families will be greatly blessed this Christmas and that we will all experience a fulfilling, happy and healthy New Year.

Roy Wernham. Licensed Lay Minister



# St Mary's Church Diary Dec-Jan 2021

All the services listed below are subject to Government Advice and may have to be cancelled.

## DECEMBER

|                       |                |  |
|-----------------------|----------------|--|
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 11.00am-4pm    | Private Prayer   |
|                       | 8.00pm         | Engine Room House of Prayer                              |
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.00am        | Morning Prayer   |
| Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 4.00pm         | Prayer at 4pm  |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>   | 11.00am-4pm    | Private Prayer   |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.00am        | Morning Prayer   |
|                       |                | Christingle Bags ready to collect                        |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.00am-10.00am | Christingle Bags ready to collect from St. Andrew's Room |
| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> | 2.45pm-4.00pm  | Christingle Bags ready to collect from St. Andrew's Room |
|                       | 4.00pm         | Prayer at 4pm  |
| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>  | 11.00am-4pm    | Private Prayer   |
| Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.00am        | Parish Communion   |
|                       |                | Nine Lessons & Carols (available on-line or distributed) |
|                       | 6.30pm         | Contemplative Meditation                                 |
| Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 4.00pm         | Prayer at 4pm  |
| Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | 11am-4pm       | Private Prayer   |
| Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> |                | NO MIDNIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE                            |
| Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.00am        | Christmas Family Communion                               |
| Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>  |                | Morning Prayer (available on-line or distributed)        |
| Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>  | 11.00am-4pm    | Private Prayer   |

## JANUARY

|                       |             |                             |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | 10.00am     | Morning Prayer              |
| Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 4.00pm      | Prayer at 4pm               |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>   | 11.00am-4pm | Private Prayer              |
|                       | 8.00pm      | Engine Room House of Prayer |
| Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.00am     | Parish Communion            |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> | 4.00pm      | Prayer at 4pm               |
| Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>  | 11.00am-4pm | Private Prayer              |
| Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.00am     | Morning Prayer              |
|                       | 6.30pm      | Contemplative Meditation    |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> | 4.00pm      | Prayer at 4pm               |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>  | 11.00am-4pm | Private Prayer              |
| Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.00am     | Morning Prayer              |
|                       | 6.30pm      | Praise & Peaceful Prayer    |
| Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>  | 11.00-4pm   | Private Prayer              |
| Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>  | 10.00am     | Morning Prayer              |

## FEBRUARY

|                      |             |                |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 4.00pm      | Prayer at 4pm  |
| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 11.00am-4pm | Private Prayer |
| Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.00am     | Morning Prayer |

# St Mary's Church Christingle

Collect your  
Christingle making kit



**Available from St Andrew's Room**

Monday 14th December 2.45 - 4pm

Tuesday 15th December 2.45 - 4pm

To donate to the Children's Society  
Use the provided envelopes or through

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stmaryshorsellchristmas2020](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stmaryshorsellchristmas2020)

Saint Mary the Virgin  
— Horsell —

# St Mary's

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## REGISTERS

December – January 2021

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### BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

We offer our sympathy to the families and friends of those who have died:

**Barry Bartlet, Stephen Bruckshaw Jennifer Butcher, Vera Cox, Roy Jarvis, Molly Joyce, Rachel Lewis, Brenda Moody, Maisie Morgan, Norman Sharp, Ronald Taylor**

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of the church:

**Joel Arnold, Alfred Williams**

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# Churchyard Cat

**C**hristmas – no special presents for me, thanks. I not only don't need expensive accessories, I don't appreciate them. All I want is the chance to pounce about in all that wrapping paper my people will soon be casting aside, that, and the use of a newly assembled screw of paper fastened to a piece of string, like one of my girls makes for me. I can be really kittenish with one of those when it's trailed in front of me.

Parties don't appeal to me either – too much noise, strangers, nowhere to sit. I need an escape route to some secluded spot when the humans are in party mode. Perhaps it'll be quieter this year. Perhaps there will be just a choice of warm laps in front of the television, where I can do some festive purring. Then there's the food. I'll certainly eat



up the treats that are offered to me, meat or fish, or bowls of cream. But they're really not good for me. My usual meals, at the usual time, are best, especially as I'm not as young as I used to be.

Cats, as you know, don't wish anyone a merry Christmas or a happy New Year. But if they could, I would.

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## Parish in the Past

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**N**inety years ago, one of foremost helpers at Horsell parish church moved to Sussex after 24 years in the village. His leaving presents were possibly not what would have been chosen now, but the thoughtfulness and warmth of feeling that lay behind their choice still appear when someone well-loved moves away today.

At the time, Reg Carter wrote to the vicar: 'Will you be so good as to convey to the many friends and well-wishers who joined in the presentation made

to us... the warmest thanks of my wife and myself for the very handsome gifts of Chiming Clock, Travelling Rug and Pic-nic Case.

We also thank our friends in the Boys' Brotherhood, Girls' Fellowship, Littlewick Church, the Sick and Benefit Club and the Headmaster of the Day school for their gifts and good wishes. Taking part in the Church life of Horsell has been a duty, a privilege and a great joy and we shall take with us many happy memories.'

# Holiday Crafts

## Welcome to Christingle

As you will understand, we are unable to have our run of three very busy services on Christmas Eve, but we have put a plan together to ensure you can still enjoy the fun of assembling your very own Christingle.

### How to make a Christingle

A Christingle meaning 'Christ Light' is a symbol of the Christian Faith. They're great fun to make during the festive period.

A growing number of churches hold Christingle services at or around Christmas. The services derive from a Moravian custom of distributing lighted candles to children on Christmas Eve in order to celebrate Christ, the Light of the world.

So what is a Christingle? Even if you haven't heard of the word you'll certainly recognise one. A Christingle is made up of the following 'ingredients':

- An orange representing the world
- A red ribbon around it representing the blood of Jesus
- Fruits and sweets (usually dolly mixtures) are skewered on 4 cocktail sticks which are pushed into the orange representing the fruits of the earth and the four seasons
- Finally a lighted candle is pushed into the centre of the orange representing Christ, the Light of the world

Christingle services may be held in Advent, at Christmas, or in Epiphany, three festivals celebrating light.

If you come to St Mary's Church on any of the following dates, you will be given a Christingle Bag of goodies with instructions to help you and your family make one.

We will be open in St Andrew's Room on:- Monday 14th December from 2.45 – 4pm and Tuesday 15th December from 2.45 – 4pm (to coincide with parents picking their children up from the schools), subject to Government guidance.

See whose Christingle is the brightest In your family.

Mike Couper

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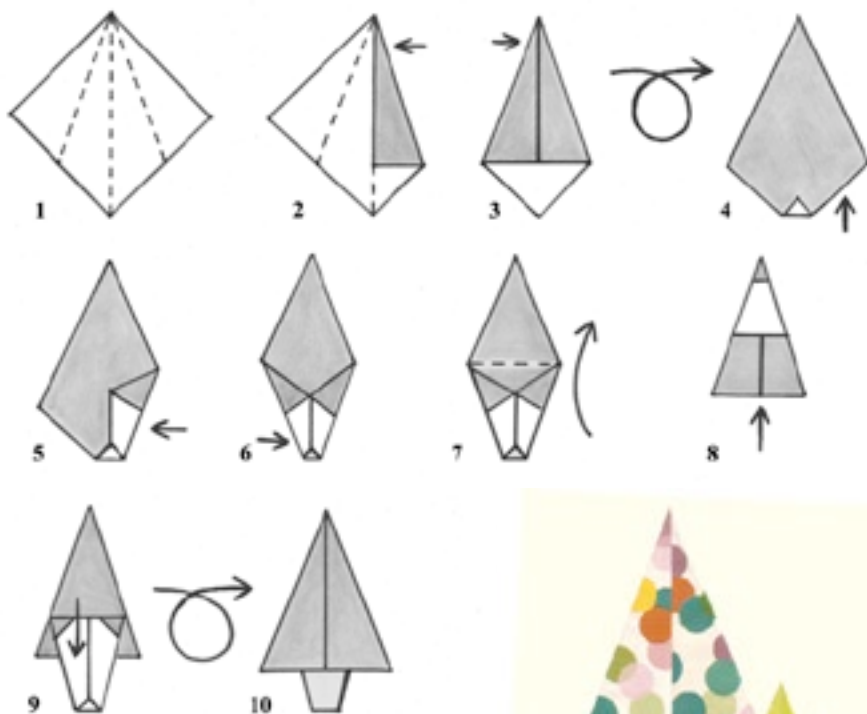
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# Holiday Crafts

## Origami Christmas Tree

Fold this simple tree from a square of paper, plain or patterned. The size of your tree will depend on the size of your paper – go for dolls' house size or something much larger!

Key: Fold line - - - - - ; Tree front  ; Flip side/Tree pot 



Glue folds into place at the back of the finished tree

You can decorate your tree by colouring it in, adding stickers, glitter – whatever takes your creative fancy. A tree could be used to embellish a card with or a collection of trees strung in a line as bunting, or grouped together in a Christmas scene.



# Holiday Crafts

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## Simple Christmas Table Decoration

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A decoration like this can be made with items easily found:

1. A container: eg. flower pot, margarine pot, cut down milk container, cup, vase etc.
2. A candle or glow stick.
3. Damp earth or sand.
4. Small pieces of evergreen plants (eg. ivy, holly etc) and/or tinsel, small stars etc.
  - a) If you are using plant pieces the soil/sand will be best kept damp. If the container has a hole in the base stand it on a saucer.
  - b) Pack it with earth or sand
  - c) You could cover the container with wrapping paper if you like.
  - d) Start by putting the candle or glow stick in the middle, firm it in.
  - e) Stick some bits of greenery (or equivalent ) into the earth near the edge of the container.



- f) Fill with more greenery (or other bits) to a lower height than the candle or glow stick.

**SAFETY:** If you light the candle do not leave it unattended.

# Christmas Stamps

Since opening his studio in 2012, Chris Challinor, founder & Creative Director of Studio Up in Horsell, has designed many stamp issues for Royal Mail. However, he has a particularly good reason to send Christmas cards this year....

“Finally, after a year in the making, I can share the 2020 Christmas stamps I was commissioned to design in collaboration with Royal Mail. Focussing on the craftsmanship and highly detailed decorative art of stained-glass windows in Anglican churches, we have a set of eight stamps celebrating the birth of Jesus. Previous years’ stamps have highlighted different aspects of Christmas and the nativity theme. This year we look to the portrayal of Mary and Jesus from different eras, styles and techniques. You may think this is easy, but many stained-glass windows do not depict Jesus as a babe in arms. We had to

research the length and breadth of the country to identify the Anglican church windows that show Jesus as a newborn being cradled by the Virgin Mary. Once the searching and research was completed there was then the intensive task of selecting and creating a set of stamps from huge number of images that felt cohesive. After many hours, days and weeks working closely with Royal Mail looking and discussing design approaches and layouts I came up with the idea that we needed that naturally link them together... sounds obvious but it was light (sunlight). So by creating (digital) sunlight to enhance the lead and the stained-glass to suggest they were illuminated. The end result is a cohesive set of stamps that, along with the associated stamp collectibles I designed, really did take a year to piece together.”

[www.royalmail.com/christmas2020](http://www.royalmail.com/christmas2020)



## *Stamp acknowledgements*

**2nd class** – Adoration of the Magi (detail) from St Andrew’s Church, East Lexham, Norfolk

**1st class** – Virgin and Child (detail) from St Andrew’s Church, Coln Rogers, Gloucestershire

**£1.45** – Virgin and Child (detail) from the Church of St James, Hollowell, Northamptonshire

**£1.70** – Virgin and Child (detail) from All Saints’ Church, Otley West Yorkshire

**£2.50** – The Holy Family (detail) from St Columba’s Church, Topcliffe, North Yorkshire

**£2.55** – Virgin and Child (detail) from Christ Church, Coalville, Leicestershire

# New Nurture Room at Horsell C of E Junior School



September saw the full return of all children to Horsell Junior after a very challenging few months. It has been truly wonderful to hear the sound of laughing and chatting throughout the school, and all of us are incredibly thankful that life for our children is, in some ways at least, returning to normal. As a church school we believe that we are all 'made in the image of God', and, as such, we all deserve to experience 'life in all its fullness'. We want all our children to know that they are cherished and that our school is a place where they are safe, happy and secure. In the summer we therefore decided to convert one of our buildings into a 'Nurture Room' –a space for children to relax, speak to adults and participate in small group work dedicated to their mental health. Members of our local community have helped with

the fundraising effort, through our crowd funding page and the selling of lavender bags. We are incredibly grateful to all of those people who have donated.

The room is now bright and airy, with a lovely mural on one wall, bean bags, sofas, toys, Lego and a sandpit. Our school counsellor uses the space every Friday, and specially trained TAs work with children

throughout the day. Over the coming months we hope to 'wrap' the building in a bright mural so that it can be a sign of hope for all of our children –both inside and out. If you would like to see the inside of our new Nurture room, or find out more about Horsell C of E Junior School in general, please watch our new video [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T\\_o-fMLzvZY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_o-fMLzvZY) or visit our website: [www.horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk)

If your child is currently in Year 2, the application process for a Year 3 place is now open. Please contact the school office if you require any further information about how to apply for a place at our school..

Mrs Wand  
Headteacher

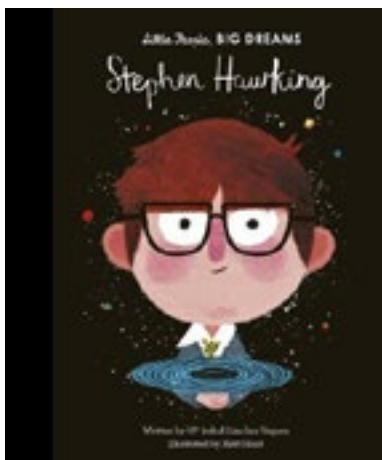
# Children's Books – Review

## Little People; Big Dreams

Just for a change, I thought it might be good to include a book for the smaller people. This particular series is a winner with my granddaughters and their parents because it takes them into their dreams and their future. Yes, it is educational in that the biographies are about real heroes, and many of them, not so long ago, but they are also aspirational for everyone. Who hasn't looked up to the stars and wondered if they could see the workings of the universe or doodled with felt pens and thought about being a famous artist. Even kicking a ball might be the start of becoming a hero like Pele.

Bright, interesting and well designed, this series is about dreams and when is it more appropriate than when we are all thinking about a new year to have our own dreams of becoming famous for a reason not just a celebrity.

Susan Rowlatt



# Book Review

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## Where The Crawdads Sing

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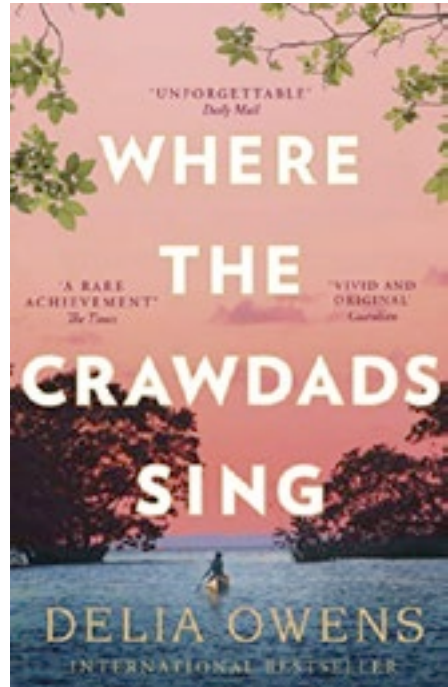
**By Delia Owens**

**W**here the Crawdads Sing is the debut novel by Delia Owens, an American Wildlife scientist.

The author draws on her naturalist background to vividly and critically depict a Southern American society that's still within living memory.

The main storyline spans 1952 – 1970 but starts in 1969 with the discovery of the body of the town's 'Golden Boy' in the marshes. Was it an accident or was it murder? We then meet the main character, Kya, and follow her life between the ages of 6 and 25, as she grows up alone in a shack in the coastal marshes of North Carolina after being abandoned by her mother, siblings and finally her father.

The story alternates between Kya's life and the investigation into the death. The book describes how Kya learns to survive on her own, how her spirit thrives in the marsh and how she avoids the town because she is an object of ridicule for her strange ways. The descriptions of the wildlife, nature and the landscape are wonderful, Delia Owens depicts Kya as a person who sees nature as something to be preserved and not just someone who depends on it for her existence. The birds, trees, flowers and animals of the marshland are brought to life through Kya's descriptions and drawings.



Another aspect of the author's skill is her depiction of Kya's existence from being an abandoned, illiterate child into a gifted and skillful commentator on the Natural World, as well as a persuasive communicator...

The two themes of the novel merge in 1969 with a murder trial in 1970.

The book has many themes so would appeal to a wide audience. It is a deeply affecting novel, lyrical and unforgettable.

Anne & Michael Smith

# Big Churchyard Birdwatch



I like making lists, and I like looking at birds, so it's no surprise that I enjoy the Big Garden Birdwatch, a bit of citizen science organised by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds each January. Like thousands of others, I usually sit warmly in my house watching my garden for an hour, and making a note of every different species of bird that appears. Then I send my list to the RSPB, where it becomes part of the annual national survey that reflects increases and decreases in birds across the nation's gardens.

And its parks, and school grounds, because these are included. And, this year, I'm hoping that birds in at least one churchyard will be listed – in Horsell churchyard, off Wilson Way. I'm planning to sit somewhere in the churchyard for an hour during the Big Garden Birdwatch days, Friday January 29 to Sunday January 31, and see what comes along.

There's plenty of room in the churchyard, and several different habitats, which should appeal to different birds.

If you like spotting birds, come too; wrap up warmly, possibly bring a folding seat with you; pick your spot and time and spare one hour for ornithology. We may not see each other, but if everyone who takes part sends a list to Horsell Matters, we'll get a general picture of which birds were using our communal churchyard that winter weekend.

The RSPB would like to know too. They have a useful website that provides advice on how to carry out your watching; a form on which to list the birds; and lots of help in identifying them. Go to [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk) or write to RSPB, The Lodge, Potton Road, Sandy, SG19 2DL.

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# Happy New Year – the Scottish Way!

**W**hile Christmas is traditionally a family event, New Year is a party one, and no-where is a party quite like a party in Scotland at Hogmanay. As befits the capital city, Edinburgh turns into party central with its epic 6 hour street party with performers of all sorts. There are ceilidhs everywhere because everyone knows how to dance for a good time!

First footing is still part of the traditional Hogmanay. Traditional gifts include a lump of coal, along with shortbread, a black bun and whisky to toast to a Happy New Year. These days shortbread and whisky will suffice.

But if all this seems a bit tame to you, then how about joining in with a bit of Fireball swinging which takes place in Stonehaven where 50 to 60 big, burly men parade through the streets of this ancient fishing village swinging balls of fire above their heads at the stroke of midnight. The ceremony dates from a fisherman's festival in the 19th century but these torch processions go way back to before Christianity.

So after all these festivities, how do you shake off the monumental hangover? Swimming the Loony Dook – is quite possibly the strangest Scottish New Year tradition. This bizarre celebration takes place on the first day of the New Year. Up to a thousand people in fancy dress throw themselves into the icy water of the Firth of Forth at South Queensferry. For those who are not quite so brave, there is the traditional

Redding the House – rather than a spring clean, the Scots have a New Year's clean to welcome in the New Year. Cleaning one's house also extends to clearing one's debts. This sounds a great deal more energetic than making some resolutions!

However you have spent the morning, it is also quite traditional to eat a steak pie for lunch on New Year's Day. Have you tasted a black bun which is a traditional cake served at New Year? It is a very rich fruit cake encased in pastry. With all those carbohydrates one can see why a swim or housework was a good idea!

What wonderful customs and what a joyous way to start the New Year, but even in more restrained or less sociable times, there are still two customs which have become world-wide traditions: eating shortbread and singing Auld Lang Syne. When singing Auld Lang Syne, people should cross hands and sing, or slur but only cross hands for the last verse. Whatever the future brings, we can all sing together, cross hands with whoever is allowed in our house and look forward to a safer and more sociable 2021. Don't forget the shortbread!

Helen Dennison & Susan Rowlett

# Charities



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## Woking Cards For Good Causes Charity Shop will be open as usual this year

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Despite all that is happening this year, the Woking Cards For Good Causes Shop will open on Friday 23rd October in Christchurch, Jubilee Square, Woking. The shop is open every Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm. Founded in 1959 the CFGC shop has been in Woking for many years and this year we are in the Octagon room which will allow much more space for “socially distanced” customers.

Our CFGC shop has cards from over 30 Charities, each with 8 designs of cards so that’s over 250 different cards to choose from. As not-for-profit organisation, 100% of our proceeds (that’s 70p in the £1) is donated to local and national charities. So, please do come and find us on the first floor and support them as charities vitally need funds more than ever this year!

Local Charities include: The Friends of Woking Community Hospital, White Lodge Centre, and The Woking & Sam Beare Hospice.

National Charities are Alzheimer’s Society, Barnardo’s, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK, Cystic Fibrosis Trust, Diabetes UK, Epilepsy Action, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, MIND, Motor Neurone Disease Association, M S Society, Multiple Sclerosis Trust, National Autistic Society, National Deaf Children’s Society, Parkinson’s UK, Perennial Gardeners’ Royal Benevolent Society, Queen Elizabeth’s Foundation for Disabled People, RNLI, Save the Children, Shelter, SSAFA, Stroke Association, Versus Arthritis, WWF, and The 1959 Group of Charities.

Shoppers will also be able to shop for traditional advent calendars and candles, wrapping paper, gift tags, napkins and stocking fillers. It’s a fantastic way to support a wide range of Charities while you are out in Woking - we look forward to seeing you there!

# Charities

## CAN'T MEET? THEN GREET!



This year The Friends of Woking Community Hospital have a new range of cards and we hope that you can help support WCH and the NHS by sending cards to those you are unable to be with this year in these uncertain times. The cards are available from the Cards for Good Causes shop in Christchurch, Jubilee Square, Woking on the first floor or direct see below. All

the cards are priced at £4 or less for a pack of 10 and wherever you buy them over 70% goes to FWCH.

We are still supporting the WCH by purchasing items from their "Wish list" including a dishwasher for the staff to save washing up cups and plates whilst they are on shift and a mobility aid for the rehabilitation of patients.

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# Charities

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If you do not need this money a donation of your Winter Fuel Payment or perhaps some of it would be much appreciated. Please submit on line at [virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Wenceslas2020](http://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Wenceslas2020).

Alternatively cheques made payable to Woking Lions Club Cio can be posted or hand delivered to:

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# Charities

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## JIGSAW

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Jigsaw aim to support families in financial need who have pre-school children. They provide good quality pre-owned clothing, toys, and equipment to those that need it. Jigsaw is free of charge, and is a simple approach to showing God's love in a practical way. Jigsaw are excited to announce the Lighthouse is now open for a collection service! Families are able to stop for a cuppa and a chat if they would like, and collect their pre-requested items. In order to facilitate this we are now operating a hybrid of our normal ways of working and our COVID response.

### How it works

#### REFERRALS

Replacing the voucher system, families can now be referred via email using the REFERRAL FORM on the website. This referral will last for 6months, and families will be able to make requests (1 per month) for 6 months. Requests can be made by yourselves, or from the family directly. The request can be made by filling in the REQUEST FORM at this email address.

#### COLLECTIONS

The Lighthouse will be open for Jigsaw collections on a Wednesday morning between 10:30am – 12:30pm. Only pre-requested items can be collected. Referrers may collect on behalf of the family during our Wednesday session, or may arrange another time with the Jigsaw team directly.

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#### QUESTIONS

Do drop us an email or give us a call on 07450 187394 if you have any further questions. To find out more about what is going on at the Lighthouse, do visit <https://www.lighthousewoking.org/>



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# Recipes

## Almond Biscotti

My daughter, who lives in Melbourne, sent me this recipe. During lockdown she has done quite a lot of baking and since her partner's family are originally from Sicily she loves Italian themed recipes.

Wrapped, these biscotti make a great 'foodie' gift.

**Makes about 60 small or 30 large**

250g plain flour  
¼ tsp. bicarbonate of soda  
2 large eggs, at room temperature  
220g caster sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
100g blanched almonds  
100g dried sweetened cranberries  
(or sultanas/raisins)

### Method

Pre-heat oven to 180C. Line 2 large baking trays with non-stick baking paper.

Sift the flour and bicarb. together. Use an electric mixer to beat the eggs, sugar and vanilla, on medium speed, for 5-6 minutes or until thick and pale. Add the flour mixture and beat on a low speed until just combined and a soft dough forms. Stir in the almonds & cranberries with a wooden spoon.

Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface and divide into four equal portions. Use lightly floured hands to shape each portion into a log about 12cm long.



Transfer the logs to the lined baking trays leaving about 7cm between each one. Use your hands to flatten the logs so they are about 8cm wide.

Bake for 25mins until light golden and firm to touch. Leave on the trays for 45mins to cool.

Reduce oven to 130C. Put logs on a chopping board and use a bread knife to cut into 8mm slices (lengthways or widthways depending how large you like them!). Return to the lined trays and bake for 20 mins.

Leave on the trays for 5 mins, and then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

# Recipes

## Sausage and Butter Bean Casserole

This thick, slightly spicy casserole is ideal for a winter evening.

### Serves 4

12 chipolata sausages  
150g chorizo picante, thickly sliced  
1 tbl. Olive oil  
6 rashers streaky bacon, cut into large pieces  
1 large onion, chopped  
4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced  
400ml can chopped tomatoes  
2 x 425g cans butter beans, drained and rinsed  
2 bay leaves  
2 tbl. Grain mustard  
50g panko breadcrumbs



Simmer over a low heat, covered, for about 15 mins, remove from heat and sprinkle over the breadcrumbs.

Bake in oven for 25mins until the crumbs are golden and the casserole is piping hot.

### Method

Pre-heat oven to 190C

In a heavy flameproof casserole cook the chipolatas & chorizo in the olive oil until golden on all sides. Remove chipolatas and set aside.

Add bacon, onion, & garlic and cook for about 5-6 mins, then stir in chopped tomatoes. Cook for a minute or two then re-add chipolatas.

Bring to the boil; add the drained & rinsed butter beans, bay leaves, mustard and some freshly ground black pepper.

# Recipes

## Ginger Stained Glass Biscuits

These could make a pretty, homemade additions to your Christmas tree.

### Ingredients (makes 14 biscuits)

175g plain flour

1 -2 tsps of ginger

100g (oz) unsalted butter

½ tsp of salt

50g golden caster sugar

1 tsp of milk

Clear, fruit flavoured  
boiled sweets

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### Method

1. Pre-heat the oven to 180C/Gas 4 and line 2 baking trays with non-stick baking parchment.
2. Put the flour, ginger, butter and salt into a food mixer and whizz until the contents resemble fine breadcrumbs. Gradually add the sugar and milk. Remove mixture from the processor and quickly knead on a floured worksurface until the dough is smooth. Wrap in clingfilm and refrigerate for ½ an hour.
3. Roll out the dough on a floured worksurface to about 5mm thickness. Use 7cm cutters to cut out shapes, and then smaller cutters of the same shape, or a knife, to cut out the middles. Make a hole in the top of each biscuit using a skewer or a straw. Carefully place each biscuit on a baking tray.
4. Crush the boiled sweets with a rolling pin (most easily done whilst they are still in their wrappers) and fill the hole in the middle of each biscuit with pieces of sweet (the sweet chips should not come higher than the biscuit dough). Bake for 15 -20 minutes until biscuits are golden brown and the sweets melted.
5. Remove from the oven and allow to cool. If the holes at the top of the biscuits have closed at all then reopen whilst the biscuits are still warm.
6. Once cool, the biscuits can be iced (optional) and threaded with narrow ribbon. Hang biscuits on your Christmas tree or tied to a string to make a garland. If kept dry and not too warm, these biscuits will last for several weeks as decorations.



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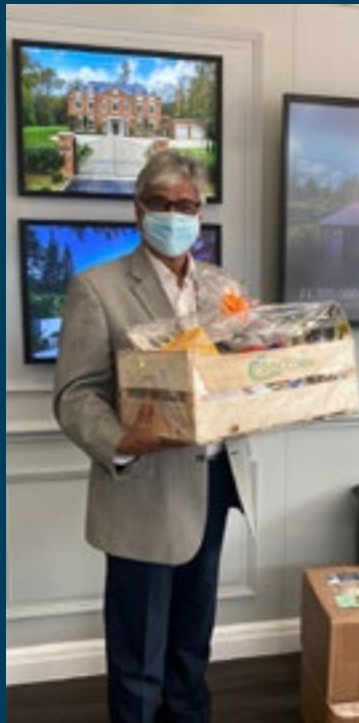


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