

# Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



From a painting by D.R.Styles of Father Christmas at the  
Tewkesbury Lights 2021.

**December 2022.**

## The Monthly Message—December 2022

As we sit down to leaf through this festive edition of the parish magazine, we may well be aware of life trying to push us into an ever more frenzied whirlwind of planning, shopping, cooking, wrapping, writing cards, and thinking of or doing all the other things that go along with Christmas preparations. The churches in the benefice also are gearing up for a busy time with additional and joyful services like carol services, Christingle, and of course Midnight Mass and Christmas morning services.

And at the heart of this all is...? The obvious answer may be “Jesus!” and we would not be wrong, but before he could be born something else had to happen first.

And it started with the angel Gabriel visiting Mary and telling her that something momentous would happen. And Mary, after pondering what the angel had told her, said “Yes.”

The highlight of December is of course the celebration of the birth of Jesus. And alongside the frenzy of Christmas planning and preparations, there is a much calmer but no less joyful and exciting sense of waiting. The season of Advent, the four weeks prior to Christmas, is all about that exciting time of waiting. In our church services, this is symbolised by the lighting of an additional candle in the Advent wreath each Sunday, so bringing more light into the increasing darkness of shorter days to help us prepare to celebrate again the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Perhaps part of our preparation for Christmas could be to take some time out once a week, perhaps on Sunday, perhaps another day, to light first one, then two, then three, then four candles to symbolise and support our joyful anticipation. Wait till it's dark outside, don't switch the lights on yet, but find some beautiful candles and put them somewhere special. The first week, light just one candle. Perhaps play some

special Christmas music, perhaps read slowly and ponder the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, or anything else that helps us to experience that sense of joyful anticipation. The second week, light two candles – and so on. What will you do to prepare for the celebration of the Light of the World born into our midst?

We hope to see you at one of our services, so we can wish you in person a .....

**VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**

Peace and blessings to you all,

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### **Church Services for Tredington and Stoke Orchard.**

#### **November 2022**

- Sunday 4th December 9.30am Morning Worship at Tredington
- Sunday 11th December 9.30am Holy Communion at Stoke Orchard
- Friday 16th December 7pm Carol service at Tredington
- Sunday 18th December 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington
- Saturday 24th December 4pm Christingle at Stoke Orchard and 11.30pm Midnight Mass at Tredington .
- Sun. 25th December 10am Family Christmas service at Tredington

#### ***Request for help and Donations. Please.-***

#### ***TRUSSELL TRUST TEWKESBURY shopping list for food bank:***

We urgently need: Tinned Fruit, Tinned tomatoes, Instant Mash, Shampoo, Deodorants, Small jars of instant coffee, Tomato and Brown Ketchup.

***As we are able to shop at places like Bookers, a monetary donation would be much appreciated right now. BACS details are as follows: Tewkesbury Foodbank, sort code 30-91-87, account no 52870560***

# The Tredington News Pages

**TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI** met in November for their AGM. Gill Stockwell is our new president. In December the Christmas meeting is on **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in Tredington Village Hall.** Phil Collins & Mike will entertain with a Dickensian Christmas which will include songs, poems words, actions & audience participation. Members are asked to bring a small plate of finger food to share.

**TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB** next meet in Tredington Village Hall on **Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.** Subs of £12 will be due & new programmes given out. Our speaker will be **DJ Crisp of the RSPB talking on "Birds of Gloucestershire"**.

**TREDINGTON VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE** held a very happy & successful Whist Drive in Tredington Village Hall on November 11<sup>th</sup>. 32 people attended. More events in the New Year!

**The four trees celebrating our late Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee were planted in Tredington Village Hall's Garden by the PCC, The VHIC the WI & the Gardening Club.**



## STOKE ORCHARD & TREDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



Parish Councillors from 6th March 2021 are:-

Cllr Richard Chatham, Cllr Andrew Troughton, Cllr James Gilder,  
Cllr Alan McDonald, Cllr Tim Jukes, Councillor Graham Ferguson,  
Councillor George Fairbairn

Contact Details – through the Clerk - Mrs Michelle Hinde

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Minutes of Past Meetings are to be found on the Parish Council Website.

### ***Notice of Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Meeting***

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday December 6th at 7.00pm. at the Community Centre, Stoke Orchard and will be held according to standard Parish Council Meeting regulations. The Council will continue the Clerks special Powers Facility invoked for Covid Regulations for the foreseeable future. The Full Minutes of the November meeting will be available when approved by Council.

**[www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk](http://www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk)**

### **New Parish Councillors.**

At the November Parish Council Meeting, the Council were extremely happy to welcome Graham Ferguson and George Fairbairn as new members of the Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council. The Council was extremely grateful to Su Shorrocks, Chair of the Community Speed Watch, who was also interested in becoming a Councillor but kindly reserved her application until the Full Council Elections in May 2023.

The Council did investigate the possibility of expanding the Council to 8 Councillors but apparently, according to the Local Government regulations, we are governed by the number of voters who are recorded in the Parish. However, as was started last month, we are expanding the responsibility of the work within the Parish by incorporating Sub Committees so allowing more residents to take an active part in the governance and work within the Parish.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, members of the Parish Council met with members of the Junction 10 team. This is the group who are in the process of finalising the Application for the Expansion of M5 Junction 10 into a 4-way junction. The ramifications of this expansion on our Parish and other surrounding rural parishes like Elmstone Hardwick, Uckington, Boddington and Staverton are tremendous. The late Councillor Phil Ternouth was an expert on these matters having been a town planner with traffic management experience and we have been doing our best to maintain the work he started. Indeed, our meeting centred around some of the proposed Traffic management levels he had had been so keen for the J10 team to supply. The figures provided seem somewhat flawed and the Council were keen to explain that some developments had been missed and base figures were outdated.

The J10 team offered us support in HGV control and we were keen to procure safe routes for pedestrians, cyclists and also horses this being a rural area and organised safety areas around the school and within both villages. The Councillors listed serious concerns over the Junction at the Gloucester Old Spot as there had been no recognition of the danger at that point. Finally, the J10 members admitted they had looked at this site but were adamant that it needed no further alterations. We await the response to our concerns as the Application will be submitted in February. That Application may yet still fail if it can be proved that it is based on unproven design and traffic management.

It is for this reason, if it fails, they lose the £210,000,000 grant from Homes England that is financing the deal, they need our support. However when we made the point that without the suggested Junction 9 improvements or J9a replacement the problems could only get worse, they did agree to further our discussions. If only we could achieve some improvements— footways, traffic calming and cycle ways as part a deal for our support. Watch this space.



## Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Community Speed Watch



### November update:

As part of our bid to the Community Speed Watch fund, we have received 200 large Bin Stickers to promote speed awareness in our villages. Below are images of the stickers.

If you think your bins are displayed in a good location for drivers to see a speed awareness message, please let us know via [speed.watch@sotpc.co.uk](mailto:speed.watch@sotpc.co.uk) or leave a message for CSW at the Stoke Orchard Community shop - thank you!

**Let's get the message out there - please drive carefully through our villages!!**



## 2022—a Year of Mixed Emotions

As we, hopefully, look forward to Christmas, it is inevitable that we look back over the past year. A year when all lives have been touched by international events at home and abroad. The Invasion of the Ukraine by Russian troops in February has struck hard in our hearts and our pockets .

Then the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the 8th September , so soon after we had celebrated with such happiness , her Platinum Jubilee. The Accession to the throne of King Charles III will be followed by his Coronation in 2023. The Coronation of his Mother was

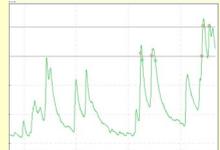


probably the first major event that I can remember in the Villages and I so

hope that we can, once more, bring the Community together and decorate the Villages to celebrate that special day in a very special way.



On the home front , it has been another busy year for the Parish with so much achieved by the Parish Council and other groups. The last few days of torrential rain have shown the benefits of our new Flood gauges which warned us three times this week of impending floods only to be saved at the last minute. The cleansing of both the Swilgate and the Dean have proved invaluable in preventing



road closures and local damage. Situated where we are, most of the water that passes through our Parish in the Hyde, The Dean, The Swilgate and the Moor are generated from the slopes of Cleeve Hill, in the same way that we have to deal with traffic that is generated elsewhere from the A 46 , A435, A4019 as escapes routes..

So here is wishing to you all a few days respite from the toil and trouble, but please remember those who will work through Christmas so you can eat , drink, and be merry in safety.



**Wishing you and Your Families a Very Happy Christmas.**

# Stoke Orchard and Tredington Neighbourhood Watch.

Co-ordinators     John Newton - S.O.  
Richard Chatham - Tred.



It is some months since we published this page, but as Christmas approaches, so the level of SCAMS on line, by telephone or by email, increases. Many millions of £'s have been stolen—

**So— Stop — Think and Remember. If a deal sounds too good to be true—IT PROBABLY IS!**



If you are enrolled with this site below , you will get the best advice.    <https://www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk/>

Action Fraud and the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) are urging online shoppers to protect their accounts, check before they buy, and use secure payment methods in order to stay ahead of the threat from criminals this shopping season

**So Stay Safe - Be Aware - join—  
"Your Community Alerts".**

**Never-Never-Never—reveal your passwords to ANYONE.  
No Bank Or Building Society will ever ask you for it!**





# Tredington Primary School



## A Few Items from the Winter Newsletter

### Winter Wardrobe Swap,

Uniforms can be expensive, family circumstances can change and sometimes keeping your children clean and warm can be more difficult than you'd ever imagined. As a result, we will be starting a winter coat project at Tredington Primary School. If you have any outgrown coats, hats, scarves or gloves, we would love if you were able to donate them to the school. We want to help support the children in our local community through the cold winter months.

### ACE Celebration

Well done to our ACE award winners. You have impressed the Tredington team with your progress in reading, your sharing of ideas and your beautiful handwriting. Keep up the

### EYFS Update

This term we have started our new Talk For Writing text 'Polar Bear Polar Bear'. We have enjoyed exploring the Arctic alongside this: freeing animals from ice by investigating the different ways we can melt it. We have been looking at where the Arctic is on the globe and thinking about the similarities and difference with where we live. We have also been looking at the different animals that live in the Arctic ready to begin innovating our story map.

In Maths, we have begun exploring the composition of our number of the week, using the part-part-whole model- we were keen to show Year 5 and 6 our learning! We have also been using the language of 'more' and 'fewer' to compare quantities.

In phonics, we moved onto learning digraphs (two letters that that make one sound) and children have been doing brilliantly at using their robot arms and blending hands to support them with their reading. We have even been using our spelling sequence to help us write words on our own!

## Year 1 & 2 Update

Year 1&2 have been on a nature walk; learning all about the 4 seasons; and focusing on different features of Autumn. In English we have started a exploring a wishing tale 'The Land of Rubbish'. We have created a story map and thought about how the man in the story might be feeling. In PSHE we have been exploring physical exercise and have carried out lots of experiments involving running, jumping, skipping and star jumps to test the affect it has on our bodies. We have also started our nativity rehearsals ready for the end of the term which we are all very excited for!

## Year 3 & 4 Update

The weather has been miserable but we have been having fun in Y3/4! This term, we have started out new football and gymnastic units in P.E. It has been great to see all children using old and new skills during these sessions. During our English sessions, we have just reached the end of writing our own Non-Chronological Reports about animals. The children loved learning about new animals and writing exciting reports using lots of technical vocabulary. It has been amazing to see how confident all children are becoming with re- calling their times tables. We love playing times table games in Y3/4!

## Year 5 & 6 Update

Over the last two weeks, Year 5/6 have been getting imaginative through creating their own rainforest creature and writing a non-chronological report all about it. The children have started some challenging work on fractions and have been developing and deepening their understand on this topic. The class have also been learning about the religion and beliefs of Islam and exploring how this could apply to their own lives. Mr Holdaway has sung the children's praises regarding their behaviour during their Forest School sessions. Finally, we have started our new Geography topic of Global Map Work during which the children are exploring continents, hemispheres, oceans and climate zones.

**Warm wishes, Mrs. Helen Pearce & Mrs. Emily Watton**

*TPS Co-Headteachers*

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# **A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL FROM**



## Stoke Orchard Community Centre



*The Festive season is upon us and we are celebrating at the Community Centre with the following:*

*4<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Light Switch on. We will have the Tewkesbury Brass Band and a special visitor all from 6pm til 7.30pm. We also have a few Christmassy stalls and the bar will be open!*

*16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Pub Night with a live band – Electric Arcade, from 7.30pm. This is a ticket only event, please purchase with cash from The Orchard Store.*

*Christmas Eve – St James Church in Stoke Orchard will be holding a Christmas Eve Service starting at 4pm and we will open the Hall up after until 6pm to start the festivities off! All Welcome.*



*The Community Centre will be closed:*

*6pm onwards Christmas Eve, Christmas Day*

*Boxing day, 27<sup>th</sup> December*

**Open** on the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> December

*Closed New years Day and 2<sup>nd</sup> January and back open in the New year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.*

*If you are looking for a venue to hold a family Christmas event we have available dates between Christmas and New Year, please email [booking@stokeorchard.org](mailto:booking@stokeorchard.org)*

All Events at the hall will be advertised on social media, please keep an eye out!

# The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop



The Christmas Goodies are here! We are selling a lovely selection of Christmas Cards, wrapping, chocolate, cakes and many more christmassy items!



If you would like to pre-order bread, milk, cream for Christmas, please come into the shop and speak to the staff.

Thank you for your continued support and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## December Class timetable

Please see below our class timetable. Please contact the classes directly on the email provided.

<b>Monday</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Zumba</b></p> <p>09:30-10:30am  <a href="mailto:michele.darnell@btinternet.com">michele.darnell@btinternet.com</a>                      Last one 12/12/22 - back 9-1-23</p>			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yoga</b></p> <p>7pm – 8:15pm  <a href="mailto:info@greentreeyoga.co.uk">info@greentreeyoga.co.uk</a>                      Last one 19/12/22 - back 9/1/23</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pilates</b></p> <p>09:30-10:30am  <a href="mailto:pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com">pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com</a>                      Last one 14/12/22 - return 11/01/23</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kettlercise</b></p> <p>6:30pm-7.15pm  <b>Pilates 7.30-8.00pm</b>  <a href="mailto:redtraining@outlook.com">redtraining@outlook.com</a>                      Last one 19/12/22 - return 3/01/23</p>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Stoke Orchard Toddler</b></p> <p>9.30am - 11-00am</p>			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Zumba</b></p> <p><b>7.00pm-8.00pm</b>  <a href="mailto:michele.darnell@btinternet.com">michele.darnell@btinternet.com</a>                      last 22/12/22 back 5/01/23</p>
<b>Thursday</b>				<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hatha Yoga</b></p> <p>7.30-8.45pm  <a href="mailto:sadiehawson@gmail.com">sadiehawson@gmail.com</a>                      last 22/12/22 return 5/01/23</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pilates</b></p> <p>09:30-10:30am  <a href="mailto:GravityFitness@live.co.uk">GravityFitness@live.co.uk</a>                      Last 23/12/22 return 06/01/23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Didirugby</b></p> <p>10.30am- 11.30am  <a href="mailto:keith.smith@didirugby.com">keith.smith@didirugby.com</a>                      Last 16/12/22 return 13/01/23</p>		
<b>Saturday</b>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Zumba</b></p> <p>10–11am  <a href="mailto:michele.darnell@btinternet.com">michele.darnell@btinternet.com</a>                      last 03/12/22 return 7/01/23</p>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kettlercise</b></p> <p>09:00-10:00am  <a href="mailto:tredtraining@outlook.com">tredtraining@outlook.com</a>                      last 18/12/22 return 08/01/23</p>			

## Please see the list of Church Services on Tredington News Pages.

Priest in Charge	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	<a href="mailto:apperleypriest@gmail.com">apperleypriest@gmail.com</a>
Assistant Priest	Rev. Kay Mundy	01452 780634	<a href="mailto:therevkaymundy@gmail.com">therevkaymundy@gmail.com</a>
Priest in Charge	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	<a href="mailto:apperleypriest@gmail.com">apperleypriest@gmail.com</a>
Church Warden	Tessa Mills	01684 216563	
Hon Associate Minister	Rev. Tom Curtis, Stonehills Tewkesbury,	01684 295298	
Reader - and Young People's Church	Mrs Vivienne Troughton Tredington, Tewkesbury	01684 293540	
Tredington Primary School	Head Teacher -Mrs Helen Pearce.	01684 293617	<a href="mailto:hpearce@glatrust.org.uk">hpearce@glatrust.org.uk</a>
Tredington Church Hall/ Village Hall	Frank Jukes	01684 292143	<a href="mailto:tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com">tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com</a>
Stoke Orchard Community Centre Bookings	Helen MacDonald	07437 533 132	<a href="mailto:info@stokeorchard.org">info@stokeorchard.org</a>

Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for **December** Stoke Orchard and  
Tredington. **Blue - Thursday 1st and Thursday 15th Saturday 31st**  
**Green. Thursday 8th Thursday 22nd**

**FLOWER** Volunteers are needed to help with flowers and decorating Stoke Orchard Church, especially at Christmas, Easter and Harvest. No skill is required - just a love of flowers! Please contact Tessa Mills (Churchwarden) if you can help. Thanks! Tessa's contact number: 01452 780434

**Tredington Flower Rota.**

**December 4th and 11th Vivienne Troughton**

**December 18th and 25th Julie Stagg**

### T.Bus Timetable—

**Please note times shown are at Stoke Orchard. - Times at Tredington will differ by approx 3 minutes**  
**Tewkesbury to Bishops Cleeve**

<a href="#">Stoke Orchard, nr The Orchard</a>	07:59	09:16	10:26	11:37	12:46	13:57	15:09	16:29	17:41	18:51
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**Bishops Cleeve to Tewkesbury**

<a href="#">Stoke Orchard, by St James's Church</a>	07:14	08:39	09:49	10:59	12:09	13:19	14:29	15:44	17:04	18:14
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