

Diary of Events

December

5 th	10.30 to 12	Coffee Morning, Little Compton, Village Hall
8 th	11am	Cornwell Carol Service
14 th		Christmas Market, Moreton
14 th	6pm	Chastleton Carol Service
15 th	4pm	Advent Carol Service, Salford
17 th	6pm to 8pm	Christmas Gathering, Salford Village Hall
19 th	10.30 to 12	Coffee Morning, Salford, Village Hall
22 nd	6pm	Christmas Carols, Little Compton
24 th	6pm	Little Rollright Carol Service
Christmas Day	9.30am	Chastleton Christmas Family Communion
Christmas Day	11am	Cornwell Christmas Family Communion
Christmas Day	10am	Salford Christmas Family Communion

January

2 nd	10.30 to 12	Coffee Morning, Little Compton, Village Hall
16 th	10.30 to 12	Coffee Morning, Salford, Village Hall
18 th	9.30 to 11.30	Saturday Breakfast, Little Compton, V/Hall

February

6 th	10.30 to 12	Coffee Morning, Little Compton, Village Hall
15 th	9.30 to 11.30	Saturday Breakfast, Little Compton, V/Hall
20 th	10.30 to 12	Coffee Morning, Salford, Village Hall



The best Christmas quiz answers

1. Four: former business partner Jacob Marley, and the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future.
2. Two - Buzz and Jeff
3. Britain
4. 364
5. 1994
6. The Polar Express. He plays Hero Boy, Father, Conductor, Hobo, Scrooge and Santa Claus.
7. Japan
8. Germany
9. 'Jump (for my love)' by The Pointer Sisters
10. Three - Dancer, Dasher, Donner.

11. A coin
12. Oslo, Norway
13. Capricorn
14. Bing Crosby - 'White Christmas', according to the Guinness Book of World Records.
15. Five years - the last episode was the Christmas special in 2019
16. Ross Geller
17. Bobby Helms - 'Jingle Bell Rock'
18. 3pm
19. White
20. Donald Trump
21. Green

You are welcome to email any news, updates, events, for sale items etc to: centrepoinnews@hotmail.co.uk

All details believed to be correct at the time of printing. We would advise checking with the various websites and agencies for the most current information.

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SANTA TRAIL Little Compton

See page 9
For how to join in the fun.
Who will find the most Santas?

Christmas Gathering

Salford Village Hall

17th December

6- 8pm
Mulled wine & Mince Pies

Merry Christmas

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or text Sharon 07765 255160

Cornwell, Little Rollright, Salford, Chastleton, Little Compton

FREE ADVENT CALENDAR!

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning, new every morning:
great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,
great is Thy faithfulness. (cf Lamentations 3.22-23)*

Do you have an Advent calendar? When I grew up we had the same one each year, and carefully closed the cardboard doors after Christmas, to be opened again next year. Then chocolate Advent calendars came along! Now, it seems, the sky's the limit. But how might we each receive something new and wonderful from God every day?

The season of Advent begins on Sunday 1st December this year, which means we're completely in sync with Advent calendars! As you may know, the Church of England has Bible readings set for each day of the year and they repeat every three years, focussing on either Matthew, Mark or Luke in each year. (By the way, please don't be worried about John. His gospel is used every year at special times.) We start with a different gospel at the beginning of Advent and this December we switch from Mark to Luke.

So here's a suggestion for this month. Let's read one chapter from Luke's gospel every day. It has 24 chapters so it's one chapter a day up to Christmas. And as we open our Bible, let's pray that God will give us something new and wonderful as we read. That's a prayer I'm sure he'll delight in answering.

And if you like, perhaps you might enjoy a piece of chocolate afterwards?

All the best,
David.

PS If you don't have a Bible you can easily read, you can find one online at www.biblegateway.com. I suggest the New International Version – UK. And maybe ask for one for Christmas?

Christmas Quiz (Answers on the back page)

1. How many ghosts show up in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*?
2. In *Home Alone*, how many brothers does Kevin have?
3. In which country did eggnog originate?
4. How many gifts were given in total in 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' song?
5. What year did Mariah Carey's 'All I Want For Christmas Is You' come out?
6. In which Christmas movie does Tom Hanks play six of the characters?
7. In which country is it tradition to eat KFC for Christmas dinner?
8. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
9. In the movie *Love Actually*, which song does Hugh Grant's character The Prime Minister dance to in number 10?
10. How many of Rudolph's fellow reindeers' names start with 'D'?
11. What is traditionally hidden inside a Christmas pudding?
12. Which city has been donating Trafalgar Square's Christmas tree to London every year since 1947?
13. If you're born on Christmas day, what's your star sign?
14. What is the best-selling Christmas single of all time?
15. UK sitcom *Gavin and Stacey* is set to return to TV for a Christmas special this year (2024). How many years has it been since the most recent Christmas special?
16. In the episode of *Friends* 'The One with the Holiday Armadillo', who dresses up as an armadillo?
17. In *Mean Girls*, which Christmas song do the Plastics get up on stage to perform?
18. What time is the King's speech traditionally broadcast on Christmas Day?
19. What colour are mistletoe berries?
20. In *Home Alone 2*, who does Kevin run into in the hotel lobby?
21. What colour suit did Santa wear until Coca Cola rebranded him in red?

Little Compton Village Hall

100 Club

November 100 club winners are as follows.

Gillie Longdon £35.00

Maria Harnell £10.00

Clare Hall £5.00

Congratulations to you all. Your winnings will find their way to you shortly. If not please contact Clare Hall on 01608 674494

Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee mornings are on Thursdays December 5th, January 2nd and February 6th. December Coffee Morning will be on us! As a thank you to our regular supporters we would like to offer you some Christmas cheer on us. All welcome.

Saturday Breakfast

Thank you for supporting our 'come back' Saturday Breakfasts. Our next Breakfasts will be on, January 18th and February 15th from 09.30-11.30. Serving sausage, bacon or egg baps, scrambled eggs and toast! We would love to see you. All welcome.

Fish and Chip Quiz.

We had a lovely Fish and Chip quiz evening. Thank you to all who made it happen and to those who supported the evening.

Christmas Lunch

Apologies but, due to circumstances beyond our control, there will be no Christmas Lunch this year but we're hoping to have a New Year lunch instead. We will keep you posted.

Little Compton Village Hall Hire

Includes fully fitted kitchen with two cookers, warming trolley, microwave, dishwasher and fridge. Tableware and seating for 70 people.

£15 per hour (excluding electricity)

For further information please contact

Clare at clareh26@gmail.com

The Village Hall Committee would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

December Services

December 8 th	11am	Cornwell	Carol Service
14 th	6pm	Chastleton	Carol Service
15 th	4pm	Salford	Carol Service
22 nd	6.00pm	Little Compton	Christmas Carols
Christmas Eve	6pm	Little Rollright	Carol Service
Christmas Day	9.30am	Chastleton	Family Communion
Christmas Day	11am	Cornwell	Family Communion
Christmas day	10am	Salford	Family Communion
January 12 th	10.15am	Salford	Family Communion

General News

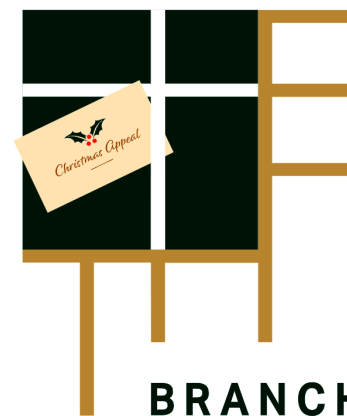
Christmas Appeal 2024 Some services The Branch provide are:

Help provide central access to signposting and a help desk, enabling people to book a 1-to-1 meeting with a specific social service provider.

Help families and individuals to learn to cook healthy food on a budget through our community kitchen

Enable access to our Apprenticeship Ready scheme, including vocational courses around cooking, music, art and more.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qEAq9B8JKM>



Make a gift that builds hope and transforms lives in your community this Christmas.

Whatever the size of your donation to the Branch Trust, it will be doubled*, making twice the impact.

Midday 29th November to midday 9th December

Help The Branch enable access to vital services, drawing alongside individuals and families in our community, young and old alike, so that they can thrive.

Make a difference right now!
Scan the QR code to donate.



thebranchtrust.org



* to the maximum of £12,000

Rescheduled Christmas Market

Moreton-in-Marsh

Saturday 14th December

Crafts and Gifts,
Food stalls



Over 75 Stalls!
Choir and Carols
Fun & Festivities



Happy Christmas from all the Centrepont team.
We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the distributors around the 5 villages without whom it simply would not be possible to deliver the many copies. Your help is greatly appreciated!
Also, a reminder to say we do not run a January edition. Have a lovely Christmas all.

Knife Sharpener

A friendly mobile knife and scissor sharpening service is coming to Little Compton Village Hall carpark in December, just in time Christmas!

Saturday 7th December from 9.30-12.30

Do message **Dean** on **07471 754120** to express your interest and let him know what you've got to sharpen. Also includes pet grooming clippers.

Or you can just turn up and take a chance that he's got some space.

For a full price list and services he offers either call him or look him up at www.wesharpen4u.co.uk.

SANTA TRAIL Sunday 22nd December

We thought it would be fun to have a Santa Trail around Little Compton. Running from 9am on Saturday 21st December. The idea is to pop a Santa in your garden or around the village, on a bench or up a tree, in a bush or in the park. The choice is yours to be inventive. He can be large, or small, but he needs to be visible so that children and adults can have some fun finding them.



Santa's set in lots of poses, drinking wine or pruning roses. Santa's that are hard to see, hidden in a hedge or up a tree. Just be sure to let us know if you'd like to join in. The more Santas the merrier.



Please let Alice know by Friday 13th December if you'd like to take part so that she can add the location of your proposed Santa to her map

langstonfarm1955@gmail.com or on **07932 611 042**

Then on Sunday 22nd, when you have found as many Santa's as possible come along to The Red Lion at 4.30pm have a drink, enjoy the open fire and compare sightings!

There will be some small prizes for those that spot the most Santas.

This should follow on nicely for more festive celebrations at the
Traditional Candlelit Carol Service in the Church at 6pm

🌲 Mince pies & mulled cider awaits 🌲

🌟 All welcome 🌟



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St Denys' are pleased to report a good turn out for the Remembrance service. We were able to send over £280.00 to the Royal British Legion.

St Denys' Church Council would like to thank David and Brenda Plumb, Sharon Parsons and Julie Leigh for their continued support with church opening, tidying and flower arranging throughout the autumn winter months. It is so lovely to have flower ladies back in the church.

There are only 3 **Christmas wreath** left. So hurry and call Susie on **01608 674 234** to secure yours. Each spectacular wreath is individually crafted with locally sourced greenery all finished off with a superb hand tied bow.



Start your Christmas week off with **St Denys' Candle lit Carol Service** on the **22nd December at 6pm**. Traditional carols, readings, mulled cider and mince pies awaits you. All welcome.

Services will recommence with Easter Sunday service. April 20th 2025. Time to be confirmed.

A recommendation for Holmleigh Dairy they, without fail, deliver gold/silver and red top milk, delicious extra thick double cream and regular double cream and local eggs on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.



Support local British Farmers offering a fair price. Make a New Year's resolution to support and buy local...

Contact them on hello@holmleighdairy.com or call and leave a message 01451 831370



There is now a Facebook Group for Little Compton & the surrounding area. Take a look. It can help to provide a simple and quick way to stay in touch and share good news and general bits and bobs etc.

Its called **Little Compton Community**.

Chastleton News contact 07765255160



Chastleton Church

Please join us on Saturday 14th December at 6pm for our family Carol Service. All are very welcome.

We are also having a service on Christmas morning at 9.30am.

Chastleton House

1960's Christmas at Chastleton. Wednesday to Sunday 11am to 3pm

Explore the festively decorated rooms
27th Nov to 15th December

Evening Christmas Tours

Thurs 5th and 12th December

5.30 to 7pm or 6.30 to 8pm

Enjoy a warming drink and mince pie before you look around the decorated rooms £20 per person

We have been given the sad news that **Audrey Moreman**, wife of **Ken Moreman**, a very long term, {approx 60yrs}, resident of Chastleton died aged 100 years old in Italy on Thursday 21st November 2024. The plan is that she will return to join Ken already in the church yard. An obituary will follow. Condolences to her family and all who knew her.

Cornwell

Church of St Peter

Our **Carol service** is on December 8th at 11.00 a.m.

and our

Christmas day service is also at 11.00 a.m. this year.

All are very welcome.



 * Congratulations to **Craig & Emily** of The Leys and welcome to their baby daughter Eadie. *

We look forward to our Carol Service on December 15th at 4:00pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine etc.
 The Remembrance Sunday collection was £214 which will go to the Royal British Legion.
 The Christmas Day service is at 10:00am.
 Please note that, beginning on the second Sunday in January 2025, our services will start at 10:15am and not 11:00am.

John Shapley, who had lived in the village for many years, was buried in the Salford churchyard on Thursday November 14th after a full and interesting life.

Drop in Coffee Mornings

The Drop-in coffee mornings go from strength to strength and we look forward to welcoming all ages. Come in for delicious home made cake, chat to your neighbours, meet new friends. The coffee mornings run from 10.30 to 12.00 noon on the third Thursday of every month.

The last coffee morning of the year will take place on Thursday 19th December.

Dates for coffee mornings in 2025 are:

- 16th January
- 20th February
- 20th March
- 17th April
- 15th May
- 19th June
- 17th July
- August - break
- 18th September
- 16th October
- 20th November
- 18th December

