

Pucklechurch Parish Council: Notes from the Chair

Several major pieces of work initiated by the Parish Council are now underway and we are also starting to set out what the budgetary requirements will be for service delivery, as well as new and existing projects for 2026/7.

Neighbourhood Plan

Under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012, PPC has now submitted a Neighbourhood Development Plan proposal to South Gloucestershire Council. SGC, as the local planning authority, will arrange further public consultation and appoint an independent examiner to review the plan for legal compliance and soundness. If all goes well it will proceed to a parish referendum. Our thanks go to everyone who offered their views and to those who have worked hard to bring this Plan to fruition, including members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Pucklechurch Woodland

I am pleased to report that our new woodland project is finally underway. Pucklechurch Woodland is being planted on land owned by South Gloucestershire Council at Leigh Farm South and will eventually cover 30 hectares. This initiative stems from a proposal PPC put forward to SGC in March 2024 that would enable £60.6K of S106 monies (deriving from the Oaktree Avenue development) to be used for the enhancement of natural and semi-natural open spaces. The project is being delivered in conjunction with the Forest of Avon and other partners over the next two years and will be part of the Western Forest, England's newest National Forest.

Planning proposals and wind turbines

At the time of writing, an Outline Planning proposal for 100 homes at Marsh Farm has been submitted and formal consultation has begun. As with all planning applications, PPC is a statutory stakeholder in this process, taking necessary steps to ensure that it submits a detailed and well evidenced response. In addition, PPC arranged an extraordinary full council meeting on 20th October to receive a presentation from Bristol Energy Network on their proposal for wind turbines at Leigh Farm. This provided Council the opportunity to ask probing questions promoting the need for better public consultation. It is anticipated that an application is likely to be bought forward in the New Year

NALC Silver Award

PPC is proud to announce that it has achieved the Silver Award in the National Association of Local Councils Award Scheme, which assesses councils against a range of best practice criteria to ensure they are well managed, efficient, and responsive to community needs. This prestigious award is a significant achievement for PPC and recognises its continued commitment to good governance and that it delivers above and beyond its statutory obligations. For a smaller council like ours, this was no mean feat and demonstrates that PPC is at the forefront of best practices in local government, has clear policies and procedures and is well positioned to continue to improve its services for the community.

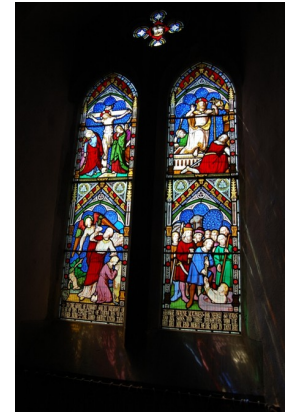
Thank you to everyone who engages with and supports our work.

Season's Greetings!

Gail Boyle - Chair, Pucklechurch Parish Council

A Window on the Natural World (A Bit of Pucklechurch Past: No 3)

There is a window to the right-hand side of the altar at St Thomas a Becket church, which you will only see if you venture beyond the choir stalls. It is dedicated to the Rev. George Swayne, his wife Sarah and his family. George was vicar from 1772 until his death in 1827. It's his



work towards the advancement of scientific knowledge and understanding of the natural world that he is best known, although maybe not so much by the people that live here today.

One writer describes him as a farmer rather than a scientist but however he is described, he was responsible for contributing to a growing body of early botanical work that aimed to improve farming practices.

In 1781 he responded to requests made by the Royal Bath and West of England Society for supplies of different types of grass seed. These were needed so that experiments could be conducted to find out which types would be best to grow for feeding and fattening cattle or to improve milk yield. One estimate I have read is that agricultural output increased five-fold between 1700 and 1850 because of advances in technology and studies like those George pursued.

George's work was rewarded with a silver plate worth 10 guineas, the equivalent of about £2,500 today. Most importantly, George published his work with a book he produced containing real samples of grass collected from the fields around Pucklechurch.

Copies of this book can still be found in museums and specialist libraries in the UK, New Zealand and the USA. It's amazing to realise that those grass specimens he collected over 240 years ago still survive, carrying not only the legacy of his work with them but the name of Pucklechurch too.

Gail Boyle

South Gloucestershire Council

An outline planning application has now been submitted for 100 homes at Marsh Farm, at the corner of Feltham Road and Abson Road. The application reference is P25/02362/O. It's very important that residents make their comments known raising any concerns they may have about the proposals. When making comments online, a consultation end date is shown, but in practice, South Gloucestershire Council will continue to accept comments.

Pedestrian crossing on Shortwood Road

This is a topic that is often raised with me which I completely understand why. With the increased volume of traffic that we are experiencing, it is increasingly difficult to cross the road to get to the Doctor's Surgery or the Post Office. In September I walked along Shortwood Road with a South Glos Council Highways Engineer to look at the feasibility of a crossing either from the Homefield Road side or near the Post Office. Sadly, he concluded that it would not be possible due to the various constraints: junctions, bus layby, telegraph poles, level differences (the bank), narrow footpaths, and multiple driveways. It isn't lack of will, unfortunately it just isn't feasible.

The volume of traffic through the village has increased and the closure of the A432 Badminton Road is a contributing factor. During the recent weekend motorway closure, eight huge steel beams weighing around 100 tonnes each were lifted into place across the motorway. The remainder of the work can be done without disruption to the motorway below. It will be slightly wider than the previous bridge to meet today's safety standards, with the barriers along the sides will be higher to keep walkers and cyclists safer. Hopefully when it reopens the volume of traffic coming through the village will reduce.

Leigh Farm Nature Reserve.

I am pleased to see progress on plans for a new community woodland at Leigh Farm. This initiative is a collaboration between South Gloucestershire Council, Pucklechurch Parish Council, The Forrest of Avon, The Woodland Trust and others. Planting is due to begin in November.

Cllr Marilyn Palmer, Boyd Valley Ward

Pucklechurch School

After many years of dedicated service, Mrs Alex Capel decided to step down as Headteacher. For now, Deputy Head Mrs Gemma Jones has stepped up as Acting Headteacher, supported by Mr Rob Cockle, Executive Head of Wick and Abbotswood Schools. This will provide stability whilst the Governor's plan the school's next steps.

The Local Authority recognises that small rural schools like ours are vital to their communities, but with fewer than 200 pupils we struggle financially, operate with very limited resources and may need to work more closely with others to share expertise, leadership, and support. Governors are therefore exploring partnership options to help secure the school's long-term future, so it continues to serve local children well. We are looking for one new co-opted governor to join a small, dedicated panel that will help identify the most viable options for the Governing Board to consider in the months ahead.

If you have experience in Governance change, HR, or community leadership please contact us via admin@puckleprimary.org. uk (subject line: For Attention of the Governors).

Tower Play Group

We have had a great start to our 50th year. We have been learning about All Things Autumn. We collected leaves, created leaf rubbings, and made pumpkin pictures to name but a few.

We ended the term with a fantastic coach trip to Westonbirt Arboretum, where we immersed ourselves in the great outdoors. We were really lucky with the weather, no coats needed as it was so warm. Everyone, children, parents and grandparents had a great time.

We are now going into Christmas mode, with a Christmas tree to make, Christmas activities and a Nativity to plan.

We have very limited availability until September 2026, please call in or give us a call on 07722029077 for details.

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This Award Scheme celebrates the hard work of local councils in setting high standards and delivering effective services. Councillor Gail Boyle, Pucklechurch Parish Council Chair, said:

"For a smaller council like ours this was no mean feat and is testament to the hard work and dedication of our clerk and councillors. In achieving the Silver Award, Pucklechurch Parish Council has demonstrated that it is at the forefront of best practices in local government, has clear policies and procedure and is well-positioned to continue working collaboratively with residents and local organisations to improve its services for the community.

Thank you to everyone in the community who engages with and supports our work, and we look forward to building on this success in the months and years ahead."

REVEL

The Sparkle Begins: Welcoming the Season with Pucklechurch Revel

The Pixies have been busy preparing for one of our most beloved traditions, the Pucklechurch Sparkle and Christmas tree switch-on. If you're new to the village, you might be wondering: what is the Revel?

Revel is a cherished Pucklechurch tradition, a series of community events running from December to June, designed to bring the parish together in celebration, reflection, and fun. Most events are free or affordable and rooted in the spirit of community.

Though the modern Revel has been part of village life for nearly 75 years, its origins stretch back much further. In AD 1284, the Calendar of Charter Rolls recorded the grant of an annual fair and market to the Bishop of Bath and Wells. Revel activities were well documented in the 19th century, fell out of favour in the early 20th, and were joyfully revived in 1951.

Today, Revel is a yearlong celebration of community spirit, and we're kicking things off with the Christmas Sparkle.

Christmas Sparkle: Saturday, 30th November, 4pm

Join us on the Village Green as we light up Pucklechurch with solar powered Christmas lights, generously donated by the Parish Council. Then head to the Pucklechurch Village Sports and Social Club for carols by the Marshfield Brass Band and a visit from Father Christmas. Free and open to everyone!

Light Up Pucklechurch

Decorate your windows and gardens for our festive display challenge. The winner will be chosen via online poll and announced on 21st December during a Facebook live stream.

Logo & Pixie Design Competition: January

Help shape Revel's future by designing a new logo and pixie mascot. The winning design will promote events for years to come. More competition details will be released in the New Year.

Revel Race Night: Saturday, 11th April

Enjoy moderate stakes racing with wooden horses and real race footage. Place your bets and support Revel fundraising.

Revel Family Disco: Saturday 13th May

Dance, laugh, and maybe be crowned as part of the Revel Royal Family. BYOB and American Supper style.

Revel Quiz Night: Tuesday 16th June

Teams of up to six compete for prizes and bragging rights.

Revel & Cider Festival: Saturday 20th June

Join us on the recreation field for music, games, food, and cider, a true village celebration.

Contact Us

To get involved, volunteer, or share ideas, email: pucklechurch.revel@gmail.com or message us via the **Pucklechurch Revel Facebook page**.

Let's keep the tradition thriving together.



Play group currently have a few spaces available, if you are looking to place your child or children, call George 07736 713730 or Fi 07545 351364 to arrange a visit.

Our opening hours have been revised to fall in line with school drop off and pick up times. We now open at 9am, with collection at 12.00noon or full days, collection is extended to 3pm.

Some quotes from our Ofsted report:

"Children are eager to enter this welcoming playsgroup and separate from their parents with ease".

"Children play and learn in a language rich environment"

"Children are inclusive and welcome all into their play"

"Children engage in activities for long periods of time, showing good concentration and positive attitudes towards their learning"

Pucklechurch Allotments

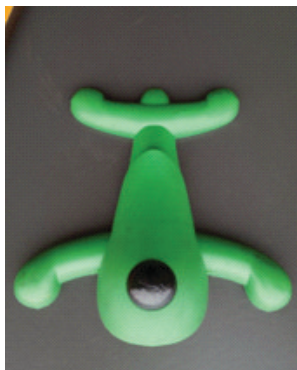
How would you like to keep fit, eat well and improve your general mental wellbeing? If so, then why not apply for an allotment and do all three at the same time!

You may not be aware that Pucklechurch Parish Council runs a local allotment site, with help from an Association made up of local allotmenters. There are nearly 30 plots and currently a short waiting list. Joining brings membership to The National Allotment Society which includes insurance, seeds and plants at reduced prices and advice from experts through their seasonal magazines. You could grow your own prize veggies, flowers for your upcoming celebrations or just enjoy yourself growing and eating home grown produce.

If you're interested in running a plot and live in the Parish you can contact Daphne Dunning, the Parish Clerk at clerk@pucklechurchparishcouncil.gov.uk to be added to the waiting list or if you would just like some more info email me, mikebathgate8@gmail.com

Best Regards,
Mike Bathgate
Chair

Going out for my doggie walk today I saw lots of things in the parish but need reminding where they were. Can you help me identify the location?



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Picture 2



Picture 3



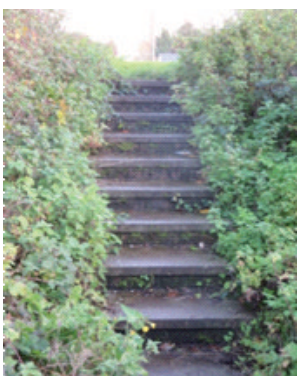
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Picture 6



Picture 7



Picture 8



Picture 9

By Rick Dunning

Answers on the back page.

Good Neighbour Scheme

The Good Neighbour Scheme has been quiet over the past few months as there haven't been any calls for help during the latter Summer and Autumn months.

We're available to help with small household tasks such as changing light bulbs, batteries and fuses, simple DIY tasks, filling in forms, putting out bins and recycling and providing in person or telephone company. We can also help with a "garden blitz" before Winter sets in, where a number of volunteers will weed and generally tidy up your garden if you're unable to do it. If you have regular helpers, we may be able to help if they are unavailable due to holidays or illness.

This is not an exhaustive list, so if you have anything you think we could help with, please contact us and we can come to have a chat with you.

In the meantime, if you or someone you know would benefit from our help, please contact us on 07961 939574 or by emailing goodneighbours@pucklechurch.org. If you leave a message on the phone or email, we'll reply within 24 - 48 hours.

NEWS FROM THREE SHIRES MEDICAL PRACTICE

You will no doubt have seen in the press or heard on TV or the radio, the Government informing the public how the latest GP contract changes are now in force. The expectation is that Practices will keep their online consultation tools switched on during core hours to avoid the morning rush on phones. At the moment, for Three Shires, this will not change anything for our patients with our online consultation tool will remain open. If you have access to the internet, you can access our online tool by going to www.threeshiresmedical.co.uk and selecting Contact Us Online. You can request help with a health problem, administrative or routine care requests. Walk in and telephone access remains too. We will continue to navigate care requests through the most appropriate pathway and redirect where appropriate.

In previous articles for Pucklechurch News this year, we have tried to keep you informed about the issues facing Three Shires Medical Practice. We are still managing to function within our financial means, although this has meant that we have had to try to make some savings which for example has led to the reduction in the use of locum doctors to cover absences for sickness or annual leave.

By the time you read this edition of the News, our Influenza and COVID vaccination programme will be substantially complete. However, if you have not been able to get to one of our vaccination sessions and you are eligible, please contact the surgery to find out when you will be able to receive a vaccination.

We continue to be exceedingly grateful for all the financial support we are receiving from the Friends of Three Shires. Particular thanks to the family and friends of Roger Payne and Downend Round Table, who raised the funds in Roger's memory to purchase the new defibrillator for Pucklechurch surgery. The Friends continue to gratefully receive donations and you can still help to raise funds for equipment using the sort code 30 99 50 account number 54449863.

Visit www.threeshiresmedical.co.uk as we have updated and improved our website. It is quite a bit different from the previous one with our aim to provide a better and more up to date website.

Finally, a mention for the outstanding success of our local Memory Café which continues to meet at Doynton Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month. For more information, please contact Clare on 07817 311001 or see their Facebook page 'The Memory Café at Doynton.'

GARDENERS CLUB



After such a dry summer with no rain, I am now getting my garden into shape after losing a few shrubs due to lack of water and my lawn is very bare of grass. In preparation for the coming months, I'm now planting some wallflowers and tulips for a spring display next year.

Our first meeting in the Autumn/Winter program was held on 1st October where we invited garden designer Diana White to talk about designing a 'Wildlife Pond' in your garden. Diana gave a very interesting talk, whilst showing some lovely slides of pond designs including plants which will encourage wildlife.

Our monthly competition of "A Seed Head Arrangement" was well supported, judged by Diana, with Elizabeth Heal as our winner.

We invited Sally Oates back for the November meeting to show some colourful slides of "Layers of Seasonal Colour", which was appropriate considering the beautiful Autumn colours this month. Sally gave some good ideas on how to put contrasting colours together in borders.

The member's competition of a "Pressed Flower or Leaf Arrangement" attracted some impressive entries, with Suzanne Wembridge coming first with her 'Firework' themed arrangement, as it was Nov 5th!!

Our final meeting of the year is on 10th December, inviting members to the Christmas Supper & Quiz, which we always look forward to. The competition is 'A Table Decoration for Christmas'.

Looking ahead to 2026 we will be celebrating our "50th Anniversary" of the Gardeners Club and have lots of lovely things planned for the year.

The first meeting for 2026 takes place on 4th February, with Julie Richie invited to talk about the 'The Perennial Year'.

In the meantime, all you garden lovers, why not make the most of these lovely mild Autumn days and enjoy your gardens.

Club News 2025 Contact Sallie Brooks: sallie61@me.com

D. Kemps Garden Centre & Elmwood Nurseries offer members 10% discount on plants when a current membership card is presented



1ST PUCKLECHURCH Guides

What a great way to start our Autumn term! Chocolate tasting, and lots of it. Would you believe it's all part of our Belgium badge. The following week the Royal Navy visited us with a challenge for each patrol to make a 'vehicle' out of a giant Meccano type kit which was then raced outside.

Several of us attended a September weekend Guide camp for five local Units, a total of around 80 campers. Rainbows and Brownies joined us on Saturday, swelling numbers to over 100, with everyone enjoying a rousing campfire before the non-campers went home. The Guides tried various activities including archery, fire-lighting, crafts, making energy bars and enjoyed a session on a huge inflatable train. Five of our Guides made their Promise at this camp.

We can tap dance! With pennies stuck to the soles of our shoes, lessons on specific steps from our leader Frances, Guides in small groups created simple but effective routines. Great fun but noisy!

Clare, an experienced potter, provided clay and helped everyone make a square dish. These have been fired and glazed but we have to wait for the final firing to see our results.

We celebrated the UN International Day of the Girl Child. We learned of the repression of girls in countries like Afghanistan where education is forbidden to girls beyond primary school age and they are not allowed outside without male escorts. This was followed by a questionnaire asking how our Guides would like to help shape the world's future. We were impressed with their mature answers and hope their wishes for a peaceful, fair and equal world will come to fruition.

Darcy, Evie, Nancie, and Polly received their Silver Awards with many others gaining specific badges.

BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG: After months of fund raising and two bonding weekends to get to know fellow travellers, Aimee, Daisy, Evie and Nancie set off during half term for a whirlwind visit. They travelled by Eurostar to Brussels, exploring the city on their first evening and the following day. One highlight was eating delicious warm, sweet waffles. Day three they visited the futuristic Atomium and explored mini-Europe with its pint-sized versions of iconic landmarks. A surprise, planned by leaders, an afternoon in a chocolate making workshop! Then off to Luxembourg, and the Wenzel Circular Walk winding through ancient fortifications and the breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage site. After a final evening meal, it was time to pack and be ready to fly home. What an amazing adventure these Guides had who are very grateful for all the local support with their fundraising.

If you're aged between 10-14 and want to be part of our very active Guide Unit or are interested in lending a hand, contact Ros Abbott on 07709 639846 for more information.

New Pucklechurch Woodland Project

Pucklechurch Parish Council has a duty to consider what it can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity in accordance with the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 and the Environment Act 2021. After 5 years of lobbying to protect the land, Pucklechurch Parish Council is delighted to announce it is working in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) on a multi-agency project to develop a new woodland on SGC land at Leigh Farm south.

This is an exciting opportunity to significantly contribute to biodiversity improvements in the parish while contributing to wider improvements to the vital green corridors in the area. It is not only good for nature and wildlife but will further contribute to the character of our area. It's also good for people's health and wellbeing providing the community with access to a great new natural resource. With no land of its own, the Parish Council has ensured, through this project, that the S106 contributions for natural and semi-natural open spaces from the Oaktree Avenue developments are spent in the parish.

The project masterplan includes the introduction of wide pathways ('rides') throughout areas of tree planting covering more than 18 hectares of land, plus the restoration of ponds and wetland scrapes. Planting will be phased over the next two years, and community involvement will be vital to help plant, stake and mulch more than thirty thousand trees during the planting seasons. This is an excellent opportunity to proactively take actions to address climate change and put in place a green feature both the Parish and South Gloucestershire can be proud of. In the area funded by the Parish Council, a range of agreed measures to enhance the biodiversity of the site will be considered including sowing strips of wildflower seeds in the spring.

Overall, there are multiple benefits to developing this woodland including:

- Contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Adding to the region's ecological network
- Providing benefits to wildlife
- A new recreation opportunity for residents
- Health and wellbeing benefits to the community through interaction with nature
- Conserve and enhance biodiversity

The Parish Council welcomes your involvement in this unique project which will provide a lasting legacy for future generations.

Pucklechurch Community Centre

It's been a busy time for the Community Centre since the last Pucklechurch News.

It's been noticed by some of the user groups and the PCA that the car park is being used by some residents as their personal facility, with some cars being left for several hours or overnight. We have no problem with people using it for short stops to pick children up from school or pop to the shop but using it as if it is your own drive is clearly not ok. The paying users of the Centre should be able to park at the Centre but often can't because of spaces being filled by non-users. If this continues to be a problem, we may have to explore ways of controlling who parks there, which we don't really want to do.

On a more positive note, we recently told you that we were hoping to get an extra clothes donation bank in the car park. We're pleased to announce that this has now been delivered which has now doubled the capacity for donations. You can now choose between St. Peter's Hospice, Great Western Air Ambulance, or give a bit to both. We would just remind you that if they are both full, please don't fly tip your donations around the bins. The other waste bins in the car park are not for public use.

Lastly, we are looking for people to volunteer their services and help with small maintenance tasks, particularly during the day. If you can help support the centre, please contact us through the website, www.pucklechurchcommunitycentre.org

We will add you to the WhatsApp group which is a great way to communicate any jobs/tasks that need attention. There is no obligation to help, but if you can, your support will be welcome.

Tim Wallace

Pucklechurch Community Association Social Club

Did you know the club is a members' club? The £10 membership fee entitles you to great value with discounted bar prices and free venue hire for special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries, and other celebrations. We also offer the use of the club for wakes, providing a comfortable and welcoming space for family and friends to gather. If you're planning an event of any kind, just chat with the bar staff or email us. We'd love to help support your special occasion.

We have a vacancy for a Secretary to join the committee. It involves committing to a couple of hours a month helping with Club minutes and correspondence and is a great way to get involved, meet new people, and help support your local club. If you're interested, please speak to a committee member or get in touch by email.

There's plenty of festive fun ahead!

Saturday 14th December, 7:30pm: Boozy Bingo, always a lively night full of laughter and prizes.

Friday 20th December, 9:00pm: Christmas Raffle, with a £100 top prize with festive treats to be won.

Sunday 21st December, 8:00pm: Christmas Quiz, a great way to round off the season with a bit of friendly competition.



The Memory Cafe at Doynton

Our next café for those living with dementia or memory loss, together with family member or carer takes place on Thursday 4th December and with a festive theme throughout, it will conclude our year of cafés held at Doynton Village Hall. We have welcomed many visitors for a wide variety of entertainment and activities, none of which would be possible without the support of our lovely volunteers, the WI groups who kindly bake for us and the many individuals and organisations who have supported us with donations. We are very grateful and thank you all!

In 2026 we will celebrate the 4th birthday of The Memory Cafe at Doynton, where we will continue in the same pattern with a lively programme, including armchair fitness, pantomime, live music, and a visiting choir. These will be in addition to our regular puzzles, games, art and craft activities and of course tea, cake and the friendship that conversation and laughter brings.

For more information find us on Facebook 'The Memory Cafe at Doynton', email us at mcdoynton@gmail.com or send a text to Clare on 07817311001.

Season's Greetings to all! Our first café of 2026 takes place at 2pm on Thursday 8th January, as the first Thursday is of course New Year's Day.

Wednesday 31st December, 8:00pm: We'll see in the New Year with Angie McCoy, expect Country favourites, '50s-'60s Rock 'n' Roll, and Jazz/Wartime classics, a great night of live music and dancing.

Members' price £10, non-members £12.50, including your first drink with cheaper bar prices all evening. No expensive taxis required!

If you fancy joining in the activities, from skittles and cribbage to darts or pool, or simply enjoy a drink and a chat with friends, drop in and see what's happening.

For all enquires please send us an email at pucklechurchcasc@gmail.com.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A big thank you to everyone for supporting your local club!

St Thomas a Becket, Pucklechurch and St James, Abson News

Christmas Tree Festival at Pucklechurch

Start your advent journey by viewing Christmas trees designed by local organisations in the church, all with the theme of A Christmas Carol. Cakes and refreshments on sale. Sat 29th Nov – Fri 5th December. Saturday, 10am – 4pm, Sunday and Friday 2pm – 4pm

Pucklechurch Nativity Play, needing actors and actresses.

Calling budding thespians, Y4 – Y11. A new nativity play has been written with major and minor speaking parts. We are offering a chance to take part, perform and shine and to understand the Christmas Story in more depth.

Would you like a speaking role in this year's Christingle and Nativity Play which will be held on December 24th 2025, 1.45pm – 4.30pm? If so, please ask your parents to contact Julie Gardner on julie@juliegardner.co.uk for parental consent and application forms.

Rehearsals will be held on Mondays, after school, in the Church from 4.30pm – 5.30pm, on the 8th & 15th December. Full details are available from Julie Gardner.

Christmas Services in Church

21st December

Pucklechurch: Café Service 10am

Pucklechurch: Traditional Carol Service 6.30pm

Abson: Carol Service 3pm

24th December

Pucklechurch: Christingle and Nativity Service 3pm

Pucklechurch: Midnight Holy Communion 11pm

25th December

Pucklechurch: Holy Communion 10am

Abson: Holy Communion 8.45am

We look forward to seeing you very much indeed and wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.

We continue to offer a range of services every Sunday at Pucklechurch and twice a month at Abson. There is a combined church service in one of our five churches if there is a 5th Sunday in the month. For all our services, please see our websites and Facebook page:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11799/>

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11800/>

<https://www.facebook.com/BoydValleyBenefice/>

Pucklechurch Ladies Group

Since the last edition, we have enjoyed an afternoon cream tea in August, played bingo in September and in October we were fascinated to learn about the work of Medical Detection Dogs.

For our November meeting we've invited Gail Boyle to come and give us a talk about 'Treasure'. Until recently, Gail was the Senior Curator of Archaeology and World Cultures with Bristol Museums. Her talk demystifies the treasure process from the finding of objects, to reporting, valuation and rewards. It's illustrated with examples of case studies of amazing finds and the stories behind them, as well as anecdotes of Gail's personal involvement as a museum curator. I'm looking forward to it!

Arrangements are going well for our Christmas Lunch at the Rose & Crown, and we've got some events lined up for the New Year, starting in January with seated keep fit with Philomena to get us all in shape after Christmas.

Doggie Walk Answers: 1: St Aldams Play Area, 2: Castle Road, 3: The Scout Hut, 4: Parkfield Road, 5: Rear door St Thomas-a-Becket Church, 6: Shortwood Methodist Hall, 7: Parkfield Play Area, 8: Brandy Bottom Colliery, 9: Oaktree Avenue Underpass.

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