

STAPLE DIET

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(The West Quantoxhead Village Newsletter)

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SERVICES AT ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH

DECEMBER

- 4th 9.30am Eucharist with NM
11th 9.30am Eucharist with SC
18th 9.00am Family Service with DB
24th 11pm Midnight Mass with NM

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 25th 9.30am Holy Communion with DB at HOLFORD
25th 10am Christmas Service for all with NM at EAST QUANTOXHEAD
25th 10am Family Service with SC at KILVE
25th 10.30am Family Eucharist with TS

JANUARY (Draft)

- 1st 10.30am Benefice Eucharist with NM
8th 9.30am Eucharist
15th 9.30am Family Service with DB
22nd 10.30am Benefice Eucharist with SC at EAST QUANTOXHEAD
29th 10.30am Benefice Eucharist with NM at FIDDINGTON

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

DO COME AND HELP ON

FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER 9am - Noon

Please let Jane know (tel 632268) if you would like to help or provide flowers for this occasion

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – 3rd DECEMBER

A Christmas Bazaar is being held on 10.30 to 12.30 Entrance is £2 which includes coffee/tea and mince pie. There will be a cake stall and Handicraft Stall, a General Raffle and a Meal Raffle. Any donations of Cakes, handicrafts or raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

Hall Christmas Decoration - This will be on 30th November from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

Setting up for the Bazaar will be on 2nd December 2.30pm to 4.00pm. Any help for these preparations would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all there. Our newer villagers would be more than welcome, and it would be a great opportunity to meet people in the village. All proceeds are being donated to The Quantock Food Bank.

KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

West Quantoxhead Weather report for October

Rainfall very nearly every day but totalling 106mm (last year 105 mm)

Temperature warmer than usual, averaging at 12 noon 17.1c.

A lot of SE winds between 16 and 25 Knots. Gale force night 4/5th

Recordable Sunshine on 15 days.

ST AUDRIES WI

The December meeting is our Birthday Meeting on Wednesday December 14th at 2.15 pm in The Village Hall.

Present on a String / Bring your Christmas Cards for delivery.

COFFEE MORNING AT ST. AUDRIES VILLAGE HALL

These are held on the first Monday of the month from 10.30 am to around mid-day so the next one will be on 5th December. Coffee is £1 per cup, biscuits free and may be mince pies on the 5th. Come along for a chat with fellow villagers - you will be very welcome.

Contact Sue Sanders 632759 or Isobel Newton 632274

ADVANCE NOTICE - NEW YEAR'S DAY 'BACON BUTTY EVENT'

Here's the first entry for all your 2023 diaries - this traditional event, unfortunately cancelled for the last two years due to COVID - is planned to return on 1st January 2023 (of course!). This very popular event is held in the Village Hall, probably from 12 noon to 2pm and no booking is required. It is a great way to start off the New Year with your family, friends and neighbours; - more details nearer the time, watch this space! Contact Mike Sanders 632759, Richard Hughes 634714 and Ken Rowland 633612



MEMBERS OF QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE

Invite you to a Reading (with Carols) of the Nativity BEGINNING OF THE WAY by Henzie Raeburn at 3.00pm Friday 16th December 2022 in St.Etheldreda's Church, West Quantoxhead
Tea/Coffee and Mince pie
Any donations to be shared between the Church and Quantock Food Bank.

CRAFT GROUP

CRAFT Meeting only on Tuesday 6th December 2pm to 4.30 in the village hall. £2 per session. We have a mixture of crafts in the group eg patchwork, quilting, crochet, knitting, mosaic, cross-stitch and many more.

WE RETURN ON 10th JANUARY 2023. Please phone if you have any questions 632410.

LOCAL BANKING AT THE POST OFFICE

With the closure of Lloyds Bank in Williton, please do not think that you must travel to Taunton, Minehead or Bridgwater for banking. At the Post Office you can, pay in cash and cheques, withdraw money, check your balance. All you need is your debit card, paying in book, and a branded envelope to pay in cheques – supplied free by the Post Office. You can do all this during Post Office opening hours - which are far more convenient than the banks! Finally, this applies to **all** the main banks - not just Lloyds. If in doubt, please ask - they will be happy to help you.

ST. AUDRIES ART GROUP

Meets every Wednesday in the Village Hall from 10 am until 12.30. New Members are very welcome - if you would like to know more about us please contact Maureen on 01984 632575 or Pat on 01984 632729.

EAST QUANTOXHEAD COFFEE MORNING

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

E.Q. VILLAGE HALL

DECEMBER 10th 10-12md

CAFÉ – Bacon/Sausage baps – mince pies

TOMBOLA

Books / DVDs / CDs

WINDMILL VILLAGE LUNCH DECEMBER

Mains – Roast Breast of Turkey (GFA) with pork and apricot stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, cranberry sauce and gravy OR Mushroom, Chestnut and Thyme Tart (VE) with Madeira sauce

Desserts – Windmill Christmas Pudding (GFA). Our own recipe Christmas pudding served with brandy sauce OR Lotus Biscoff Cheesecake with caramel ice cream PLUS Tea or Coffee with Mince Pies. £17.00 this time.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

The PCC have decided that it is too costly to keep the Church floodlit all year round, so the floodlights have been switched off; although the Church will still be floodlit over Christmas and Easter. However, if you would like to sponsor or make a donation to the Church to be lit up on a specific date or for a period of time, then this can easily be arranged. If wished the reasons for this could be displayed in the Church eg "In Memory of...." or "To Celebrate the Golden Wedding of..." etc. For more information please contact Mark or Wendy Philipson on 01984 631947.

CHRISTMAS WREATH/TABLE DECORATION

Come along and enjoy one of Wendy's workshops to make your own door/table wreath and afterwards a simple Christmas boutonniere to wear or use as a napkin decoration or parcel decoration, or tree decoration.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

STOGUMBER VILLAGE HALL Thursday Dec 8th 6.30 pm

DONIFORD FARM PARK Friday Dec 9th 1.30 pm

ST AUDRIES VILLAGE HALL Tuesday Dec 13th 6.30 pm

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Contact Wendy on T: 01984 656843 / 07929 577329

E:flowersbywendy@btinternet.com

£40 includes a mossed frame, mixed Christmas foliages, sundries and luxury bow and everything to make a boutonniere to wear. Also includes refreshments of mulled wine, tea or coffee and mince pies. Just bring along your apron and Christmas spirit to enjoy a fun afternoon or evening making your own for family and guests to admire. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Merry Christmas to everyone.



Please note new telephone number

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