

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – December 2021

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

Sunday 5 th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Muchelney
Sunday 12 th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Long Sutton
	12.20am	Zoom	Online
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Drayton
Sunday 19 th	11.00	Holy Communion	Long Sutton
	4.00pm	Carol service	Muchelney
	6.00pm	Carol service	Drayton
	6.30pm	Carol service	Pitney
Christmas Eve	3.30pm	Crib & Carol Service	Long Sutton
	11.30pm	midnight mass	Muchelney
Christmas Day	9.30am	Holy Communion	Pitney
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Long Sutton
Boxing Day		No Service	

Wednesdays – 10am HC or Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton

Fridays - 6.30pm informal prayers at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton

The Church is open daily during daylight hours for visiting.

For information to join the Zoom services, contact Sue on 241-554 / suecreegan@outlook.com

Notice of Christmas Services (see table above)

On Christmas Eve there will be a Crib and Carol Service held at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton at 3pm. Everyone is welcome and are encouraged to dress as one of the nativity characters and / or wear your Christmas jumper! We hope to see many there! During these uncertain times it is hoped that all the services will proceed as planned. If you have any concerns and want to check nearer the date please contact the relevant parish churchwarden(s).

Thanksgiving Service for Helen Pyke

The Thanksgiving service for Helen, will be held in Long Sutton Church on Thursday 2nd December commencing at 11am. Family and friends will travel to Curry Rivel churchyard, where her parents are buried, to inter her ashes. There will be refreshments arranged by the WI (Helen was a member of Long Sutton WI for a number of years) available at Long Sutton Church afterwards, (probably) from 1pm. All will be welcome. If anyone would like to assist with making or serving refreshments, please contact Sue Creegan on 241-554. One of her nephews, Fr. Tom Pyke, Vicar of the Isle of Dogs, has asked that any thoughts or memories of Helen be sent to him via email to tom.pyke@parishiod.org.uk or via mail to Fr. Tom Pyke, Christ Church Vicarage, Manchester Rd, London E14 3BN, so that he can include some in his eulogy.

Foodbank Suggestion for Advent

As you open your Advent calendar each day from 1st to 24th December, how about sparing some thought for those who will not have much at Christmas. In the Church there is a box which will be delivered to the Foodbank in Langport so that local people, who might not have much, can benefit from some items. How about taking an item of food each day of advent to the Church and put in the box. Examples are a tin of fish, meat, fruit, etc; something spreadable like a pot of jam, marmalade, peanut butter, honey, meat paste, tuna, etc; a packet of biscuits or a bar of chocolate, or a bag of rice, or whatever you feel you'd like to give. Or two or three items if you have to miss a day or two? How lovely will that be?

Message from the PCC of Holy Trinity

Since our vicar, Jane Twitty, left in October 2020, the Churchwardens and PCC have worked hard to ensure services can continue. They would like to thank all those who have supported the Church in various ways, be it attending services in Church or via Zoom, attending and/or serving at the Coffee Mornings, donating to the church via regular or irregular giving, attending our fund raising events (not that we've been able to have many during the past two years) and considering leaving a legacy to the church in your will. We

wish you a joyful, happy and hopefully healthy Christmas and may the God of love shower His best blessings onto your life as you go through this Christmas season and into 2022

Coffee Mornings in the Church

There was a splendid turn-out for the November coffee morning in aid of Service Dogs UK which raised £717 for the charity.

Future Events

- **On Saturday 4th December** we will be raising funds for the **Children's Hospice SW**. The organisation has three centres and we will again be supporting Charlton Farm at Wraxall as it is the nearest to us. They provide hospice care for children and their families in the South West.
- **On Saturday, 8th January** (*note not the first Saturday*) we will be supporting the Farming Community Network. Modern farming can be a lonely business with many challenges: FSN provides support and advice through the volunteers who are at the end of a phone or will make a visit to help with problems.

Long Sutton W.I.

On Thursday 16th December at 7.30 in the village hall, we will be having an evening of festive activities. This will include a short talk by Jacqueline and Ron entitled: "Tales of Amateur dramatics/Panto Judge" afterwards there will be a short quiz, festive food and crafts. We also have lots to look forward to in the New Year and will announce our new programme in January. There is a trip planned to Wells Cathedral for the Carol Service Wednesday 8th December and a Christmas meal on Tuesday 7th December at The Limekiln. If you are interested in finding out what the W.I. do please come along to a taster session, just turn up or contact Jane 241237 or Caroline (after 6.00p.m) 241159, you would be most welcome.

Long Sutton Primary School PTFA Christmas Cart

Due to the great success of our Christmas cart over the last few years, raising a fabulous amount of money for Long Sutton Primary School and the Air Ambulance, Father Christmas has agreed to join us again this year. Please look out for us in the run up to Christmas and give father Christmas a wave. The dates for this year are as follows - 12th December Somerton, 15th December Kingsdon, 17th December Huish Episcopi, 18th December Ilchester, 21st December Knole and Long Load and finally 23rd December Long Sutton.

Festive Fun with Jan McNeill!

Excitement is mounting as the FOLSC Trustees prepare for our first 'outing' since 2019, due to circumstances beyond all our control. On **Saturday 4th December** we welcome back **Ms Jan McNeill** (some of you in the WI will have already had a foretaste of her talents) to the Long Sutton Village Hall with doors opening at 7.00 and the performance starting at 7.30. Whilst Jan has spent much of her 36-year career entertaining on cruise liners these days she is shore based and has promised us a night to remember and with frocks to match! Whilst we have left it to Jan to select her final play list, we understand this may include numbers from the 50's, 60's & 70's, a taste of the Musicals and perhaps a Bond hit or two? In addition, seeing the festive season, the odd Christmas classic to put us back in the mood, after the near 'cancellation' of festivities in 2020. Whilst tickets are selling fast these are still available, on a first come first served basis, at a modest £15.00 each to include hot and cold canapes and we will be manning the normal FOLSC bar to keep you lubricated. To keep everyone safe we will be laying on table seating and canapes will be delivered to each table in the interval. You can check on ticket availability from David Aitken on 01458 241335, any of the FOLSC Trustees, personally from the

Upton Bridge Farm Shop or e mail enquiries to tickets@uptonbridgefarm.com

We look forward to having a full house on the 4th December but if you can't make it our Chairman and all the Trustees would like to send compliments of the season to our members, supporters and to all in our wider community and wish you all excellent Christmas and happier times in 2022.

Showcasing Long Sutton Past and Present.

Long Sutton WEA team would like to thank everyone who helped make the event at the village hall on Saturday 13th November such a success. The team would like to give a special mention to the Parish Council for their grant and to the WI whose members produced such delicious cakes and savouries.

It was a pleasure to be able to showcase all the talents in the village.

Individual photographs and a video to add to the history of the village will be available for everyone to see later in the year.

Doreen for WEA Team Long Sutton

Quiz night

A reminder that the popular charity general knowledge quiz night hosted by Mid Somerset Riding Club is on Saturday December 11th at the Village Hall. First question at 7.30 pm. Teams of four or five players - £10 per head includes supper. Excellent raffle and prizes. A really fun evening. Entry forms from the Village Shop or phone Marian Draper on 07885 301 898

Entries close on December 4th.

GOOD NEWS! Upton Bridge Farm shop is now open 7 days a week. Serving fresh refillable milk, coffee, fresh pastries, breads, locally produced sauces, juices, meats and cake! Not to mention a lovely section of wines and spirits and plenty more. Weather permitting I also hold 'cars & coffee' car meets on a Sunday morning, throughout the year. Come on down and say hello.

The Village Hall and Recreation Ground is now fully open and taking bookings via the system <https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk/Diary/ViewWeeklyDiary/7093>

The air conditioning is proving to be most effective in the cooler weather - even if one recent hirer had it on at 35°C! We are still hoping to attract a football team for the winter to use the pitch and pavilion with changing rooms and showers. This year South Somerset District council are NOT running a Christmas tree recycling scheme so please don't leave your tree in the car park but take it to Somerton Recycling. Finally our thanks to all parishioners for their support this year of the Hall - and particularly the, Village Shop, Frying Machine fish and chips and the 'I love Pizza' van who are major financial contributors.

Somerset libraries

Did you know Somerset libraries offer a Home Library Service to individuals who cannot access the library due to ill health, mobility or caring reasons? Our volunteers will choose and deliver books to you on a regular basis. If you or anyone you know might be interested in volunteering or receiving this service please contact the Home Library Manager on tel: 07814 079831 or email at KJenssen@somerset.gov.uk who will be happy to help you ."

See also: <https://www.longsutton.org.uk/> and click on 'News'

Classic Cars-Weds evenings

We would like to say thank you to those who came along with their classic cars to enjoy an evening at the Village Hall car park over the summer.

We are pleased to say we raised £170 for Dorset-Somerset Air Ambulance.

Thank you everyone.

LONG LOAD

Long Load Parish Council wish all residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year
The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 18th January

Wednesday 1st December Chinese Brush Painting

Crafty Folk Craft Club - Please note change of date for December

Wednesday December 15th - Christmas Card Making with Angela

Monday 20th December

Annual Carol Singing around the village (*weather dependant*) will take place on Monday 20th December.

If you are able and would like to take part in this event please meet at the Village Hall at 6pm. Bring a torch and a Hi Viz jacket if you have one.

Ann Campbell 01458 241202 or Barbara Nieto 01458 241284 can be contacted for further information should you need it.

Wednesday 22nd December

The Village Hall are planning an open air candlelight event (*weather dependant*) in the garden behind the Village hall on Wednesday 22nd December. We are hoping to put the marquee up so there will be some undercover area if required.

Mulled wine and Mince pies will be served afterwards. More details of this event will be circulated a little nearer the date

If you are able to help Andy with putting up the Marquee for the candlelight evening it would be much appreciated. please can you contact Andy if you can help on 241594 to confirm time and date for this activity

Martock & District u3a

At the next meeting on 8th December 2.30pm in the Martock Parish Hall we invite you all to a Christmas Festive, with mince pies mulled wine entertainment & a quiz.

Future meetings at Martock Parish Hall 12th January 2022
Brimsmore Garden Centre 'What's in a Name?'

Enjoy a Friendly get together and information about the 30 + Interest &

Learning groups.

Email: martocku3amembership@gmail.com telephone: 01460 240755

Please send your contributions for the January newsletter to lnewsletter@btinternet.com **by the 12th of December.** For more information call 01458 241450