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Berkley
Lullington & Orchardleigh
Rodden

Early
Christmas
Market

Friday
November 8th
10:30am-
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November 2019

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Michael's Message

"Living on the Edge"

Few of us like change. Change takes us out of our comfort zone - we feel uncertain and perhaps concerned that the normal pattern of our lives will be disturbed. We admit that this is because we feel that we have lost some sense of control.

The other day I was reading a newsletter from two missionaries who work in Lebanon. Their letter referred to the precarious unfenced roads they have to travel and to the fact that many houses are built to the very edge of cliffs. The volatile political climate of surrounding countries also causes them concern.

They say that they "Live on the Edge" but are reminded of Matthew Chapter 6:26-30 which begins:

"Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them" reminding them and us of how much God loves and cares and provides for our needs.



Day after day in the past couple of months the media has presented us with more and more information concerning the uncertain outcome of Brexit. We might indeed have felt that we were "Living on the Edge". We can however recall that though folk have had to live through times of great upheaval, change and indeed

considerable testing, they emerged with the ability to look back on the events with thanksgiving that God has provided for their need.

When we read of the experiences of many well-known Christians we learn that they too had times when they experienced "Living on the Edge". Some also say that when the testing has been greatest and they have had to totally surrender self-reliance but trust God alone, that they have experienced his guidance and support and peace.

So as the days of November unfold we recall Remembrance Sunday and days when our whole nation was "Living on the Edge" in conflict, but thanks to the sacrifice of so many and the guidance of God we emerged to a new and expanded life.

We may indeed experience "Living on the Edge" in future days, but we can also know the care and provision of God in whom we trust.

Great is his Faithfulness.

Loving greetings,

Michael White
Baptist Minister

Friends of St George's Christmas Market



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10:30am – 3:30pm

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The tower was lit on:
November 2nd in memory of Alexander Pennels – always in our thoughts.
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MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for lots of help and generous gifts at our MacMillan Coffee Morning. A grant total of £663.50 was raised.

Freda Brann

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 10th November

Beckington Royal British Legion will **not** march from the Woolpack to St George's Church this year, as Frome Town Band cannot accompany us. Members should gather near the church west door from 10:20 to enter together for the Remembrance Service which will start at 10:30.

Steve Jenkins
Branch Chairman

The Frome Remembrance Sunday Parade and Act of Remembrance will

take place in Frome on Sunday, 10th November with a parade to the Frome Memorial Theatre Garden in time for the two minute silence at 11 o'clock. Laying of wreaths and a service will follow.

For those wishing to join the Parade, please gather at the Drill Hall entrance in Keyford by 10:15.

In the evening there will be a further Service of Remembrance at St John the Baptist Church, Frome with Parade of Standards. Mr David Warburton MP and Cllr Mark Dorrington, Mayor of Frome will be present and contributing with readings.

For further details or to lay a wreath in a personal capacity, please contact Jane Norris, Chairman, Frome RBL.
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CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This will be held at St George's Church from:

Saturday 14th DECEMBER until
Sunday 22nd DECEMBER

The church will host Christmas trees from several village organisations, bringing Christmas alive to everyone. More details to follow next month.



St. Mary's Berkley

All-age Service

Sunday November 17th 9:15am.

We look forward to welcoming you
all.



On Sunday the 13th October we celebrated Mary Good's 105th birthday. Wonderful age!!! A service was held in church taken by Mary's cousin, Hilary Daniel, and attended by 70 family and friends, some from Scotland and The Isle of Wight. The hymns and readings were chosen by Mary who read one of the lessons. Afterwards we all enjoyed a lovely lunch organised by Ann Good, the wife of another of Mary's cousins. Everyone enjoyed this great occasion and Mary was wished a very happy birthday with many cards and gifts.

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Berkley village committee

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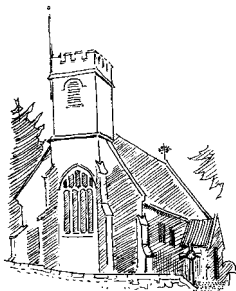
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All Saints Rodden



Macmillan Coffee Morning

An enjoyable and successful Macmillan Coffee Morning, which raised £327.10, was held at Rodden Church Hall. The weather was good and people took the opportunity to sit outside to enjoy their coffee and cake. Thanks to everyone who made a cake, brought items for the plant stall and came to support the event. Thanks to Coco, Freda, Isis and Lola for their help.

Andrew, Anne, Debbie, Janet, Lyn,
Marion and Pat.

Festive Soup & Puds from 12-2pm.
on November 15th

Jim Dowling

Date	Flowers	Cleaning
3	Mrs Higham	Mrs Higham
10	Mrs Higham	Mrs Higham
17	Mrs Antell	Mr Antell
24	Mrs Antell	Mr Antell
1	SaraJane (Walwin)	Mrs Beck

1st Thursday at No 30 will be on November 7th. Please join us at 30 Styles Hill from 10.30am. Come and take a break and join us for a hot drink and a chat.

Sheila Walker

Rodden 200 Club

The results for the Rodden 200 Club Draw held on 7th October were:

- 1st prize £50 - P D & S Stephenson
- 2nd prize £25 - Pat Antell
- 3rd prize £15 - M Wilkins
- 4th prize £10 - Roger Peters

From the Registers

Orchardleigh

Marriages

- 22nd September - Christopher Salmon and
Lauren Willmott
- 4th October - Ashley Pitt and
Katie Johnson

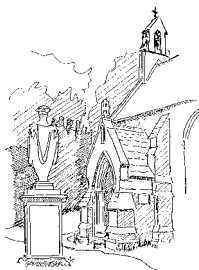
Baptism

- 29th September - Joseph Peter Bowman

Lullington

Marriages

- 28th September - Alex Sawbridge and
Olivia Winter
- 5th October - Ritchie Rees and
Elaine Meyrick
- 12th October - Martin Bird and
Megan Phillips
- 12th October - Benjamin Tasker and Leanne
Rowley



Lullington & Orchardleigh

*Delights of
Lullington 54:
Lullingtonians are
everywhere*

Potholes aren't all bad. The cavernous, rain-filled one that caused a slow puncture in our car forced me to pay a visit to the cheeriest tyrefitters in Frome. They poured on Fairy liquid, took a look at the bubbles and pointed at a large dent in the wheel hub. After bashing this out with a large hammer and exquisite care, the owner charged me a few quid. "Happens all the time," he said. "All the fault of the bumpy lanes round Lullington," I replied. His face lit up. "Lullington? I was born there!"

It's amazing how often these lightbulb moments occur. On walks, in coffee shops, in pubs, on market stalls, outside my front gate – I'm always meeting folk who were born or brought up here. Many had parents who worked on the Orchardleigh estate, and they recalled childhoods wandering in the park and woods, swimming in the lake, and quivering before the stern moustaches of the squire. Their eyes mist over when they talk of carol singing or the village school or fireworks at the big house.

Just as numerous are the ranks of those who arrived as adults and lived here for a few short years. A lot of them never get Lullington out of their heads. They come back whenever they can, and hang about uncertainly, as if trying to regain a foothold they had lost. Indeed one of these ex-villagers refused to admit that she had

left at all, and spent several years as a cuckoo in a string of bemused households. Add to these the dog-walkers, church-goers and sundry other regular visitors and you have a hefty unofficial population.

The joy in the tyre man's eyes was huge and infectious. He seemed to have total recall of his life in the village. He was born in the mill, he said, nearly seventy years ago (seventy? He was trotting round in shorts in the rain). He recited the names of everyone who lived up the lane – the woman in the post office, the old lady in the castle, the school teacher. He even remembered exactly where he went scrumping apples every autumn. Lullington is still deep in there.

Great Bustard

Remembrance

Those who made the ultimate sacrifice and those suffering as a result of many conflicts will be remembered at Matins on Sunday 10th November in the ancient church of St Mary the Virgin, Orchardleigh the service will start at 10:55am so the Act of Remembrance will fall at 11:00am.

Darkness to Light

The start of the new church year on Advent Sunday is being marked at All Saints, Lullington with a special service 'Darkness to Light' on Sunday 1st December at 6:00pm. All are welcome to join us for this service.

Beckington Astronomical Society

(www.beckingtonas.org)

Our next meeting is on Friday 15th November at the Beckington Baptist Church Hall starting at 7.30pm. We finish around 9.30pm with tea/ coffee. Annual membership £15 or £3.00 for a single meeting.

We will have a beginner's item (about 15 mins) and this will be followed by our visiting speaker Chris Starr who will be talking about 'Marvellous Moons'. You do not need to know anything about astronomy to join us - just a desire to know more about this fascinating subject.

If you have any questions please look at our website or give me a ring on 01373 830 419.

John Ball

Parents & Toddlers

Everyone is welcome, especially new families with babies and toddlers.

We meet on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm to 3.30pm at the Baptist Church hall.

More details from Freda: 830597

Martin's Blogspot

Recently posted topics on reflectiverambles.blogspot.com are:
Love thy neighbour / Stand up for your faith / What is spirituality? / and soon to be posted - The dark night of the soul. Simply tap into any search site.
New Kid on the Block. Martin Weymont

Beckington Memorial Hall

I have reminded myself on a regular basis that I needed to get the *Network* wordage together in time for this edition; suffice to say short term memory loss has officially set in (either that or I am extremely good at ignoring myself) and I only remembered to write something after the rest of *Network* had gone to the proof readers. So any grammatical errors or spelling mishaps are entirely my fault. Apologies. Also, there were only 212 words left and, as I've used up 86 of those, this, lucky you, will be brief.

Now for some reason various people have been spied around the village periodically calling out 'he's behind you' whilst slapping their thigh. This is either some sort of nervous condition or it's Panto season. I'm hoping it's the latter as otherwise there appears to be some sort of epidemic. Grab your tickets and join in the mayhem!

From the sublime to the ridiculous - *The Mikado*! We're still on track for a February performance and will keep you updated as to tickets and timings. That bit actually should probably come under 'sublime' rather than 'ridiculous,' oh well.

That's it, very quickly running out of words.

We still need Committee members and volunteers - come on you know you want to.

Beckington School

Events this month have included our open morning, at which we had an excellent turn out of prospective parents and visitors. Our School Council confidently helped give tours of the school alongside governors and our office staff. The rest of the school were engaged in activities from our new STEAM based curriculum, such as **s**cience (electricity challenges), **t**echnology (computing activities), **e**ngineering (making a model tee pee village), **a**rt (making clay sunflowers) and **m**aths (online activities to improve quick recall of facts). We also had children taking part in forest school activities outside.

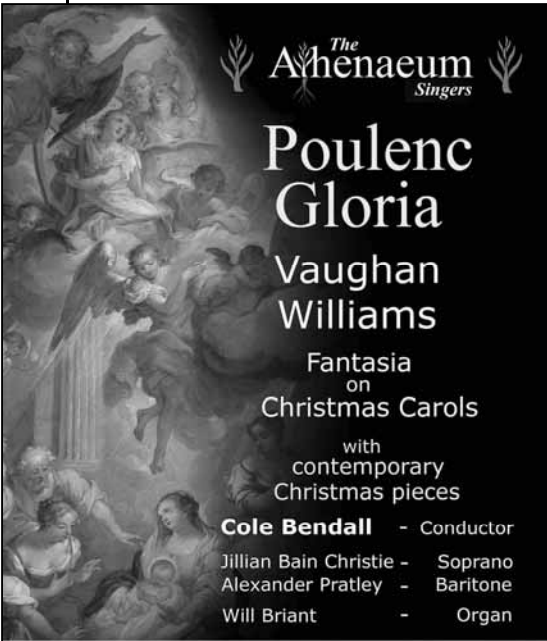
We had a good sized team of runners who took part in the **cross country competition**, bravely battling the rain around the course at Millfield Junior School.

The Y1 children had a wonderful time at the **sports festival** held at Selwood Academy. They were all incredibly well-behaved and were a real credit to us and themselves.

We had a wonderful story telling assembly where each class recited a traditional tale, using actions and prompts to help them remember the narrative. We heard about the Little Red Hen and also a Native American Indian story. The children performed with enthusiasm demonstrating their love of learning and telling stories.

The **harvest service** was lovely in St George's church. The children sang beautifully and some of Owl Class told the story of how we make flour from seed sown in the fields. The reception children gave a very confident performance of Big Red Combine Harvester – well done! Thank-you to all who came and joined us and also for the contributions to Fair Frome.

Claire Chantler
Head teacher



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November - 10.30am to 4.30pm
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Beckington Creatives are celebrating their fifth year of artistic accomplishment with another village Art Trail on the 22nd to 24th November. With a wide and eclectic range of contributing artists and styles and more venues than ever, the Trail offers an easily accessible and affordable way to acquire some splendid pieces of art, all locally produced by artists who live in and around the village.

But that's not all. We have also invited guest artists from elsewhere in Somerset to participate in our expanding event. This means there will be a diverse group of 15 artists offering a wide range of disciplines, including sculpture, designer knitwear, jewellery, painting and printmaking.

Please join us for our launch party in each venue during the afternoon of Friday 22nd November to engage with and meet your community of local artists.

Pick up an Art Trail map from our Flag Pick Up Point situated in the centre of Beckington Village.
Don't miss it!

You can find us on
www.facebook.com/Beckington-Creatives

For Sale or Wanted

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Standerwick, Berkley and Beckington W.I.

At our October meeting Stuart Shepperd gave us a very interesting talk about how you should recycle things instead of throwing them away. His display of some of the things he has found at car boot sales or being thrown away at the tip was very informative. The oil can with *Power Petroleum Company* on it was missing the cap, so if he could find the right cap it could be worth £100.00! He also had a 1940's cake tin and a rusty sign with *Simplex Milking Equipment* on it that he thought was of similar value.

Teak furniture is now more saleable than the older very dark furniture. A china bowl with blue flowers on it dates from 1847-1870 and has a Minton's stamp on it. A lady was throwing away at the tip a lovely large garden statue of a goose which she gave to him instead, and as he turned away she said "Would you like the other one as well?" - a very lucky find. If you want to get rid of something, sell it, take it to the charity shop, or put it outside your house with a "Please take" sign. Don't throw it away, you could be throwing money away!

Stuart also told us about his career as a Disc Jockey. He has done Discos for children's parties, birthday parties for people 40, 60 and 80 years old and for weddings and wakes. He gave us a quiz, playing different records and asking the artist, title of the song and the year. Some of the answers were Bill Hayley, the Beatles and Doris Day. He then went on to talk about the different gangs like the Mods and

Rockers, and the Skin Heads and Bikers that he knew and who have now grown up into respectable citizens after their wild youth. A very interesting life.

The *Sharing Skills Open Morning* was very well attended, the crochet lessons being one of the favourites, and all the visitors enjoyed the tea, coffee and cakes.

There will be a **cookery demonstration** at our next meeting on 7th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors will be very welcome.

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Berkley School

We have all had a busy term here at Berkley. Having spent time in the classrooms I have felt a real buzz for learning and everyone's energy has been infectious.

The term began with a lovely family walk organised by the FBS (Friends of Berkley School) and it ended with refreshments in St. Mary's Church, Berkley. As you can imagine the cakes were gratefully received by all. I would like to thank all those involved.

Within our school this term we have been looking at our outside areas and the newly elected School Council are supporting some great initiatives. They spent an afternoon planting herbs, covering an area with chalk paint and thinking of how to breathe new life into a bench area. The School Council play an important role in making sure everyone's voice is heard.

The Christian values are integral to making sure our children understand what being a kind, respectful and honest citizen looks like. We have been exploring 'respect' and how being respectful is part of everyday life and filters into all we do. The children have really had to think about how they phrase things, how they look after resources, their belongings and the manner in which they treat people from the community.

Some highlights of this term.....

Reception class have been busy learning nursery rhymes and funny alternatives too! They have looked after boiled egg humpty dumpty and

made spider webs during outdoor learning. I have definitely seen some spiders lurking around their classroom. We are really good at identifying rhyming words too!

The children in **Year 4** have adopted an Owl called Barny; they will be hearing from the *Barn Owl Trust* very soon to see how he is getting on. This week they have been fascinated by dissecting owl pellets to reveal animal skeletons.

I really love autumn time, we dig out those woolly jumpers, go on welly walks, pick berries, collect conkers and observe the seasonal changes. We share our weekend experiences in our assemblies and talk about the seasons so that children appreciate their natural surroundings.

We will be saying thank you and thinking about our environment at our **Harvest Service**, held at St. Mary's Church. We will also be having a **harvest market** where we will be selling seasonal produce to raise money for Charities. Our Year 4 children will be working at the market, enabling them to practise their mathematical and social skills in a real life context.

We have an open door policy and you are always welcome, please phone the school office for a visit on 01373 887390.

Suzanne Thompson,
Headteacher

Beckington School

The Year 1 children recently attended a multi sports afternoon at Selwood School where they all had great fun joining in with the different games and learning new skills.



Springmead get the green light from educational consultant

I have been working with Madeleine and the staff as an education consultant for the last six and a half years, bringing an independent view of the school, its systems and provision.

The curriculum is based on themes which enable children to learn in a holistic way, seeing how knowledge and concepts link naturally across subjects rather than in discrete and compartmentalised chunks. But here learning is enriched in so many more ways, with “Seize the Day” opportunities. Further, the regular outdoor learning from “Go Explore” and the innovative teaching of Bushcraft, chimes well with recent views of getting children out and active; this was in place from the inception of Springmead 18 years ago! All of this is crowned by the personal development of the pupils. They are imbued with the ‘Springmead Way’ which provides a moral compass for developing personalities; children are encouraged to participate in a whole host of clubs and activities, challenge walks, awards and sporting activities. Add to that the opportunities for them to build their confidence by performing in class assemblies, the poetry competition, productions and Showcase - Springmead is well ahead of similar schools.

talented staff and far-sighted leadership. The prime reason for a school is to provide an education which prepares them for their future and expects that education to be the best academically.

This week I have been in school conducting joint lesson and assembly observations with Madeleine. We have, yet again, seen teaching which is universally outstanding and, at times, inspirational with lessons and assemblies ranging from Tutankhamun, maths through computer spreadsheets to Mercy-in-Action, the Lord’s Prayer, 17th century London, Ancient Greece, phonics and letter sounds, to shape work and building blocks with shaving foam! A truly varied curriculum but one with clear academic outcomes.

When visiting Springmead I am reminded of something a Professor of Education at Cambridge University once said to a head teacher’s conference I attended, “think of a school that makes you long for childhood – and try to make yours that school”. Springmead is as near to that dream as I think it is possible to get.

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The October meeting was our **Harvest Lunch** at Fairfield Farm College, Dilton Marsh. This is a specialist college for students with learning disabilities, and part of the campus is devoted to a well-stocked farm shop, post office and coffee shop, serving refreshments and light lunches. About 20 members enjoyed a good choice of food, including quiche, soup, rolls and jacket potatoes, all freshly cooked on the premises. Very good value, and time to relax and chat in pleasant surroundings and a friendly atmosphere. We all signed a card for our lovely friend Mary Good, who celebrated her 105th birthday in October.

Next time, we look forward to welcoming Mike Rolfe as our speaker. This will be on Wednesday 6th November. Before then some of us will be attending the Diocesan Autumn Conference, to be held at Westfield, church, Radstock, when there will be reports about the various projects and initiatives going on across the diocese. It is a great encouragement to meet members from other branches, to share ideas and to support one another, and we come away with renewed enthusiasm for the valuable work MU members are involved in, often quietly and behind the scenes, in our churches and communities.

Please come along to our next meeting on November 6th at LaHS Place, 2.15pm to out more. You will have a warm welcome.

Rosemary Ball



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Bettering Beckington 2019/23 Survey:

After the local elections in 2015, the Parish Council held a public meeting to gather ideas and then put out a public survey so that residents could indicate what they saw as a priority for the Parish Council to focus on. Over the following four years Members of the Council have been working extremely hard to deliver the top priorities from the original 2015 survey.

At the Parish Council meeting in October the Council reviewed the top priorities from the 2015 survey and of the projects that are under the control of the Parish Council, all but one had been achieved, even a few that were lower on the list had been completed as well.

This year was again a local elections year, so it is time to once again ask residents to say what they think should be the Parish Council's priorities. In last month's *Network* Mag, you should have received a letter inviting you to a consultation event – Bettering Beckington 2019/23 - this took place on Thursday 26th October. Don't worry if you missed this as you can always email in your suggestion to the Parish Clerk. The

ideas that have been collected will be sorted through, any that are matters for Somerset County Council or Mendip District Council will be sent to them, ideas that are left that the Parish Council could deliver or have influence over will be put into a survey for residents to indicate their priority.

Simon Pritchard
Parish Clerk
Beckington Parish Council

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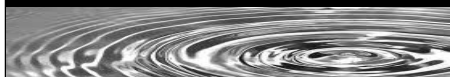
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Christmas Day	<p><i>Merry Christmas!</i> SORRY, WE'RE CLOSED!</p>			
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Monday 30th	8am - 6pm	9am - 5pm	8am - 5pm	12pm - 8.30pm
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		Nov 17	10.00am	BCP Matins
		Nov 24	10.00am	Morning Worship
		Dec 1	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
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St. Mary's Berkley		Nov 3	11.00am	BCP Matins
	Remembrance	Nov 10	10.30am	Remembrance Service at Beckington
		Nov 17	9.15am	All-age Service
		Nov 24	9.15am	Holy Communion
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St. Mary's Orchardleigh	Remembrance	Nov 10	10.55am	Remembrance BCP Matins
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- Nov 2 Beckington **Family Fireworks** evening at Beckington Memorial Hall. This should be fun. Hopefully a Lantern Parade, live music from the Beckington Bandits, great food and a couple of bars.
- Nov 6 **MU** meeting LaHS Place, 2.15pm
Speaker Mike Rolfe
- Nov 7 **1st Thursday** at 30 Styles Hill from 10.30am
- Nov 7 **W.I.** Cookery demonstration
- Nov 8 **Early Christmas Market** 10.30am – 3.30pm Beckington Memorial Hall
Friends of St. George's
- Nov 12 **Beckington Parish Council** 7pm
Clifford Suite
- Nov 15 Rodden Festive **Soup & Puds** noon-2pm in the church hall
- Nov 15 **BAS** 7.30pm at Beckington Baptist Church hall
- Nov 23-24 Beckington Creative Arts Trail
10.30am – 4.30pm
- Nov 28-30 **Beckington Players' Panto** *Babes in the (Sher) Wood*

Later in the Year

- Dec 4 **MU Advent service/Christmas meeting.** LaHS Place, 2.15
- Dec 4, 11, 18 **Advent Reflections** 7.15pm for 7.30pm (Beckington venue)
- Dec 5 **W.I.** George Formby and the ukulele
- Dec 14-22 St. George's **Christmas Tree Festival**
- Feb 1 ***The Mikado*** at Beckington Memorial Hall

The calendar of activities in St. George's church is online at
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