



# Tormarton Newsletter

December 2017  
January 2018

## TORMARTON AND WEST LITTLETON NEWS

### Diary – December & January

Mon	11 Dec	6.30 pm	Parish Council Committee Meeting in the Hall Committee Room
Wed	13 Dec	7.30 pm	Faith Matters, at Tormarton Court
Mon	18 Dec	8.30 pm	100 Club Christmas Draw in The Major's Retreat
Fri	22 Dec	6.30 pm	Tormarton Village Carol Singing – departing from Drake House
Wed	Jan TBA	7.30 pm	Faith Matters, at Tormarton Court

### Advance Notice

Sat	3 Mar	TBA	Family Panto-tainment (see below)
Fri	9 Mar	7.30 pm	Madrigal Concert in St. James' Church, West Littleton

### Recyclable & Refuse Collection:

*N.B. According to the South Glos Council website, collections over Christmas and the New Year will be on the usual days of the week so these dates are shown below. However these dates are unlikely so alterations will be made - a leaflet will be left by the refuse collectors advising changes.*

Recycling items and food bins are now being collected **every** week.

Black and green bins will be collected **alternate** weeks.

For details on Recycling items to be put in each box/bag, check information on leaflets that have been left

### Tormarton – Mondays

Bins: 4 & 18 Dec; 1, 15 & 29 Jan

### B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 1, 15 & 29 Dec; 12 & 26 Jan

### West Littleton – Mondays or Tuesdays (depending on location in the village)

Bins: 11/12 & 25/26 Dec; 8/9 & 22/23 Jan

### Mobile Library:

Following a review of the library services, the mobile library service has stopped operating.

For more information on this decision and the library opening hours see:

[www.southglos.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/library-review/](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/library-review/)

## TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

<b>Sun</b>	<b>3 Dec:</b>	10.30 am	Family Gift Service (see below)	Rev. Sally Wheeler
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17 Dec:</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	Carol Service, followed by refreshments	Rev. Sally Wheeler
<b>Mon</b>	<b>25 Dec:</b>	10.30 am	Christmas Family Service, with Holy Communion	Rev. Sally Wheeler
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7 Jan:</b>	10.30 am	Epiphany Sunday service	Rev. Sally Wheeler
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21 Jan:</b>	10.30 am	Family Service, followed by refreshments	Rev. Sally Wheeler

## WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

<b>Sun</b>	<b>10 Dec:</b>	10.30 am	Gift Service (for Sisters of the Church in Bristol)	Rev. Christopher Mulholland
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17 Dec:</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	Carol Service	Rev. Sally Wheeler
<b>Mon</b>	<b>25 Dec:</b>	<b>10 am</b>	Christmas Service with a short Holy Communion	Rev. Christopher Mullholland
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28 Jan:</b>	9 am	Holy Communion (1662)	Rev. Sally Wheeler

## MARSHFIELD BENEFICE SERVICES – January

<b>Sun</b>	<b>24 Dec:</b>	11.30 pm	Benefice Midnight Communion	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>31 Dec:</b>	10.30 am	Benefice Family Communion	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>14 Jan:</b>	11.30 am	Blessing of the Plough Service – invitation to all, followed by a hot lunch.	

**Tormarton Family Friendly Gift Service – 10.30 am Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

This Christmas we are again supporting the Christmas Appeal by the Sisters of the Church; this year they aim to provide Christmas bags of food and gifts to over 500 people. **Suggested gifts:**

**Ladies:** gloves, warm scarves, hand cream and individual toiletries

**Men:** gloves, warm scarves, hats, socks and toiletry sets

**Children: Argos Vouchers.** The Sisters now provide a £10 Argos voucher for every child in need; this enables them to choose their own gift. This has proved hugely popular with the families and last year they gave out around 200 vouchers.

**Food Donations** are always welcome and at Christmas the Sisters would particularly welcome tinned ham, meat or salmon, boxes of chocolates and festive biscuits, mince pies and small jars of coffee. Please note they DO NOT need Christmas puddings this year and, of course, all items should be in date for Christmas.

**Additional Collection:** We have also decided to make a monetary collection for the Sisters to help fund their bulk food buying and particular support to their most vulnerable families. A special collection box will be available at the back of the church during the Gift Service together with envelopes and Gift Aid forms. The usual collection towards Church Funds will be made during the service.

If you are unable to attend the service but would like to make a contribution, gifts can be left in the church during the week before the Gift Service - or contact Janet Wells (218549).

**Tormarton Carol Service – 5 pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

This service, which is a traditional blend of carols and lessons, will be held partly in candlelight and is a beautiful way to move into the week before Christmas. Refreshments will be served after the service so it is a lovely way to meet friends and neighbours - old and new. Everyone is very welcome.

**Carol Singing in Tormarton – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Do join us as we take our Carol Singing around the village raising money for charities both at home and abroad. Last year the money collected was divided between the Children's Society and the Red Cross support for the Syrian Refugees. Singers and non-singers of all ages are welcome to come along for this traditional village evening; we plan to leave Drake House at 6.30 pm. For more details please contact Janet Wells on 218549.

**Parish Council Notes from the Chairman**

1. **Tormarton Village Website** - The Tormarton village website - <http://www.tormarton.org/> - has been in operation for several years and during this time the contents, including parish council information, has been kept up to date by Gill Penberth, the Parish Clerk. In order to comply with the requirements of the Transparency Regulations 2015, the parish council now has its own dedicated website - <http://www.tormarton-pc.gov.uk/> - which will be serviced by the Parish Clerk. Consequently, there is now a need for a volunteer to be responsible for entering information on the Tormarton village website e.g. village events, community news etc.  
*If you would like to help with this task please contact Gill Penberth tel. 218186 or 07976 82 08 05.*
2. **The next Meeting** of the Parish Council will be held in the Hall Committee Room on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6.30 pm.

**Faith Matters Group, Tormarton –Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – January date TBA**

Informal Discussion Group open to all, meeting at 7.30 pm at Tormarton Court.

'The Ten Commandments Countdown' No.9 in December and No.8 in January.

For more information, and details of the January date, please contact Rev. Sally Wheeler on [marshfield.benefice@gmail.com](mailto:marshfield.benefice@gmail.com) or tel: 01225 892180.

**A Family Panto-tainment ..... - A Date for your Diaries – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> March is Panto-tainment day! Plans are going well for this exciting event and several people have already come forward! But if you are a budding actor or costume designer or musician you are not too late to join the troupe - get in touch with Joanna on 01454 218412 or George on 01454 218223. There will be a preliminary meeting in early January - all those who have expressed interest will be contacted.

The annual **West Littleton Madrigal Concert** with the Bristol University Madrigal Ensemble will be held in St James's Church at 7.30 pm on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**100 Club:** The Christmas draw will take place at The Major's Retreat on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30 pm.

**Pilates** take place in the Village Hall on Monday evenings, 7-8 pm. This group has been taking place for some time now so we are not able to take beginners, but anyone interested, who has already done some pilates, can contact Sophie, email: [sophiehthomson@hotmail.com](mailto:sophiehthomson@hotmail.com), phone: 07786 653834.

The cost of each class is now fixed at £6.50, but before each session of 4 classes you will be asked how many you would like to book and pay for. (£25 if booking for all 4).

**Fireworks on New Year's Eve:** It would be appreciated if anyone planning to have fireworks could let their neighbours know, especially those with dogs, or with livestock in the fields.

**Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church**

Church Flowers: 3 Dec - Mrs M. Campbell Hill      10/17 Dec – Mrs J. Berry  
All festive decorations for the Carol Service on 17<sup>th</sup> December  
24/31 Dec – Mrs S. Porter      7/14 Jan – Mrs J. Bowman      21/28 Jan - Mrs J. Davies

Church Cleaning: Dec - Mrs J. Orchard and Mrs H. Ralph  
Jan - Mrs J. Clark and Mrs L. Scott-Martin

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**WITH BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR**