



Tormarton Newsletter

November
2017

TORMARTON AND WEST LITTLETON NEWS

Diary

Weekend of 3, 4 & 5 Nov Please warn your neighbours if you are planning a firework party
Mon 13 Nov 6.30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting in the Hall Committee Room
Wed 29 Nov 7.30 p.m. Faith Matters at Tormarton Court (see below)

Advance Diary

Sun 17 Dec 5 p.m. Carol Service in Tormarton Church
Sun 17 Dec 6 p.m. Carol Service in West Littleton Church

Recyclable and Refuse Collection:

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: 6 & 20 Nov, 4 Dec

B4465 towards Codrington – Fridays

Bins: 3 & 17 Nov, 1 Dec

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

Bins: 13/14 & 27/28 Nov

Mobile Library:

Tormarton (Parish Hall car park)	11.50 am – 12 pm	Mon 6 & 20 Nov
West Littleton	3.40 – 3.55 pm	Thur 9 & 23 Nov

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES – November and advance information for December

Sun 5 Nov	10.30 am	Morning Service with Holy Communion	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun 12 Nov	10.30 am	Remembrance Day Service, followed by refreshments	Mr. Mike Strathdee
Sun 19 Nov	10.30 am	Morning Worship, followed by refreshments	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun 3 Dec	10.30 am	Gift Service (see below)	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun 17 Dec	5 pm	Carol Service	Rev. Sally Wheeler

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES – November and advance information for December

Sun 12 Nov	10.50 am	Remembrance Service in Marshfield (10.30 am Parade and Observance at the War Memorial)	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun 26 Nov	9 am	Holy Communion (1662)	Rev. Sally Wheeler
Sun 10 Dec	10.30 am	Gift Service (for Sisters of the Church)	Rev. Christopher Mulholland
Sun 17 Dec	6 pm	Carol Service	Rev. Sally Wheeler

West Littleton Church: Academy of Ancient Music Concert raised £1,718

A string quartet from the Academy of Ancient Music performed to a completely full church at West Littleton on Saturday 21st October. It was a memorable concert especially for the brilliant performance of Schubert's Death and the Maiden. The intimate atmosphere of the small church and the entertaining comments given by the players made for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. A retiring collection raised £1,375 (£1,718 with Gift Aid) for the Red Cross Hurricane Irma Relief in the Turks and Caicos Islands, where the funds will be used in the most badly affected areas on Grand Turk, South Caicos and Salt Cay.

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TORMARTON CHURCH NEWS

Structure of services in Tormarton

A few people have asked for a reminder of the Sunday service schedule:

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month: Services start at 10.30 am lasting less than an hour.

Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday, Morning Service followed by refreshments on the 3rd Sunday.

2nd Sunday of the month: Evening Service commencing 6 pm, lasting approx. 45 mins will restart in the Spring.

In months with a **5th Sunday:** a Benefice Service, which moves around the Churches in the Benefice.

We very much hope you will be able to join us at these services as often as you can - you will be very welcome.

The Remembrance service – 10.30 am Sunday 12th November

As usual, we will move to the War Memorial just before 11 am to pay our respects and commemorate all those from this village who have served and given their lives for their country. We hope you will be able to join us for this important service. Refreshments will be available after the service.

Family Friendly Gift Service – 10.30 am Sunday 3rd 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 Harvest Service and Lunch – Thank you

Thank you for all the food, flowers, drinks, raffle, and most of all your support, which made Harvest Sunday such a great success. The church looked lovely and we had a wonderful collection of food and donations for The Sister of the Church in Bristol. An extract of their letter is below. The Harvest Lunch after the service was enjoyed by all - and raised over £800 for church funds. Many, many thanks to everyone.

'Dear Friends at Tormarton Church

Thank you so much for sending the very kind donations of food and money totalling £446 in response to our Harvest Appeal, and for your fantastic support for the work that we do here. We are very touched by everyone's generosity. We're extremely grateful too for your thoughtfulness in completing the many Gift Aid forms' that were enclosed with your donations. Your gifts are all the more welcome as our funds are exceptionally low at present, after very high demand for help over the previous months of this year.

Because of this, and due to the rising costs of food, we are spending increasing amounts on our weekly supermarket orders, and so every donation is greatly needed and much appreciated by our callers.

Thank you once again for all your support and commitment to our work – we could not carry out our ministry here without your generosity.

Yours sincerely, Sisters of the Church'

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Tormarton Churchyard clear up – Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped tidy up the churchyard and to everyone who has taken part in the mowing rota during this year. The churchyard continues to look very well kept and cared for, and we receive many compliments from passing visitors – especially those on the Cotswold Way. For next year's rota we will assume that everyone will continue to stay involved (!) If you would like to be included, please let Bruce know on bruce@thefinnamores.com. Watch this space for the next Pie and Pint night!

Faith Matters – Wednesday 29th November – 7.30 pm at Tormarton Court

We will continue to explore and discuss the Ten Commandments and their relevance to us today. This promises to be another really interesting evening to which everyone is very welcome. If you would like to learn more about the group, please contact Rev. Sally Wheeler on marshfield.benefice@gmail.com / tel: 01225 892180.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the Chairman

1. **Boundary Commission Review and Consultation:** This is to remind you to respond to this consultation if you have not already done so. Under the current proposals Tormarton will no longer be linked to the villages of Badminton, Acton Turville and Hawkesbury Upton but will join Marshfield, Dyrham & Hinton, Doynton, Wick & Abson, Pucklechurch and other areas in the Boyd Valley ward. These changes cut across our current links with the Badminton Estate and Acton Turville Trinity primary school with which we have had a long-standing relationship. The full report and maps may be viewed online at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0018/34641/SouthGloucestershire_DraftRecommendations_edited.pdf and comments can be submitted via <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/9254>
This consultation closes on Monday 6th November 2017.
2. **The next Meeting** of the Parish Council will be held in the Hall Committee Room on Monday 13th November, starting at 6.30 pm.

100 Club: Winners in the October Draw were - Tormarton Cricket Club (£50), T.Deane, R.Orme, C.Elliott, P.Monyard and R.James (£10 each). The Christmas Draw will be held at The Major's Retreat on Monday, 18th December at 8.30 pm. **Please note** - There are still many membership payments outstanding for 17/18. It would be appreciated if these could be paid to Pam Davis before 18th December so that there will be sufficient funds for the prizes.

A Family Panto-tainment is being planned for the beginning of March 2018! This is just a preliminary notice – further details will be in the December/January newsletter.

Exciting opportunities for front and backstage talent - no experience necessary - recruiting in early January - if you are interested please contact George Gent on 218223 or Joanna Bowman on 218412 *asap*!

Pilates Sessions 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: sophie.thomson@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).

A set of house keys have been dropped when walking round the village and through the fields. If anyone finds them, please give to Diana Elliott (details below) who will return them to the house owner.

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 5 Nov – Mrs. S. Smith; 12/19 Nov – Mrs. E. Barker; 26 Nov – Mrs M Campbell Hill
Church Cleaning: Mrs N. Butler & Mrs. S. Elcock

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Items for the next issue to cover **December and January** to be given to Diana Elliott, St. Mary's House, tel: 218364 or email: diana.elliott@hotmail.co.uk, not later than 26th November please.