

St Laurence See page 9 of December Parish Magazine for full details.
Tickets £12.

****Saturday 24th January A different Talk by Captain Barry Sadler** “A view from the bridge”. £5 In aid of Redlynch Village Hall and St Mary’s Church.

**** Friday 30th January Deadline for Recycling “Tech”**We are collecting Desktops, notebooks & laptops Mobile Phones & Tablets External & internal hard drives IP telephones Server equipment Small Printers (Maximum size approx. H15cm, W45, D30cm)Cables, keyboards & micePower supply units Monitors and Flat Screens Toner cartridges (if boxed and unused) They will be recycled by Jamie’s Computers—an offshoot of the Society of St James, a charity which runs several projects tackling homelessness and addiction in Southampton and Portsmouth. For more details see jamies.org.uk. Box in recycling cupboard or leave outside if large.

****Thursday 5th February Talkabout** Richard Hutley will talk on “Who shot JFK”

****Saturday 14th February Social** Starting with a meal at 5.30pm. Followed by Games on the colour red as it is Valentines Day. Please wear red if you can. It would be helpful if you could let Anita know if you plan to come.

Remember we are ALWAYS collecting the following :-

- a) Items for Ukraine
- b) Recycling
- c) Puzzles and books
- d) CLEAN plastic bags to put necklaces, shower gel and shampoo in for next years shoe boxes.
- e) Hats, scarves, soap, notebooks etc for Shoe Boxes.
- f) Tombola or Raffle prizes

Duke of Edinburgh Scheme We now also have a young lady helping prepare and clear away the meal for the monthly social.

Contact us by e mail—atanner.gtanner@btinternet.com/Phone 01725512648, text 07816542204 Anita and Graham.

St Mary's, St Birinus and Woodfalls Methodist Churches

At our local churches we continue to pray for those who live or work in the community, During the month of December we pray for those who live and work in Lodge Drove, Little Woodfalls Drive, Forest Rod and Telegraph. If there is anything or anyone you would like us to pray for, please contact us.roadstogod@outlook.com Also, you can place a written prayer in the Roads to God prayer boxes in porches of Woodfalls Methodist, St Birinus and St Mary’s churches or outside Redlynch Village Hall. Thank you.

Circuit Prayers This month we are asked to pray for those at SMC.

We remember this month’s Prisoner of Conscience:- Chinese journalist Zhang Zhan was sentenced to another four years in prison on 19 September 2025 for the charge of “picking quarrels and provoking trouble.” After she appealed this verdict in late September, it has been reported that neither her family nor her lawyer was allowed to visit her. For a brief period, her whereabouts were unknown, until on 18 November her family received confirmation that she is being held at Shanghai Women’s Prison. Neither they nor her lawyer have yet secured permission to visit her, and there are ongoing concerns for her well-being. The charges against her are baseless; she has merely exercised her right to freedom of expression and to defend the rights of others.

Fundraising

****Book Fair** We welcome gifts of books and help setting up and on the Friday and Saturday.

Christmas Post Many thanks to all those who supported the Christmas Post. We raised £350.90 plus £10.48 which we should get from the scouts. 274 cards were posted for local delivery, 909 came out from Salisbury so between us we delivered 1183 cards.

Lover Garage Sale This probably won’t happen so we are looking for another idea to replace the money we usually raise there.

Building Update

The boiler and gas appliances are being serviced at the end of the week. Then this year we will have our 5 yearly electrical inspection and our Quinquennial inspection to look forward to !!.

Dates for your diary

January

Wed	7th	10.45am	Café Style worship led by Rev Veronica Batchelor + Lunch	Methodist Main Hall
		7.30pm	St Mary's Fundraising Group	Methodist Small Hall
Thurs	8th	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
Sat	10th	5.30pm	Social **	Methodist Hall
Sun	11th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Birinus
Mon	12th	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Tues	13th	10.30	Last session of the Bible's Beautiful Strangeness	Methodist Small Hall
		2pm	Friendship Hub AGM to plan the year followed by afternoon tea.	Methodist Small Hall
Thurs	15th	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
		7pm	Evening with Bishop Andrew **	St Laurence Downton
Sat	17th	10-12	St Birinus Coffee Morning	Morgans Vale & Woodfalls Hall
Sun	18th	9.45am	Breakfast	Methodist Church
		10.00am	Café Church led by Rev Veronica Batchelor	Methodist Church
Mon	19th	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Wed	21st	10.45am	Café Style Worship led by Rev Dr Mark Cheetham + Lunch	Methodist Hall
Thurs	22nd	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
Sat	24th	7pm	Talk by Captain Barry Sadler **	Redlynch Village Hall
Sun	25th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
Mon	26th	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Tues	27th	7pm	PCC	Methodist Small Hall
Thurs	29th	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
Fri	30th		Last day to recycle Technology **	Methodist Back Porch

February

Sun	1st	10.00am	Worship led by Mrs Valerie Liversidge	Methodist Church
		4pm	Forest Church	St Mary's Churchyard
Mon	2nd	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Wed	4th	10.45am	Café Style worship led by Rev Cecil King + Lunch	Methodist Main Hall
Thurs	5th	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
		10.30	Talkabout **	Methodist Hall
Sun	8th	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Birinus
Mon	9th	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Thurs	12th	10-12	Cafe	Methodist Small Hall
Sat	14th		Social **	Methodist Hall
Sun	15th	9.45am	Breakfast	Methodist Church
		10.00am	Café Church led by Rev Veronica Batchelor	Methodist Church
Mon	16th	10-12	Creation Station + Coffee & Cake	Methodist Hall
Tues	17th	9am	Setting up Book Fair **	Methodist Church
Wed	18th	10.45am	Ash Wednesday Café Style Worship led by Rev Stephen Maunder + Lunch	Methodist Hall
Thurs	19th	10-12	Stay and Play	Methodist Hall
Fri	20th	2.30-6	Book Fair **	Methodist Church
Sat	21st	10-5	Book Fair **	Methodist Church
			Fundraising	
	25th-27th	Sept	Puzzle Festival	Methodist Building
	14th	November	Christmas Market	Methodist Building

**** Further details. PLEASE PUT THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY**

**** Saturday 10th January Social 5.30pm** The meal will be followed by team "Higher or Lower".

**** Thursday 15th January Evening with Bishop Andrew 7pm**