

**Kimble Bell Ringers  
St. Nicholas' Church**

If anyone is interested in taking up bell ringing and joining the Kimble Bell Ringing group, contact [john@boxx.org.uk](mailto:john@boxx.org.uk) for more information.

**Cllr. Clive Harriss**

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**Pilates  
at**

**The Stewart Hall  
Little Kimble**

There is a class on Tuesdays at 10.30 am and on Wednesdays at 5 pm. All levels are welcome. Contact Kay 07962.172906 for further information

**Whist Drives  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December  
6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January**

All welcome to these friendly evenings, 7.30pm in The Stewart Hall Little Kimble  
**Mary Tate 01296 612481**

**Sensory Garden**

There will be a Sensory Garden within the Cala Homes site by The Swan. We are looking for volunteers to get involved with the planting and maintenance – contact Delia or Harvey if interested? [dburton@kimblecouncil.org.uk](mailto:dburton@kimblecouncil.org.uk) [halison@kimblecouncil.org.uk](mailto:halison@kimblecouncil.org.uk)

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Check out the Christmas Festivities at The Swan

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07527 595813  
[kimblestewarthall@gmail.com](mailto:kimblestewarthall@gmail.com)

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**GWEN'S CHARITY PLANT  
STALL &  
CHRISTMAS WREATHS.**

I am making Christmas wreaths once again this year. As usual, they are being made from all natural foliage and berries, foraged from mine, and friends gardens, and the local hedgerows. To order, or to buy, telephone Gwen on 07801 562535, or pop into my home at Haylands, Kimblewick road. All monies to Cancer Research and Florence Nightingale Hospice. I am winding down my stall for this year, but will be back in early spring. Money raised to date for this year, is £2700. With the wreaths still to come, I will give you all the full total in the New year. Many thanks for your continued support.

Thank you so much to all of you who buy from me, **Gwen Nicosia**

**Pastoral Care** It is the aim and the privilege of the Pastoral Team to visit sick, bereaved, lonely or house-bound members of the community. We are also happy to assist with transport for those who are in need of it. Do get in touch if you know of anyone who would value a visit and the support of the team, it is often the only way we get to hear of their needs. For further information contact:

**Julia Northway 01844 342112**

**YARN WANTED BY  
KIMBLE KNITTERS .**

If anyone has any unwanted wool, we would love to receive it. We knit for several local charities, mainly Scannappeal. Any amount is acceptable, from oddments to larger amounts. We will use it all. Please telephone Gwen on 07801 562535. We can collect.  
Thanks in advance.

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**GREAT AND LITTLE  
KIMBLE cum MARSH  
NEWSLETTER  
No 559  
December 24  
& January 25**

**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH  
GREAT KIMBLE  
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**St Nicholas' Church  
Great Kimble  
1<sup>st</sup> December**

10am  
Parish communion

8<sup>th</sup> December  
10am  
Morning Worship

15<sup>th</sup> December  
St Nic's Kids\*

18<sup>th</sup> December  
6.30pm  
Family Carol Service

24<sup>th</sup> December  
11pm  
Midnight Mass

25<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Service  
10am

5<sup>th</sup> January  
10am Parish communion

12<sup>th</sup> January  
10am Morning Worship

19<sup>th</sup> January  
St Nic's Kids

26<sup>th</sup> January  
10am informal communion

Please note there are no services at All Saints' Church until June 25. The Church is open for visitors

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP  
9AM**

**Wednesdays  
St Nicholas' Church**  
Enjoy coffee and a short Act of Worship  
All are welcome.

**VILLAGE**

**COFFEE MORNING**

at  
The Swan, Great Kimble takes place on the First Friday of each month from 10.30am  
See you on 6<sup>th</sup> December  
(no coffee morning in January)

**Family Carol Service  
St Nic's Kids**

and  
Great Kimble School  
18 December 6.30pm  
St Nicholas' Church

Doors open 6pm with a sensory nativity trail before the service. Keep warm with the shepherds, hear the angels sing, smell the frankincense and myrrh and enjoy the stable scene. See the trees decorated by the school and church communities. Find out who has won the prize for the best designed bauble! Listen to the fantastic Great Kimble School Choir who will be performing at this very child friendly service.

Come and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies for the adults and some festive treats for the children following the service.

**Everyone welcome**

**St Nic's Kids Christmas  
Party Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Doors open 9.15pm  
Service ends 10.30 am  
Fun and games and refreshments followed by a pop-up nativity service for all ages. Children if you want to take part please come dressed as a character from the nativity story! Don't worry if you don't have anything to dress up in - we'll have costumes to give out. Special appearance by The Great Kimble School Choir

Everyone welcome!

[saint.nics.kids@gmail.com](mailto:saint.nics.kids@gmail.com)

**POSTBOX TOPPER and THE  
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

Kimble knitters would like to thank everyone, for their lovely comments on our first attempt at a Postbox Topper to mark Remembrance Sunday. Huge thanks also, to those of you who liked it enough to donate to the Royal British Legion. We raised £280. (£170 online, and £110 in cash donations) All has been forwarded to the charity. **Gwen Nicosia**

**WHY CHRISTMAS?**

Most people, Christians and non-Christians, love Christmas for many reasons. Rabbi Lionel Blue told the story of how, as a young Jewish minister, he always walked slowly and noisily up the path when visiting his flock, saying with a chuckle, "this to give them enough time to put the Christmas Tree away!" And for me? Here is a poem by Toki Miyashiro, a "Japanese version of Psalm 23"

*The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush;  
He makes me to stop and rest for quiet intervals.  
He provides me with images of stillness, which restores my serenity.*

*He leads me in ways of efficiency, through calmness of mind.  
And His guidance is my peace.  
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day I will not fret, for His presence is here.*

*His timelessness, His all-importance will keep me in balance.*

*He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity  
By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquillity.  
My cup of joyous energy overflows.  
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours,  
For I shall walk in the pace of the Lord and dwell in His house forever.*

**Canon Tim Harper, Little Kimble, Christmas 2024**

**And on Carol Singing  
See over.....**

## Traditional

### Carols at Christmas

Many carols started life as folk music and were sometimes looked down upon by vicars. The 18<sup>th</sup> Century vicar, Parson Woodforde, was cautiously approached by his flock on Christmas Day and was asked if they could sing some carols at the Christmas service. He replied, "As long as I'm not here" and stalked out slamming the church door. To be fair he then invited his poorest parishioners to Christmas lunch.

In Kimble carol singing and wassailing went on for many years and the village pubs hosted the Ellesborough Band as long ago as 1895 [in the old The Rose and Crown]

In 1992 the tradition was going strong and the band played outside The Swan. It was then tried playing inside the Swan but this proved difficult. Due to a misunderstanding everyone turned up one year except for the band so the churchwarden asserted leadership by ordering me to "Make everyone quiet!" Not an easy task! They then announced that "Roger will now lead us in the singing!"

I desperately looked round for either Roger Brown or Roger Adams but could not see either so I had to launch into 'While shepherds watched'. It all went off fairly well although there was a problem with some people singing one carol to the tune of another so I had to just go with the flow.

When Mick arrived at **The Swan** he had access to a better keyboard than I had so we have gone on from strength to strength.

### There will be Carol Singing at the Swan at 7.00pm on Christmas Eve. All are welcome.

If anyone wants to do a solo either singing or playing you will be welcome, but it would be a good idea to let me know in advance so that we don't end up with a situation similar to the P.G. Wodehouse story where a charity concert was arranged

and six people in a row sang "O! man river".

At St Nicholas' Church There will also be a Midnight Communion starting at 23.00 and a morning service on Christmas Day although, sadly, not a service at All Saints' at 8.00 although that does mean I don't have to get up at 7am  
*Roger Howgate*

### Connect.....

The Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh WhatsApp group provides a place to share local news, talk to and look out for each other and contact neighbours for support.  
Delia and Harvey moderate the chat if needed but are not in charge, just aiming to provide a useful facility for the community. If you would like to join in please contact Delia - [dburton@kimblecouncil.org.uk](mailto:dburton@kimblecouncil.org.uk) or Harvey - [halison@kimblecouncil.org.uk](mailto:halison@kimblecouncil.org.uk) with your number. We look forward to welcoming you.

**Little Kimble Free Church  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10am  
Celebrate Christmas  
with  
Craft Café and T4U  
Followed by warm home-made  
soup at lunch time**

**Soup Café  
Kimble Free Church  
Wednesdays  
12 – 2pm  
Starting from 8<sup>th</sup> January  
come along to the soup café for  
warming home-made soup**

### Chiltern Ladies

Would like to welcome new members to a Ladies Club held in the Stewart Hall Little Kimble HP17 0XN Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 2pm. We are a group of ladies who enjoy meeting once a month. We have speakers on a variety of subjects and have outings to places of interest, some by our own transport and some by coach. We also enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit (or cake) Please come and see if you would like to join us.

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Give us a go, come along and find out what it's all about.  
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Interested in the history of our parish and other tales of the area, including Chequers, then you will enjoy *Kimble's Journey* researched and written by local historian, Roger Howgate. In some 272 pages and 400 illustrations the book tells the history of England from the viewpoint of our rural parish. Available from:  
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01844 344680 & The Swan Pub, Cymbeline – Princes Risborough £12 each if you collect- £20 by post (*profits from the sale of the book are shared among village charities*)

**Carols by Candlelight  
Kimble Free Church  
With the  
Ellesborough Silver Band**

**Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>  
6.30pm**

**Enjoy mince pies and  
mulled wine after the  
singing**

### Kimble & Ellesborough Horticultural Society

Monthly meetings are held at the Stewart Hall starting at 8pm. If you are not a member but would be interested in coming to any meetings do contact Brian Butler (Chairman) [butler@care4free.net](mailto:butler@care4free.net) or call him on 01844 342220. Please see our website for any updates.

**3rd December 8pm  
Bees and WannaBees Talk  
and Christmas Social**

John Catton, ex-Chairman of the Chalfonts Beekeeping Society and of Bucks County Beekeepers, now volunteers for the Bumblebee Conservation Trust raising funds and awareness of wild bees. He will distinguish between the 3 types of bee (honey, solitary and bumblebee) and wannabees (ie mimics) and then talk about gardening with pollinators in mind. Our Christmas social includes festive refreshments, quiz and a raffle.

**There is no meeting  
in January**

[www.e-voice.org.uk/kehs/](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/kehs/)

**Do check out the  
Parish Council Web Site**  
<https://kimblecouncil.org.uk>

**to contact the Parish Council**  
[clerk@kimblecouncil.org](mailto:clerk@kimblecouncil.org)

### Great and Little Kimble cum Marsh PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets in the committee room of the Stewart Hall on the second Wednesday each month at 7.30pm, except May, when start time is 7pm. The Parish Council are always willing to consider community projects and welcome any ideas from parish residents.

**to contact the Parish Council**  
[clerk@kimblecouncil.org](mailto:clerk@kimblecouncil.org)

St Nic's Kids will start 2025 at 9.15am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January in St Nicholas' Church We meet the third Sunday of every month and everyone is welcome to this all age service!

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### Food for Thought

With my hat as current chair of Churches Together I was reflecting on the past year. One of the many highlights for me was Lighthouse Princes Risborough. This week-long Christian holiday club, one of 16 happening in the region - saw this year around 350 children in Risborough alone! The buzz, excitement, energy and general positiveness was palpable and absolutely off the scale! In a worldly sense all the credit goes to the faithful

organisers who planned this over the last year spending hours thinking of all the operational manpower issues required to make this event a success. In the godly sense all praise to God that such events are possible through the 10 local churches – Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, Roman Catholic and Pentecostal working together. Throughout the year the CTR (Churches Together Risborough) work on different projects and events, but in terms of children's work the week of Lighthouse does stand out.

The apostle Paul also picks up on the importance of working together. He wrote in his first letter to one of the churches he supported "Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose." (1 Corinthians verse 10)

There are many topics where, as churches we might have different thoughts and practices from each other, however the love of Jesus Christ that unites us and drives us on is far bigger than any difference we might have. Lighthouse is a wonderful example how working together locally can bring huge blessing for the good of all.

Christmas is another wonderful occasion where all churches remember and celebrate at the same time and in similar manner, the promised and lifesaving arrival of Jesus Christ, in this, his, world 2,000 years ago.

No matter which church one visits during the Advent and Christmas season, or which church tradition one comes from, the sense of awe that the light of God has come and has started to shine in this often so dark world is ever present.

We do not know what the year 2025 might hold globally, nationally, locally or personally. We however do know who holds the future: Jesus Christ, the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not and will not overcome this light! Have a wonderful Christmas, End of 2024 and a blessed 2025 Kai Turck, Pastor Kimble Free (Baptist) Church, Little Kimble