



# BRATTON PARISH NEWS



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## LEST WE FORGET - REMEMBRANCETIDE 2023

The Parish Council arrangements for the commemoration of Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday are as follows:

**Armistice Day – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November.** The Royal British Legion Bratton Branch will lead the two-minute silence at the War Memorial at 11am. The Last Post and Reveille will be sounded. The ceremony will take place within the curtilage of the memorial. Participants are asked to find a suitable space in the vicinity taking particular care as the road will not be closed to traffic.

**Remembrance Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup> November.** There will be a Remembrance Sunday service in St James’s Church at 9:30am at which the Bratton Community Brass bands will play. This is a moving ceremony in our beautiful village church which we hope will be well supported. There is also a service in the Bratton Baptist Church. The Two-minute Silence will be observed at the Village War Memorial at 11am. This will be followed by wreath laying and a short ecumenical service at which the Bratton Community Brass Bands will play. The road will not be officially closed to traffic but the Parish Council will post traffic sentries on the approaches to the Memorial requesting drivers to take an alternative route or stop. Nevertheless, people are asked to take particular care when moving around in the area surrounding the memorial ceremony and to take their places by 10.50am. At the end of the ceremony everyone is invited to coffee in the Baptist Church. All veterans are welcome to join the march from the Church Institute to the War Memorial, you do not have to be a member of the British Legion to take part. Medals may be worn. Lunch is available in The Duke and there will be a curry option on the menu. Book directly with The Duke 01380 830242.

## OPEN DAY: FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN BRATTON

A number of fields have been identified for new houses in Bratton and everyone in the village is now being invited to give their opinions on which are best suited for future development. An Open Day is being held in early December at the Jubilee Hall to explain where these sites are and what developers plan for them.



This is a really important opportunity to have your voice heard on the future shape of our village. Drop-in at the Jubilee Hall between 10am and 4pm on **Saturday 2nd December** where information will be available about the proposed housing sites including where developers want to build; and the number and style of homes. Most importantly, the feedback from the day will directly influence what is submitted in the Neighbourhood Plan. The open day is a vital opportunity to hear your thoughts on what is being proposed and what the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been doing on your behalf. Refreshments, including hot drinks and cake, will be on hand. For more information on the neighbourhood plan, please use the QR code or use the web address: <https://brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan-2/>



## REMEMBER REMEMBER OUR JUBILEE HALL

**Breakfasts:** November breakfast at Bratton Jubilee Hall is from 8.30am to 10am on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. Book now for the delicious freshly prepared three-course spread, served at the table, and start the day on a full stomach and a smile! Call 07897 011887 or go to <https://www.brattonjubileehall.info/contact-us>. The **December** festive breakfast is not one to be missed: extra special food and fizz and you can book now for **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**.

**Christmas cheer:** Plan to celebrate this festive season with refreshments and music on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** so watch out for more information in next month’s newsletter. No tickets will be required!

## WHY REMEMBRANCE DAY MATTERS

**Andrew Sinclair, Rector writes:** The consequences of war are on show on our television screens every day. It is the suffering that we see today that makes our own observance of Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday more poignant. Those who are old enough to remember the dark days of the Second World War may recall from personal experience the suffering that took place then for the people of this country. Others who are younger must learn from the stories that are told by those who were witnesses. We learn also from the sacrifices made in more recent conflicts by members of our armed forces, in Northern Ireland, the Falklands War, Iraq (twice) and Afghanistan.

This is why Remembrance Sunday is so important. It reminds us of the horrendous cost of war, the lives lost, the bereavements, the wounds both physical and mental which can last for years. War should only be entered into as a last resort, when all other attempts at a peaceful reconciliation have failed. The decision to go to war must also conform to the principles of international law. Russia, in fighting an 'imperialist' war invading Ukraine, has clearly not obeyed these principles. In attacking hospitals and civilian targets Russia is rightly being pursued for committing war crimes. Hamas, in its incursion into Israel, has also broken these principles, as it seeks not only to eradicate Israel, but also is holding civilian hostages illegally.

Our government rightly condemns those who commit crimes against humanity. However, it has to be admitted that our country is not totally blameless. Bloody Sunday is still remembered in Northern Ireland alongside the murders committed by the IRA and other terrorist organisations there. Bringing about peace and reconciliation to people who have been divided by violent conflict continues to be a challenge.

And yet we must continue to commit ourselves to such challenges, because the cost of not doing so is measured in human lives lost. Such a commitment involves everyone involved working towards justice and reconciliation. In Northern Ireland, the barriers dividing communities between Unionists and Nationalists still stand, more than 25 years since the signing of the Good Friday agreement. In Israel and the Palestinian communities of Gaza and the West Bank, a way remains to be found to allow both communities to live at peace with each other. Recent events have only made such reconciliation harder to achieve.

And when we feel helpless in the face of cruelty and inhumanity, sometimes the only thing we can do is to pray. Praying helps to unite us together, and to side particularly with the victims of war and violence. Remembrance Sunday this year is on **12th November**.

## POPPY TALK DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The dates, speakers and subjects for the Poppy Talks in 2024 have been agreed:

**Saturday 20th January:** Mark Aston, an ex-SAS soldier, will speak about Special Forces in the Falklands War.

**Saturday 17th February:** Dr Paul Fox, an ex-infantry and Intelligence Corps officer and art historian, will speak about what to do with cultural artefacts acquired on military campaigns during our imperial era?

**Saturday 23rd March:** Roy Zaman, an ex-cavalry officer, will speak about experiences of a British Army Support Officer in Fiji.

**Saturday 20 April:** Jonathan Bailey will speak about the Special Operations Executive as a follow-on to his talk earlier this year.

All talks will be in the Church Institute. Doors will open at 5.40pm. The talks will start at 6pm and will end between 7.15pm and 7.30pm. Entry is by donation to the Poppy Appeal and at least £5 is suggested. Wine and soft drinks will be available to purchase before the talks.

## STAY AND PLAY

Bratton Baby & Toddler Group runs at Bratton Church Institute on Wednesdays, school term time only from 9am until 11.30am. It is £2 per child and 50p per additional sibling or child with childminder. All children up to school age. Parents, guardians, childminders all welcome to stay & play with their little ones. We offer a friendly relaxed setting with plenty of toys, a craft table each week, books, a baby area, plus a snack and drink for little ones and the mummies and daddies! Seasonal games/parties are also held. Plenty of outside play space too. Do come along, we would love to have you!

## UNRAVELLING BRATTON'S MYSTERIES

Where was Bratton's original Duke Inn, the infamous Murder House, and the now lost tea garden which once served dainty teas to respectable ladies? These and other long-gone Bratton buildings feature in the Bratton History Association's 2024 Calendar which is on sale now. Each entry includes a photograph of a 'lost building of Bratton', a short history, and tales about its colourful occupants. The calendar is a great way of getting to know the village's enigmatic past, month by month.

The Autumn Talks Programme concludes on **Sunday 19th November** at 4pm: Life in the Westbury Workhouse by Sally Hendry. Advance notice of the Spring 2024 Talks Programme:

**Sunday 21st January** at 4pm: Dated Features in North Wiltshire by Paul Jack. Followed by the AGM

**Sunday 25 February** at 4pm: Beyond the Pale: Lost Landscapes of Hunting in Wiltshire by Eloise Kane

**Sunday 24 March** at 4pm: Along the Line: My Life in Archaeology by Archaeologist and TV personality, Phil Harding. This will be in the Jubilee Hall.

**Sunday 21 April** at 5pm: More than 200 Years of Education in Bratton by Mike Manson

**Sunday 19 May** at 5pm: Wiltshire Holidaymakers in the Past: What Were The Options? by Allan Brodie

All talks take place at the Bratton Church Institute apart from March which will be in the Jubilee Hall. New members and guests are always welcome. For more information on how to join, visit the website at [brattonhistory.co.uk](http://brattonhistory.co.uk)

## WELCOME MUSIC

Bratton Community Brass Bands are delighted to have started a new beginners group, Brass Roots with 18 new learners. At the end of October they staged a concert at Edington Priory Church which included music marking the 80th Anniversary of the evacuation of Imber. In November they are entering the Wychavon Entertainment Contest with the programme Imber Variations which will tell the story of three people who used to live in the village: Albert Nash, Thomas Carter and Matthew Dean.

The Silver Band will be playing in St James's Church and at the village War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Christmas always starts early at Center Parcs and on Tuesday evenings from **7th November** the band will entertain guests at the Winter Wonderland. They will also be playing for the Trowbridge Christmas Light Switch On event on **Friday 17th November**.

Looking ahead to December, both brass bands invite you to join them for a free Christmas Concert in the Jubilee Hall on **Sunday 17th December** at 2pm. You are also invited to come to A Bratton Christmas Carol which will be staged at The Laverton in Westbury on **Saturday 9th December** at 7pm. Tickets for this concert are free but need to be reserved on Ticket Source: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bratton-silver-band>

## BRATTON CHURCH INSTITUTE NOTES

*Busy Term:* This term we had our users back after a long summer break and as usual it's been busy in the hall with various events. The Silver band has a new junior band so need an extra slot and a very lively raise the roof.

*Festive Fayre:* Christmas market day this year is on **Saturday 2nd December** at 10.30am to 2pm. If you have any Christmas decorations, toys or puzzles your children have grown out of please bring them to a Thursday Coffee Pot at the institute after 10 30am to 12pm for the stalls.

*Sing Praise:* The sing praise this month is a special remembrance service with guest speaker Louis Lilliwhite. Everyone is welcome and refreshments are served afterwards. **Friday 10th November** at 6pm.

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES Contact Joan Martin [joanmartin147@gmail.com](mailto:joanmartin147@gmail.com) or 01380 830 744 and 07576 851 267

## SWASHBUCKLING PANTO

Robinson Crusoe and the Pirates drops anchor at the Jubilee Hall from **Thursday 23rd to Saturday 25th November**, with a matinee on Saturday. Tickets are £12, U12 £6, Family (two adults, two children) £30. Children dressed as a pirate will get a small treat at the end of each show. Book at [www.jubileeplayer.com](http://www.jubileeplayer.com).

## BRATTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Contact the Clerk on 01373 864 127, email [parish.clerk@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk) or the Chair on 01380 831 199, email [parish.chair@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parish.chair@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk) Website: <https://brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

### Next Parish Council meeting

The next Bratton Parish Council meeting is on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 7.15pm**. All are welcome to attend.

**Parish Council website and Facebook page:** A reminder to check out our website <https://brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk> and Facebook page. Please contact us on [editorial@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:editorial@brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk) to share information or send in material.

**Village green play area facelift:** Bratton village green play area has had a major facelift. A group of volunteers cleaned and painted the large metal climbing frame and swings and installed a new rope bridge. The old activity trail was rotting away so a new one has been erected at the request of the village parents. The parish council would like to thank The Hills Group Limited and the Rural Community Council for Wiltshire for their help with funding.

## FOLK MUSIC TAKES OVER THE DUKE

Interested in folk music? Play an instrument or sing? Like listening to folk music in your local pub? Then come along to the Bratton folk music session. All instruments and abilities welcome. This is a regular event taking place the first Thursday of each month. The next events will be **Thursday 2nd November** and **Thursday 7th December** at the Duke starting at 8pm. The December session should be quite special as it will be Christmas themed with Carol singing as well; everyone is welcome to join in the songs! For further details or to join the mailing list, please contact [daniel.loughran@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.loughran@gmail.com).

## TICKET TO RIDE

The Three Villages Minibus run regular return trips to Westbury, Devizes, Warminster and Salisbury and will pick you up at the bus stop (or elsewhere) and deliver you home to your door. You would be most welcome to join us, but please book your seat through Joy Fraser on 01380 830426.

### Shopping Trips starting at Bratton in November:

Destination	November	Start Time
Devizes - £3.20	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.45am.
Warminster - £2.80	21 <sup>st</sup>	1.30pm.
Westbury - £2.30	Every Thursday	1.30pm.
Salisbury - £5.00	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am.

All these journeys accept concessionary passes and will return you to your door. These trips are open to **all** residents of our villages; we welcome everyone, of any age.

## TIDY UP TIME!

November is a leaf-fall month, so join Tidy Bratton Group in sweeping up the fallen leaves (take a bag or two home for composting!). They're meeting at 10am on **Saturday 25th November** in the The Duke car park. Please bring a stiff brush or rake if you can. Contact Chris and April Tarling 01380 830468.

## WEED-FREE GUTTERS HELP PREVENT FLOODS

Our street gutters are no longer swept by Wiltshire County, so they are getting very weedy! The village needs to clear the gutters to allow rainwater to reach the drains so Tidy Bratton Group is asking you, if possible, to clear the weeds in the street gutter outside your house. If we all made an effort together, we will help to minimise flooding during winter storms. **Let's make November a month to clear away as many street weeds as we can.**

If you have no green bin or compost heap, leave your bag of weeds outside your house and the Tidy Bratton Group will collect **every Friday Morning in November**.

## JACKIE'S FLOOD

Jackie Cooper would like to thank all her wonderful neighbours and friends who have helped since the house was flooded during the recent awful rain. She said: "I have been overwhelmed with offers of practical help, advice, love and support and it has turned something really miserable into something quite amazing. I am so grateful and completely humbled by such kindness. Thank you!"

## **POLICE INVESTIGATE ANONYMOUS ‘THREAT’ LETTERS**

**Wiltshire Councillor Suzanne Wickham writes:** I recently attended a liaison meeting at Hills Waste Solutions, Northacre Resource Recovery Centre in Westbury, where local Councillors were asked to inform residents of disturbing statements that are being made in anonymous letters that have been received by the company. These letters claim that an organised group of people in the Westbury area are deliberately adding prohibited items, such as batteries and full aerosol cans, into blue lidded recycle bins in order to cause damage to waste treatment infrastructure, and that this action is being taken against, and to influence Northacre Renewable Energy to reverse their decision to build an incinerator in Westbury.

It should be noted that material from blue lidded bins is not taken to Westbury but is processed at the Hills Materials Recycling Facility near Calne, and that household waste from our black bins is treated at the Northacre Resource Recovery Centre where the process results in the production of Solid Recovered Fuel that is shipped to Europe for incineration to generate renewable power.

The danger of the threats made in these anonymous letters cannot be understated. Waste materials are compacted during both transport and processing and the potential for certain materials catching fire or exploding is very real and this is why they are excluded or have other methods of collection. These threats pose both risk of personal injury to recycling collection crews, and damage to collection vehicles and recycling plant and machinery. The police are in possession of these letters and are investigating these threats, but I would urge anyone who is involved in these allegations to consider the serious implications of this action, and the potential risk to life and damage to property.

The income derived from the recycling operation in Wiltshire offsets the cost of waste management in the county, and any adulteration of recyclable material has an economic impact which would affect all of us as Wiltshire council taxpayers. Wiltshire Council encourages recycling for the benefits we are all aware of and that it reduces the requirement to send material to landfill.

Wiltshire Council Household Recycle Centres also facilitate many other types of material that cannot be added to kerbside collections. Residents are encouraged to sort their waste and separate recyclable items at home rather than bringing mixed black bags of waste to the recycling centres. All these measures and facilities help towards Wiltshire Council's aim to become carbon neutral by 2030, and it clearly benefits us all to recycle as much as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help with any local issues. Suzanne Wickham, Wiltshire Councillor for Ethandune. Email: [Suzanne.wickham@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Suzanne.wickham@wiltshire.gov.uk) – Tel: 07967 213 336

## **CLIVE MYRIE AND KATIE DERHAM QUIZ BRATTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

BBC Arts and Classical Music Commissioning Executive Stephen James-Yeoman gave a really wonderful, entertaining presentation to Bratton WI on 3rd October about the extraordinary BBC Proms. As part of his talk, Stephen had prepared a quiz by way of persuading some Proms presenters including Clive Myrie, Petroc Trelawny and Katie Derham to ask, via pre-recorded video, questions about this British institution - they even mentioned Bratton WI, which we all found very exciting. The sheer amount of behind-the-scenes work to produce the Proms is staggering, and the whole production team deserves to be praised to the Royal Albert Hall rafters!

The next meeting, on **Tuesday 7th November**, will include a Flower Workshop with Brenda Rushforth.

## **ALL THAT JAZZ**

Westbury and District U3A thoroughly enjoyed its second visit by Roger Browne who entertained royally with his seemingly endless knowledge of the History of the Jazz Piano. As well as playing his keyboard, Roger explained about types of jazz, such as 12-bar blues, ragtime, boogie-woogie and stride. One of Roger's musical heroes was the famous African-American Scott Joplin, who for some time played his music on the ground floor of a brothel to entice men inside! Sadly, nobody wanted to publish Joplin's work, which caused him not only to be severely depressed between 1900-1904, but also to produce some of his most melancholic, wonderful music. Roger ended with a beautiful rendition of the Hymn to Freedom, named in honour of Martin Luther King, by another of his heroes, and one of the greatest jazz pianists, Oscar Peterson. This hymn became an unofficial anthem of the Civil Rights movement.

Next Meeting: John Girvan Street Toys and Games. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 2.00pm at the Westbury URC Hall, Warminster Road, Westbury, BA13 3PJ. Park at rear, off The Butts, vis Hospital Road. £2 payable on entry. Do please bring a friend who might like to join

## COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

The ever-popular Edington Arts Advent Concert will be at 7.30pm on **Saturday 16th December** in the Priory Church, and this year it will be performed by the choir of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge with Matthew Martin directing. This will be the second Cambridge College choir to have performed at the advent concert and Matthew's third time directing. The Independent has described this mixed choir of 24 men and women as "impressively well-trained... crack Cambridge choristers", and they have an international reputation for performances of exceptional quality as well as for adventurous recordings.

Expect a programme of familiar and surprising delights, with the added bonus of Christmas mulled wine and mince pies during the interval. Tickets are already selling well, so don't delay. Box Office: From **Friday 10th November** Edington Angels can book and pay for tickets, and choose seats, online through the Edington Arts website: [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org). General booking online opens on **Friday 17th November**. Tickets are available by phone now from Chrissy on 01380 831256. Anyone who has already bought tickets, or who buys by phone before the online booking dates will be allocated seats by Edington Arts in the normal way; booked or allocated seats will show up on the online seating plan.

## SING TOGETHER

You are invited to Westbury Choral Society's annual seasonal coffee morning at Westbury Methodist Church on **Saturday 25th November** from 10.30am – 12 noon. They will be selling seasonal crafts, cakes, second-hand books, CDs and DVDs. Please go along to support your local choral society. Their Annual Christmas Carol Concert will be held at Westbury Methodist Church, BA13 3JL on **Friday 15th December**, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. See their events page for details: <https://www.westburychoral.org.uk/>. Tickets available through Ticket Source: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on> and on sale at our coffee morning.

They are always looking for new members to join their informal and dedicated group of singers. No auditions required. Contact Luke Pickett at [info@westburychoral.org.uk](mailto:info@westburychoral.org.uk) for more information. Rehearsals are each Wednesday from 7.30–9.30pm at Westbury Methodist Church. They look forward to welcoming you.

## HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO JOIN A CHOIR?

Dauntsey's Choral Society rehearses on a **Monday evening 7.30-9pm** (during school term time) in the Old Hall, Dauntsey's School, West Lavington. No audition is required, just enthusiasm, so if you would like to challenge your vocal chords in a fun and relaxed choir, please do come along and join us! This term we will be rehearsing Mozart's Requiem together with the Chichester Psalms. Please contact the Choral Society Secretary, Caroline Haywood, at [dauntseyschoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dauntseyschoralsociety@gmail.com) for further details.

## FOUR VILLAGES LINK

Community First reports that the 42 Link schemes in Wiltshire drove nearly 700,000 miles in 2022, putting in more than 100,000 hours. In the past three months Bratton's own 24 volunteers drove 2,500 miles and spent more than 200 hours on the journeys and other actions such as good neighbour tasks. If you would like to join their wonderful group of volunteers, please call the coordinator on 07852 256939.

If you are a potential client, remember that they do not charge for services, although they welcome donations. In the weeks before Christmas you might like to go shopping or need help with decorations as well as trips to appointments; do call the number above between 8am to 6pm on weekdays.

## DECK THE HALLS

A Christmas Wreath workshop is being held on **Saturday 9th December** from 10am to 1pm in Bratton Church Institute. All materials and accessories provided, including coffee, tea & mince pie. Limited places are available at £40 each. To secure your place please call Lucy Ellis on 01380 831469. All profits to St James Church.

## **BENEFICE TOGETHER DAY**

Thank you to everyone who completed the Church Questionnaire which was recently delivered to all homes in Bratton and neighbouring villages. We are in the process of analysing the responses and are excited to take the next step in the process of serving our communities better. The churches of Bratton, Edington, Coulston and Erlestoke are getting together for a day, on **Saturday 18th November** at Fullingbridge Farm Barn, BA13 4NB. It's a chance to plan for the future and to review what has been happening over the last two years. It's also an opportunity for everyone to have a say. The key-note speaker will be Canon Harold Stevens, on the theme: Salt and Light in a Rural Community. The day will also include, worship, and discussions, with the responses to the questionnaire taking a central part. Everyone is invited to attend, whether or not you are a regular member of one of the churches. If you would like to attend please sign the list at the back of church.

## **THE CHURCH OF ST JAMES THE GREAT - CHARITY OF THE MONTH**

In November, we always support a charity associated with our Armed Forces, and this year we shall be supporting the Poppy Appeal in aid of the Royal British Legion. We are still collecting dog food for the dogs at Bridge Farm and non-perishable items of food for the Food Banks at Cross Point in Westbury and Alabare in Trowbridge, all of which are gratefully received. There are baskets in the Church for these items, also the Pot for your gifts of money for the Poppy Appeal.

## **BRATTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

Our time together is relaxed and informal with people of all ages meeting **every Sunday morning at 11am** for worship and fellowship. Activities for both young and old are provided, and we finish each service with refreshments. We look forward to welcoming you!

**Remembrance Sunday:** Please note that the morning service will be at 10am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Details about services and events will also be on our Facebook and Instagram pages as well as our noticeboard outside the church.

### **Activities for November:**

**Messy Church: 4pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November.** We warmly welcome you to participate in a time of creativity, exploring a biblical theme, through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer and song; and a traditional Sunday teatime meal. Messy Church is for all ages and all members of the community.

**Tea-time Service, 5pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November.** A short informal Sunday service, followed by tea & cake.

**Revive Café** is open **every Monday afternoon in term time, 2.30 – 4.30pm** @ the Chapel. Dates for **November are 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**. Pop in for a cup of tea, fresh coffee and a slice of cake. Craft activities for the children provided.

**Well-being Revive** opens every Monday, 1pm to 2.30pm. Enjoy a calm, welcoming and inclusive space to find refreshment for mind and soul. Mindful and creative activities provided in a space where it is ok not to be ok!

**Early Bird Prayer every Wednesday, 7am** at the Chapel.

**Pickleberry Ladies every Thursday**, come and meet upstairs at Pickleberry Coffee Shop from 11am - all ages welcome!

**Connect: Thursdays, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm** at the Chapel. Come and make friends, chat over coffee and study the Bible together.

**Bratton Bugs Fridays 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 1.45 to 3pm** @ the Chapel. Bring your under 5s to enjoy a time of music making, singing and play. £1.50 per family.

**Comets: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm.** Comets is a club for children in school years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Each club night is themed, and the children engage in games and craft activities, and includes a refreshment break.

**Fusion:** A youth club for 11 – 14s, every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. A space to hang out, chat, have some fun and relax. The date for the next Fusion is **3<sup>rd</sup> November**.

Are you curious about who Jesus is? Don't know whether you believe in God? Do you have questions about Christianity? Alpha provides an opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith. A new course will begin again in January. Call Allison or Esther for more details.

For support or information, please call Esther (Minister in training) or Allison (Children and Families worker) on 01380 830746 or contact by email: [esther@brattonbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:esther@brattonbaptistchurch.org.uk) or [allison@brattonbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:allison@brattonbaptistchurch.org.uk)

**The Benefice of Bratton, Edington and Imber, Erlestoke and Coulston**  
**SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – NOVEMBER 2023**

	Bratton	Edington	Erlestoke	Coulston
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</i> <b>5<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>All Saints' Sunday</i>	8.00 Holy Communion  11.00 Family Service	09.30 All Saint's Patronal Parish Communion  18.30 Choral Evensong		11.00 Parish Communion  15.00 Memorial Service for All Souls' Day
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</i> <b>12<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> <i>Third Sunday before</i> <i>Advent</i>	9.30 Remembrance Sunday  10.45 Service at War Memorial  18.00 Sing Praise	08.00 Holy Communion  10.45 Remembrance Service	12.00 Remembrance Service	
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</i> <b>19<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>Second Sunday before</i> <i>Advent</i>	08.00 Holy Communion  11.00 Footprints	09.30 Parish Communion  18.30 Evensong		11.00 Parish Communion
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i> <b>26<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>Christ the King</i> <i>Sunday next before</i> <i>Advent</i>	08.00 Holy Communion  11.00 Parish Communion	09.30 Parish Communion	11.00 Morning Service	

**MIDWEEK SERVICES**

**Public Morning Prayer:** Thursdays at 8.30am Edington

**Evening Prayer:** 5.30pm at Erlestoke (Mondays), Coulston (Tuesdays), Edington (Wednesdays), the Vicarage for Imber (Thursdays), St James' Bratton (Fridays).

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Sunday 5th November:** All Souls' Day Service, 3pm, Coulston (AS). If you would like a loved one to be remembered at this service, please put their name on the sheet in church.

**Saturday 11th November:** Imber Remembrance Service, 10.50am, Imber (AS)

**Saturday 11th November:** Bratton Armistice Day at the War Memorial, 10.50am (MW)

**ST. JAMES' CHURCH. BRATTON - Key contacts**

For pastoral matters please call: Rector: Rev'd Andrew Sinclair 830374 Honorary Associate Priest: Revd Malcolm Wieck 830256; Revd Ann Ilsley 830651; Licensed Lay Minister (LLM): Andrew King 831227	Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA)  Lynn Noble            830036 Jill Forbes            830577 Chloe Watts           830600	For other matters please call Church Wardens: Kitty Cole 830869 or Marie Nunn 830505 Tower Captain (Bells): Dusty Millier 830696 Verger: Sandy Perry 830536 Organist: Brian Martin 830060  BCI Caretaker: Joan Martin 830744
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**WHAT'S ON**

To keep up with the latest events in our village please check the Parish website: [www.brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.brattonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Or on the Bratton Parish Council Facebook page

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