

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – December 2024

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

Sun 1 st	9.30 Morning worship 11.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Mornig Worship 18.30 Evensong	at Kingsdon at Pitney at Somerton at Long Sutton
Sat 7 th	19.00 Town Carols & Readings	at Somerton
Sun 8 th	08.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Holy Communion 10.20 Morning Prayer 11.00 Morning Worship	at Long Sutton at Charlton Adam ZOOM (see below) at Somerton
Sun 15 th	10.00 for 10.30 Messy Christmas 11.00 Holy Communion 17.00 Carol Christingle 18.00 Carols & Readings	at Pitney at Somerton at Kingsdon at Long Sutton
Sun 22 nd	11.00 Café Praise 11.00 Holy Communion 16.00 Carol Service 18.30 Carol Service	at Somerton at Long Sutton at Charlton Adam at Pitney
Tue 24 th	15.00 Crib Service 16.00 Crib Service 19.30 Holy Communion 23.30 Midnight Holy Communion	at Long Sutton at Charlton Adam at Charlton Adam at Somerton
Wed 25 th	09.30 Holy Communion 10.00 All age Holy Communion 10.00 All age Family HC Service	at Long Sutton at Pitney at Somerton
Sun 29 th	10.00 Benefice Holy Communion	at Charlton Adam

On Wednesdays at 10am, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer at Long Sutton

On Fridays at 6pm, informal prayers at Long Sutton

Morning Prayer on Zoom - Begins at 10.20am, on the first Sunday of the month (usually) and lasts about 40 minutes. The service follows a similar format each time, with different genres of music (hymns, songs, psalm), liturgy, Bible readings, a talk, and prayers. It is always the intention that there is something for everyone in the service. For more information please contact Valerie Thomas by email or telephone.

svaleriethomas@btinternet.com, (01458) 252546. Next service Sunday 8 December.

We hope you will be able to join us for at least one of our Christmas services.

The Long Sutton PCC wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas wherever you may be.

Coffee Mornings at Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton

Thank you to all who came and participated in the coffee morning held on Saturday 2nd November, raising money for Service Dogs UK.

The morning raised £662.69 for Service Dogs UK (including £249 in gift aid which should increase their takings) and £137.90 for the Church.

The next coffee morning **on Saturday 7th December** will be in aid of MIND UK (Somerset). Stephanie Sales & Sue Creegan will be delighted to receive any baked goods, jams, chutneys, or any items that can be sold at the produce table. Come and enjoy tea/coffee/cakes and chat, and there will probably be some mince pies too!!

The Village Carol Service this year is on Sunday December 15th at 6pm. Everyone is invited to join our traditional service of Christmas readings and carols. On Friday 13th at 7.30pm there will be short rehearsal for any of you who would like to help lead the singing. This is open to anyone who enjoys singing together. You don't need to be able to read music, so come and enjoy!

Flowers and Brasses

	Flowers	Brasses
Dec-7 th	Mrs J. Walford	Mrs R.Cox & Mrs S.Sales
Dec 14 th	Mrs J Walford	
Dec 21 st	Mrs M Shepard	
Dec 28 th	Mrs M Shepard	
Jan 4 th	Mrs R Cox	
Jan 11 th	Mrs R Cox	

Long Sutton WI

Our final item for the 2024 Newsletter. What an amazing year we have enjoyed. We have celebrated to the full - Line Dancing with Yeovil Stompers, visiting Somerset Archives, Debating Resolutions, Skittles Shenanigans, centenary stitching project, Litter Picking, Getting Creative with Lavender & Lace, Opera Singing, supporting Service Dogs UK, 100 Years of Jam & Jerusalem, Sculpture by the Lakes, pottery painting, centenary walk to Spigurnell Hall, Maypole dancing and blessings on Midsummer Solstice, raising £696 for Children's Hospice SW at Coffee morning, opening Stitch in Time exhibition, 'Flip Flop Fling' at the Caribbean Picnic, celebrating with 100 guests at the Centenary Afternoon Tea, listening to every word Dr Lucy Pollock shared on The Worries & Wonders of Ageing, rolling pumpkins, and throwing apples at the Harvest Celebration, visiting The Sherborne, repairing the poppy skirt, laying the WI poppy wreath, recording a podcast, singing at Wells Cathedral, lunch at The Dev, and finally Celebrating 100 Christmases on December, 21st our final meeting of 2024.

The founding members lit the WI torch on October 16th 1924, and it still burns brightly after 100 years. We hope to see you next year at our open meetings, and community events. In the mean time, 'Have yourself a Merry little Christmas', with 'Peace and Thanks to you all from Long Sutton WI.'

For the latest news and updates - follow Long Sutton WI on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LongSuttonWI>

Long Sutton C of E Primary School is seeking a Clerk to the Board of Governors

The clerk's job is to work with the chair, other governors and headteacher, in dealing with administrative matters for the board and advising on procedural issues of governance and the board's statutory duties. Central to the role is preparing for, taking notes at and producing minutes for meetings. The post will typically involve 10 hours work per month, covering 1 meeting per month in the evening (except in August).

If you are interested and would like more information regarding the post, please contact the school office: enquiries@longsuttonprimary.co.uk

Looking Back and Forward FOLSC!

Goodness where has another year gone? A retrospective of 2024 saw Trustee Charlie Walford organise an amazing track for our local petrolheads in the spring (to hopefully be repeated in 2025), whilst summer brought some culture with Opera coming to the village for the first time and what a night we had! Probably when these words are read, we will have delivered our final social event, the St Andrew's Day concert and we anticipate this will be the perfect precursor to the festive season. A full report will follow next month.

FOLSC Trustees are not ones to rest on their laurels and plans for the 2025 season are already well advanced. We crack off hosting the February coffee morning on **Saturday 1st**

February and donations to our produce stall will be gratefully received. Then for Spring our flagship event will be a **VE Day Party**, to commemorate and celebrate the 80th anniversary of the ending of WW11 in Europe. This is to be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 10th May** and will offer dancing (and perhaps the chance to finally perfect 'The Lambeth Walk??'), a BBQ and of course the FOLSC bar. Period dress is encouraged, and we hope to make this an inclusive community party! This is to be followed on **12th July** by a return vest of Bristol's fabulous 'Opera in a Box', who will be performing in English **Mozart's 'Magic Flute'**. We already have a wait list on tickets,

so this is one not to be missed. Watch out for further details of these and other events in due course but make a note of the dates now.

In terms of fundraising, it has been a good year for our Charity, thanks largely to the generosity of our members and wider community. Fortunately, in 2024 with minimal requests for financial assistance from the PCC we have been able to rebuild the fighting fund somewhat. We are however currently awaiting the minutiae of this year's Quinquennial survey, but early indications are Holy Trinity remains in good shape. This however is against the background of the National Churches Trust reporting 3,500 churches have closed in the past 10 years and with a further 1,000 historic cathedrals, churches and chapels are currently at risk of falling into disrepair amid a funding crisis. We cannot be complacent, so if you are not already a member can we encourage you to join, and a warm welcome is particularly extended to all new arrivals. Pick up a leaflet from the FOLSC notice Board in the entrance to the Church or call David Aitken from details (01458 241335) To conclude, our Trustees would like to wish FOLSC members and all in our community the compliments of the season and yet again hope 2025 might finally bring the 'Peace on Earth' we all so desire.

Karate and Self defence lessons every Tuesday night at Long Sutton Village Hall at 7pm contact Terry by phone or text on 07749849798 or just turn up

Long Sutton Cricket Club held its end of season "bash" on 9th November at which the following awards were presented: 1st XI Batter, Bowler & Player's Player awards went to Joe Martin who had a fantastic all-round season. 2nd XI Batting award went to Jae Miller, with Chris Vigar picking up the Bowling and Player's Player awards The Sunday X1 presented two awards being Junior Player won by Jack Vigar and Senior Player being won by Ollie Phillips. The Women's section presented the Batting award to Lorriane Thomas with Grace Appleby picking up the Bowling and Player's Player awards with the Junior Player being awarded to 14yr old Lilly Berryman. The Chairman's award for Club Person of the Year was shared by Edgar & Ginine Herridge who seem to contribute their entire summer to Long Sutton Cricket Club both on and off the field. After the awards, the 80 or so attendees enjoyed an amazing Hog Roast from Figs Catering that then boogied the night away to an 80s discos with an array of fancy dress attire making the night go with a bang. The Cricket Club would like to thank the Sponsors and Vice-Presidents for their on-going support as we promote cricket to over 100 young people.

Long Sutton Christmas Cart Crew 2024

Please look out for us in the run up to Christmas and give Father Christmas a wave. We are raising funds for Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and other local charities.

The dates for this year are as follows -

Sunday 8th December - Martock

Friday 13th December - Huish Episcopi

Sunday 15th December – Huish Episcopi / Langport / Wearne Pitney

Friday 20th December - Somerton

Sunday 22nd December – Knole / Long Load

Monday 23rd December - Long Sutton / Upton

LONG LOAD

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 17th December at 7:30 in Long Load Village Hall <https://longload-pc.org.uk>

Take Note Singing Group Meet each Monday afternoon at the village hall for a practice with the aim of going to various Care Homes in the area to entertain the residents there who really enjoy the sing song element. If you would like to join the group please contact Julia Harvey on 01458 241472

10th December Long Load Village Hall AGM 6pm

This is an open meeting for anyone to attend

Wednesday December 11th Craft Club

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4:30pm

Completion of Macramé Project and or Making a Christmas Card

Tea & Biscuits included. Enjoy an afternoon just watching or joining in. No previous experience needed.

Report on October Soup and Sandwich Lunch

While the attendance was disappointing, we managed to raise £137 from Lunch cost, Raffle and Donated Cakes. Grateful thanks to all who participated in the lunch and to those who donated and helped run the event.

Rising Parking Charges

Makes Good sense for Using the Bus at £3 in the New Year without a bus pass

Please remember that the Bus Participation Group work hard to make bus routes available to villages like Long Load and surrounding villages. While we don't have a regular bus unless we order it, we do have this floating bus service as a lifeline. Please ring 01935 5477399 if you want to go to Yeovil via Martock and 018233 59999 if you want to go to Somerton/Taunton/ Glastonbury/Street/ Wells/ Bristol or into Yeovil.

Please make sure to use the bus so that we can make a case for retaining what little but important service we and all other rural villages have.

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN!!

The Long Sutton Christmas Cart will be passing through Long Load Sunday 22nd December at approximately 6:30pm. Last year, Santa & his Elves raised enough money from local donations to pledge £10,000 towards the renovation of the Long Sutton Village Play Area, so please come out & show your support again this year. Cash & card accepted Further details & a link to their 'Santa Tracker' will be available on the Long Sutton Christmas Cart facebook page later in December.

Monday December 23 starting 6pm Christmas Celebration 6pm at the Village Hall

Start Christmas off in a traditional way with a celebration of Seasonal Carols, Poetry and Readings for all the family to enjoy followed by Warm Mince Pies and Mulled Wine.

Friday 27th December P.U.B. (Pop up Pub) Long Load PUB - the Christmas PUB will take place on Friday 27th December in the Village Hall. Doors open at 19:30pm and close at 22:30. We are looking at various options for the evening (last year we did grazing boards), there will be some PUB games for those that want to try table skittles or shove ha'penny. Remember to bring your own drinks and £1 pp to cover the hall hire charge.

If you want to receive regular updates on the PUB, please email longloadpub@gmail.com

Village Questionnaire

A big thank you to everyone who completed our questionnaire. We received a 40% return, which is very good for this type of survey. The questionnaire is currently being analysed and details of how to access the results will be given in the January newsletter.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Long Load Village Hall Committee would like to sincerely thank Long Sutton Friendly Society for their very generous donation of £2500 toward the cost of the new drive leading to the car park area for disabled drivers.

The drive was very uneven and a potential danger to anyone with mobility issues and wheelchair users. It is now very smooth and safe for everyone - Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL FUTURE VILLAGE HALL BOOKING CONTACT Ann Campbell 07927483586

Please send your contributions to lsnewsletter@btinternet.com by the 15th of December. For more information call 01458 241450