

Church Services

Date	Time	Church	Service	Notes
Sunday May 1	9:30am	Toddington	Holy Communion (CW)	
Sunday May 8	9:30am	Stanway	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Sunday May 15	9:30am	Didbrook	Holy Communion (CW)	Christian Aid Service
Sunday May 22	9:30am	Toddington	Family Service	
Sunday May 22	6:30pm	Toddington	Evensong (BCP)	
Sunday, May 29	9:30am	Hailes Church	Holy Communion (CW)	
Sunday June 5	9:30am	Toddington	Holy Communion (CW)	
Sunday June 12	9:30am	Stanway	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
Sunday June 19	9:30am	Didbrook	Holy Communion (CW)	Trinity Sunday

Christian Aid Week 15th—21st May 2011

Maurice Pratt, the organiser for Christian Aid Week writes :

As Christian Aid Week approaches we are reminded of our vulnerability, whether it be earthquakes, famines, floods or acts of tyranny and terrorism. Although governments may respond in such ways as seem proper and acceptable, millions of our fellow mankind throughout the world rely on aid which goes directly and entirely to them, which is what Christian Aid is all about.

We are blessed in our local Parishes to have a loyal and dedicated team of collectors and we thank them sincerely for all their efforts on behalf of Christian Aid.

Since the inception of Christian Aid in our Parishes, the total collected each year has risen steadily from £315 in 1988 to £2565 last year, a remarkable tribute to your support.

May I ask you to continue to give us your support on behalf of all those who will call on you and the millions who rely on us,

Claire Manigrasso, your Village Agent, working for Glos. Rural Community Council, can provide excellent access to help, services & information for the over 50s.

Contact her on 0781 063 0048

Concessionary Bus Travel

Jenny Roberts has proved how easy it is to register for and receive your bus pass. Just visit Winchcombe Library and they will do everything necessary. (Oh Dear !!! I have now revealed her age !!)

GRCC 'Connect'

Give some of your time -

If you are interested in IT volunteering, and can spare just a few hours a week you can make a real difference by becoming a Connect Community Adviser. In this role, you will offer support to local older people, about computers and effective use of the internet. You will be supported by GRCC though training and support from the Connect Project Co-ordinator.

If you are a local employer, become a community partner and help us help older people!

Donate equipment -

If you have equipment that can be donated, whether new or in good condition, why not pass it on to help people benefit from the internet or help to support some of our Connect Project volunteers.

For more information please contact Tom Davis, Connect Co-ordinator at GRCC on 01452 528 491 or email on tomd@grcc.org.uk

THE NEXT TODDINGTON VILLAGE MARKET

SATURDAY 7th MAY 10am to Noon

A lovely way to spend an hour and a great opportunity to buy local produce, help local causes and share in the gossip over a cup of tea or coffee and some home made cake.



Toddington Village Newsletter

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THE PARISH COUNCIL

Local Elections – will be held on 5 May and will also be combined with a national referendum on whether to adopt the Alternative Vote System for future parliamentary elections. In Toddington there will be an election for a Borough Councillor, but not the Parish Council, as there was exactly the right number of nominations as there are seats on the Parish Council. The persons nominated to stand on our Council are: Hubert Alvis, Dan Blake, Joe Humber, Margaret Merritt and David White,

Energy Saving Light Bulb Recycling - Tewkesbury Borough Council has installed recycling banks for energy saving or 'CFL' light bulbs in five locations across the borough. The nearest recycling banks are at: Winchcombe – Back Lane car park, Tewkesbury – Morrison's recycling area and Bishop's Cleeve – Tesco recycling area.

Refuse and Recycling Collection Changes due to Bank Holidays - There will be no day changes due to the Easter bank holidays – the only changes that will occur will be as a result of the Royal Wedding on Friday 29 April. Therefore the collection due on Tuesday 3rd May will now be taken on Wednesday 4th May. Where a change occurs it will affect all services (refuse, recycling, food waste and garden waste). Normal collection schedules will start again from Monday, 9 May.

School Safety Zone - Gloucestershire Highways now intend to install the scheme around May/June time, however they are still having problems with the objector to the scheme, who is taking the County Council to judicial review. The Parish Council and County Councillor have been asked to write in full support of the scheme in order to demonstrate to the courts that the scheme is wanted in the local area.

The Annual Parish Meeting held in March gave us a chance to hear what the various groups in the community have been doing during the past year and is summarised below. Full reports will be available on the village noticeboards.

Parish Plan - there has been further progress on the action points detailed in the Plan including continued support of the village newsletter by the Parish Council and the importance of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, via which we have received several 'alerts' over the past year.

St Andrew's Church – running such a large church is difficult with a small congregation and £10,000 needs to be raised annually just to maintain the status quo. The lack of heating remains a problem and as an effective new system would incur a considerable cost, it is very unlikely that this problem will be solved in the foreseeable future. Thanks are extended to those who help the church in various ways.

School – The children continue to enjoy a wide range of extra curricular activities as well as the classroom based lessons and many sporting activities. The windows are being replaced at the Didbrook base which will have a huge impact on the heating bills and the appearance of the building. An outdoor classroom is planned for the Infant base. (now completed). Education is likely to undergo many changes over the next few years and the Governors face challenges as they consider whether to apply for Academy Status and how to run the school with reduced levels of funding.

Police – From April 2010 until April 2011 there were a total of 17 reported crimes in the village which was 3 less than the year before. The main theme of crime seemed to be burglaries, mainly from non dwellings. However, Toddington remains one of the safest areas in which to live and work.

PARISH COUNCIL Cont'd

Village Hall – the new Hall has just celebrated its second birthday and shows an increase in revenue of 44% over the previous year. More classes have been formed, creating activities which did not exist in the community before the new hall was in being. Dan and Margaret Blake have given notice of their resignation from the committee, after a combined “innings” of thirty seven years. It's now time for a new committee to take on the future of this village asset with a renewed dynamism.

WI – membership has again increased and the group enjoys a wide variety of themes, both at meetings and on outings. A great response to a request for paperback books to send to the troops in Afghanistan resulted in Toddington sending six parcels.

NEXT MEETING – Monday 9th May, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. All welcome.
Tamsin James, Clerk to Toddington Parish Council, 01684 290392,
tamsin.james1@btinternet.com

The Village Hall

Creative Crafts. 21st and 22nd May.

Julie Owen is running a workshop on 21st and 22nd May and you can enjoy a day or a weekend of crafts, card making, bookbinding, making small boxes etc.

Everything you need will be provided. Contact Julie Owen on 07850 505058 or jules@greatbritishbears.com

Winchcombe Festival

Two events in the Winchcombe Festival Programme are being held at the Hall.

Ceroc Night. Friday 27th May 7.30 to 11.30pm

Ceroc is an abbreviation of the French phrase ‘C'est Rock’ and this dance is sometimes referred to as Modern Jive. Tutor John Baker will give step by step instructions on how to Ceroc your way through the evening. **Tickets from the Festival office are only £8. Call 07522 188563.**

Blues and Jazz Night Saturday 28th May 8.30pm

The Buick Six and Swing from Paris . Should be a great evening. **Tickets £10. Call the Festival Office on 07522 188563**

New Zumba Class starts 12th May

A new Zumba Class starts on 12th May from 6.00pm to 7.00pm to cater for those who can make an evening class. Call Sue Adsett on 07768 421007

New Pilates Class starts 4th May

A new **Positive Pilates** beginners class starts on Wednesday 4th May from 10.30am to 11.30am. Ring Shelley on 07891 491595

“Pilates is not just a series of exercises, it is a conceptual approach to movement. It will change not only the way you look but the way you think and feel. Pilates will also give you a flatter tummy and a stronger back”. £60—8 week course.

The Village Hall AGM will be held on Wednesday 4th May at 7.30pm.

Useful numbers.

SCHOOL Lesley Marriott 01242 621341. **W.I.** Liz Eaves 01242 621491 **PARISH COUNCIL** Joe Humber 01242 621330 **NEWSLETTER** Dan Blake 01242 621293 **VILLAGE HALL BOOKING** Dan Blake 01242 621293 **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** David White 01242 621472

TEAM VICAR Rev'd Michael Hand 01242 609575. **CHURCH WARDENS** Pam Holmes 01242 621142 **John Brooks** 01242 603693 **SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB** Ashley Fawcett 01242 621186 **GREEN-FINGERS CLUB** Margaret Merritt 01242 621170 **BADMINTON** Joe Humber 01242 621330

GLOS ECHO VILLAGE VOICE Jane Sherwood 01242 620919

FILM NIGHTS.

THERE IS NO FILM NIGHT IN MAY, JUNE JULY OR AUGUST.

The future of film nights at the hall is under review following low audience numbers and poor film availability.

The potential for a future operation will be examined during the summer months and the film nights may be resumed in September.

News from the Clubs

GREENFINGERS GARDENING CLUB. In April, members enjoyed an amusing and very informative talk by Julian Tolkein covering a host of topics including the practical aspects of propagation and the wide variety of plants which can produce plants for free through cuttings. There were some very useful tips including the use of vitamin C solution to aid the rooting of cuttings. Julian involved the audience in the choices of the best varieties of tomatoes and fuchsias.

The next meeting, on Wednesday 18th May is a visit to Cotswold Garden Flowers in Badsey starting at 4.00pm. On 15th June there is an evening visit to Whitcombe House in Overbury and on 20th July, Dan and Margaret Blake are inviting members to view their garden and advise on how they would improve it.

SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB is now in full swing on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. With equipment second to none, the club offers an opportunity to mix fun and serious competition. The club is open for new members and you can try before you decide.

JUNIOR BADMINTON and SENIOR BADMINTON is held on Wednesday Evenings.

The juniors have progressed well during the last year and have recently held their first competitive session at Evesham..

Toddington Women's Institute

The meeting on 18th April was well attended and started with business and a special mention about Joy Capon's 90th Birthday Celebrations. Joy had requested donations instead of presents with the money going to the Air Ambulance. Joy was happy to tell us that £540 was raised with monies still to come in.

As usual there were a number of trips arranged and many individuals were keen to support the good work that Julia Walker does for us in sorting and booking tickets.

After the business we were entertained by Fiona Warren who talked about Allotments – ‘Then and Now’. She was a fantastic speaker and had us in gales of laughter about her life in allotments and how she has now ended up working in Cheltenham as the Allotment Officer. She told us about the history of allotments and how they first came about and how they have changed over the years, both from providing food during the war years which was essential to supplement rations and to more modern times where they are often providing a community link in some areas.

The next meeting is on 16th May—Tea ,Cake, Chat and Entertainment.

If you would like to become a member of this very active and social Women's Institute then contact our President Liz Eaves on 01242 621491.