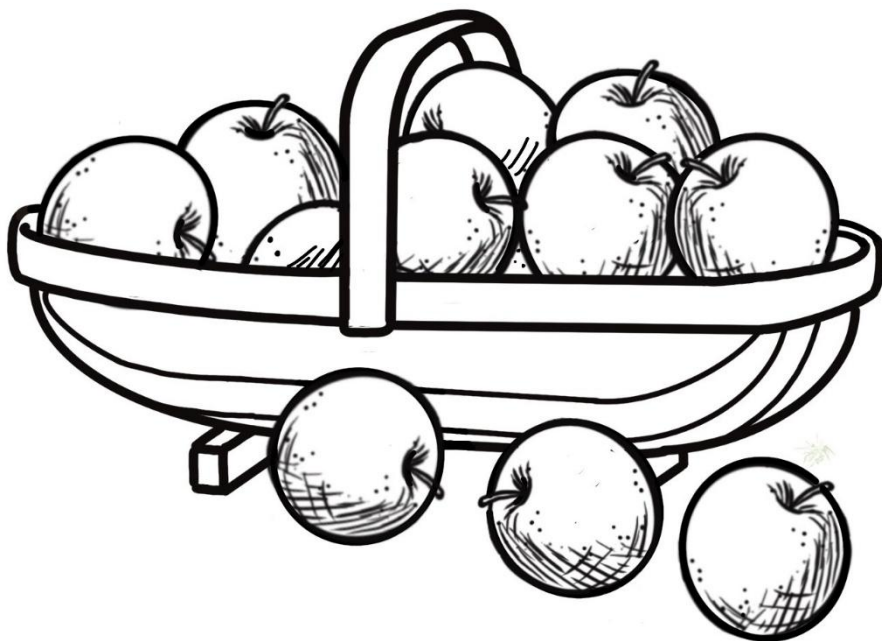


Charlton St. Peter, Rushall & Upavon
TOGETHER
Church & Village News



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Hospital visits - If you need a visit in hospital or know someone who has been taken in who would like a visit, please contact a member of the clergy.

Home Communion If you know someone who is unable to get to church and wishes to receive Communion, please contact Bill Bracher on 01980 630173 and he will make arrangements for this to happen.

Please contact a member of the clergy to discuss Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Confirmation, the Blessing of your home, Service of Prayer and Dedication, Renewal of Wedding Vows. To visit in hospital, and the dying at home or in hospital. The clergy are here to help and serve, with our Lay Pastoral Assistants

Catholic Churches

Amesbury, Christ the King, Saturday at 5pm. Parish priest- Fr Anthony Paris. 01980 622177
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Services 2nd Sunday of each month at 3.30 pm

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The Clergy Letter

In their hearts people plan their course

but the Lord directs their steps

Proverbs 16v9

In June I did a personal swim challenge and raised money for Wiltshire Mind (a charity that provides support for people struggling with their mental health). It comprised a ten-minute sea swim (without a wetsuit), every hour, for 24 consecutive hours at Freshwater Beach in Dorset. It started at 8:55am on 17th and I completed it at 8:05am on 18th.

I felt satisfied when I emerged from the sea for the 24th and final time but far too exhausted to be jubilant! It was one of the toughest things I have ever undertaken and was only really made possible by the steadfast support of two friends for the entire duration.

I have numerous pictures to remind me of what was a unique experience. Ordinarily I would favour those that featured the sea. However, my favourite and the most enduring is one of Tim and I taken at the beginning. We are walking side by side in the mist and heading towards the beach. It captures the companionship that was an indispensable factor in completing the challenge.

After thirteen precious years in The Vale of Pewsey Team, I am preparing to move to my new post as Rector of The Cley Hill Villages Benefice in West Wiltshire. I am sincerely grateful to all those who have accompanied and supported me during my time here. As a Team Vicar, it has been a privilege for me to minister to people of all ages through good times and bad. I will be leaving with a heavy heart but also looking forward to what is to come.

I do so with the blessed assurance that the Lord will accompany me in whatever lies ahead. As I move on to pastures new, the verse from Proverbs provides another reminder that the Lord will be with me every step of the way. I pray that you too would know the comfort of his gentle direction and never-failing presence.

Rev Mark Windsor

Church Services at Upavon, Rushall and Charlton St Peter

6 September (14th Sunday after Trinity)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Informal Worship

13 September (15th Sunday after Trinity)

St Mary's, Upavon, 9.30am Parish Communion

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Holy Communion

St Peter's, Charlton, 6.00pm Evensong

20 September (16th Sunday after Trinity)

St Mary's, Upavon, 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Café Church

27 September (17th Sunday after Trinity)

St Matthew's, Rushall, 11.00am Matins

St Peter's, Charlton, 6.00pm Parish Communion

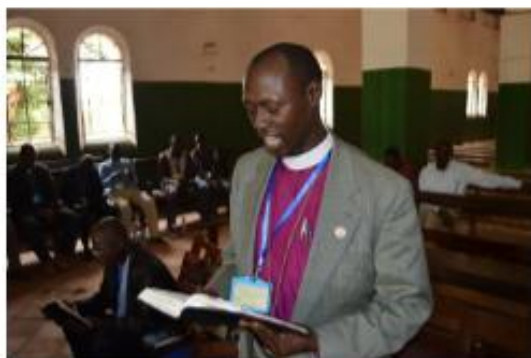


THE ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

20th Anniversary Celebration 2006 - 2026

Greetings from the St Timothy Foundation! We are pleased to inform you that we have the privilege of welcoming the Archbishop from Western Equatoria in South Sudan to celebrate with us the many achievements by the Pewsey Vale in supporting the women and children in South Sudan.

Archbishop Samuel Peni of Western Equatoria, South Sudan, will be visiting the Pewsey Vale Team of Churches from 25 September, spending four days with us across the benefice. His visit is a rare and welcome opportunity to meet a church leader whose ministry has shaped the lives of thousands in one of the most challenging regions of the Anglican Communion.



Archbishop Samuel was formerly Bishop of Nzara and Yambio, where he played a central role in establishing The St Timothy Foundation — a charity dedicated to improving daily life for communities across the diocese. The Foundation supports education, healthcare and, Microfinance projects to enable women to build a business, in an area still rebuilding after years of conflict and instability. Its work continues to be a lifeline for families striving for safety, dignity, and hope.

During his time in the Pewsey Vale Team, Archbishop Samuel will be taking part in our Team celebration in St John's Church, Pewsey at 10.30am on 27th September. Samuel will visit the Men's Breakfast in Pewsey on 26th September. He will visit the Rugby Club on Tuesday, 29th September for one of Robert de Berry's lunch time meetings. Samuel will be invited to meet and talk to attendees during the events. His presence offers us all a chance to deepen our understanding of the global church and to strengthen the long-standing friendship between our benefice and the people of South Sudan. If you lead a group or would just like to meet Samuel and cannot attend any of the above then do let me know and I will do my best to include something in the schedule for you.

We warmly encourage everyone to take the opportunity to meet him, hear first-hand about the work of the Foundation, and join in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Nzara and Yambio.

All good wishes

Ann

website: www.sttimothy.org.uk

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Rushall & Charlton St Peter Village Hall

We have a modern bright hall with under floor heating, a large, fitted kitchen, off-street parking and Wi-Fi. There are a few afternoon and evening sessions available to book so please get in touch or why not come to one of our hall fund raising events.

Coffee Mornings

Our popular coffee mornings are held on the first Saturday of every Month 10am to midday. Come along and enjoy some refreshments and have a chat with the neighbours.

For all enquiries and bookings regarding the hall please contact us on:

Email: RCVH2000@gmail.com

Phone: 07407 216763

Website: www.rushallcharltonvh.org.uk or

Facebook: [Rushall & Charlton Village Hall](#)

Upavon Village Hall

Large, well maintained hall available for hire

Competitive hourly rates: village residents £9.00 per hour

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Suitable for large gatherings for up to 60 people with ample plates, cups and saucers etc.

Free Wi-Fi

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or call Trudie 07833 311569

CHARLTON ST PETER 100 CLUB

(Licensed by Wiltshire Council for the Vale of Pewsey Team of Churches)

Our June 100 Club Draw took place after our Service on Sunday 28th June at 6pm.

Congratulations to the lucky winners: -

£100	T. Fowle (Charlton) No.17
£50	B. Stygal (Charlton) No.2
£50	T. Dixon (Charlton) No.90
£25	R. Golding (Charlton) No.69
£25	A. Lacey (Charlton) No.14

Our July 100 Club Draw took place after our Service on Sunday 26th July at 6pm.

Congratulations to the lucky winners: -

£100	M. Cook (Pewsey) No.21
£50	S. Long (N.Newnton) No.51
£50	G. Boyle (Charlton) No.46
£25	T. Fowle (Charlton) No.19
£25	R. Cunningham (Charlton) No.1

Our August 100 Club Draw will take place at the end of August and published in the next edition of the magazine.

We still have a few numbers available, so if you are interested in purchasing number for £5 a month, please contact Alma Fowle 07503 998979.

Sunday@6

Sunday October 4th at 6pm, St John's Church, Pewsey

Celebrating Creation

Please join with us to celebrate the wonders of the natural world and consider our role in helping to care for the environment, both locally and globally.

Our speaker is the Rev. Lorna Johnson,
Salisbury Diocese Climate Action leader



The Arts Society – Pewsey Vale

The Arts Society - Pewsey Vale begins its autumn series of lectures on Tuesday 1st September, in the Bouverie Hall, at 2.30pm.

Hilary Williams will speak about **Rembrandt's "The Night Watch" - the Anatomy of a Masterpiece.**

'The Night Watch' of 1642 is Rembrandt's greatest painting and the most famous painting in the Netherlands. But why is it so special? It has become an icon of the Golden Age and of the modern Dutch Nation. Why? How was it commissioned and constructed? How did Rembrandt paint it and where has it been hung throughout its life? Who are the characters represented? Why is there a lone woman and what is meant by the dead chicken trussed up in her waistband? What does all this tell us about changing Dutch society?

Hilary Williams was a curator and Print Room Superintendent at the British Museum and then the Art History Education Officer and Events Manager for Adult Programmes at the Museum. She lectures for the Wallace Collection. She has also guided special interest private tours of the State Apartments at Buckingham Palace, for the Royal Collection Trust. She is a specialist in 17th century art and has published on Rembrandt.

Refreshments are served from 2.00pm and visitors are always welcome - £7 on the door, card or cash.

We hope you can join us.

**Dates of future Upavon Parish Council meetings all at 7pm,
Village Hall**

Wednesday, 16th September

Wednesday, 18th November

Mission Report

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Mission breakdown



Top hospitals we airlifted or assisted patients to...



Get involved

There are many ways you can help support your local air ambulance.

Whether you join us at one of our events this year, host your own community fundraiser, take part in our raffles, leave us a legacy, become a volunteer, or support us in one of the many other ways available, we are incredibly grateful for every way our supporters help us. wiltshirebathairambulance.org.uk

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

**Let's do whatever it takes to make cancer
care better for everyone, whoever and
wherever they are**

Place: Upavon Village Hall

Date: Saturday 26th September

Time: 10:00 - 12:00

Contact: Lesley 07545543861



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (38307), Scotland (SC039917) and the Isle of Man (804). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC31383

**MACMILLAN
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SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER 2026



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Have up to 6 people in a team

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bakerhousehold2@btinternet.com

All proceeds to Hilcott Village Hall /
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Supper

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7.00pm – 10.30pm
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Rushall Village Hall
SN9 6EN

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Proceeds in aid of St. Mary's Church, Upavon

ENFORD GARDENING CLUB



“Rose Garden Paradise” with **Michael Harvey**

Tuesday 8th September 2026

Raffle, Bring and buy plant stall
Tea and coffee

7.00 for 7.15 pm Enford Village Hall
Entrance £5. Everyone Welcome!

Contact steve.stringer@outlook.fr Tel 07899 758222

Summer Fair

St Mary's Church Upavon

St Mary's Church Fair took place on Saturday 18th July during one of this summer's heatwaves.

The high temperatures did not discourage village residents and others from further afield from attending. Unfortunately the very popular Fun Dog Show had to be cancelled on veterinary advice.

As always there was a wide variety of stalls and activities for people to enjoy. These included the ever popular Tombola, Bric a Brac, children's toys and Hook A duck provided by Church Social Committee members. Other stall holders offered attractive jewellery, lovely cards, preserves and honey and cosmetic items. Skittles were popular as was the China Smashing stall.

The raffle and duck race ticket table was constantly busy. With a range of excellent prizes to be won and the opportunity to cheer on one's chosen ducks at the river during the famous Duck Race.

Refreshments included burgers from the barbecue and delicious cupcakes to accompany teas and coffees. The bar did a brisk trade with beer, wines, Pimms and soft drinks to slake thirsts as the temperature remained high with very little cooling breeze.

The clergy, the Parochial Church Council and the Church Social Committee thank everyone who contributed to making the Fair such an enjoyable occasion.

Do Make a note of the dates for future activities:

September 5th Pe-loved clothes and accessories sale in the Village Hall
2pm to 4pm

Christmas Fair at St Mary's Church Sunday December 6th Time to be confirmed.

Next Summer Fair at St Mary's Saturday July 3rd 1pm to 3.30pm



Upavon, Rushall and Charlton Link



Are you interested in becoming a volunteer LINK driver?

URC LINK is a group of local volunteers offering transport and good neighbour services to people living in Upavon, Rushall, Charlton St Peter and the surrounding areas.



The service is available to any adult who has difficulty getting to medical appointments and other activities when they are unable to drive themselves or use public transport.

We are funded by donations and drivers are reimbursed at 55p per mile with free hospital parking permits. Individual drivers choose the journey requests they accept and the frequency with which they accept them.

What should you do if you think you can help?

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer Link driver, even only occasionally, please get in touch by calling our dedicated number - **07501 004349** and ask to speak with the URC Link Secretary, who will be happy to provide more information and discuss next steps with you.

An Opportunity to Regularly Pray Together

Prayer is the foundation of God's grace moving among us, building a spiritual life, fostering a connection with God and enabling compassionate responses to all that is going on around us in the world, and among those we care for in our communities. You are welcome to come and join us fortnightly to pray at

St John the Baptist Church
on **Wednesdays, 5-6pm**



Month	Wednesdays
April	1 st 15 th 29 th
May	13 th 27 th
June	10 th 24 th
July	8 th 22 nd
August	5 th 19 th
September	2 nd 16 th 30 th
October	14 th 28 th
November	11 th 25 th
December	9 th 23 rd



In addition, we are running regular prayer drives around Pewsey and the surrounding villages on Tuesday mornings every fortnight (alternating with the Wednesday prayer meetings).

The prayer drivers stop at the village churches to pray. If you would like to join the prayer drivers when they are at your local village church to pray, please contact the church office team.office@valeofpewsey.org

Philippians 4: 6-7

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



Do you need help getting to medical appointments?

URC Link is a charity that provides transport for people living in the Upavon, Rushall, Charlton St Peter areas to get to their medical appointments and to make other essential trips.

All our drivers are volunteers who use their own vehicles.

On each journey you can make an anonymous, voluntary contribution towards driver costs.



If we can help, please contact us on our dedicated number - **07501 004349**.



PAWS CHARITY DOG SHOW SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

DON'T MISS OUT ON A PAWSOME DAY.

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Church of St Peter, Charlton St Peter

Church of St Peter, Charlton St Peter is a small but historically significant parish church in the Vale of Pewsey, Wiltshire. Standing at the heart of the quiet village of Charlton St Peter, the church has served its community for over 800 years and reflects many stages of English religious and architectural history. Although much of the present building dates from the Victorian period, evidence suggests that a church has stood on the site since the 12th century, making it one of the oldest places of worship in this part of Wiltshire.

The earliest documentary reference to the church is from 1306, when a vicar was appointed by the priory at Upavon. During the medieval period the church was closely associated with several religious institutions, including Upavon Priory and later Ivychurch Priory near Salisbury. Following the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the 16th century, responsibility for the church passed through several hands, including Christ Church, Oxford, before becoming part of a series of united benefices that continue to serve neighbouring villages today.

Architecturally, the church is an interesting blend of medieval and Victorian work. The nave and chancel were extensively rebuilt in 1858 under the direction of the distinguished Victorian architect John Loughborough Pearson, who became famous for designing and restoring many churches across Britain. Pearson carefully preserved the church's older features while creating a building suited to Victorian worship. The result is a harmonious combination of ancient masonry and 19th-century craftsmanship.

One of the church's most notable features is its north chantry chapel, built around 1523 by William and Marion Chaucey. The chapel contains a fine brass memorial commemorating the couple and represents one of the last generations of private chantry foundations before the Reformation. The church tower, dating from the 15th or early 16th century, survives from the medieval building and serves as

the main entrance to the church. Stonework incorporated into the south wall also provides evidence of the earlier Norman church that once occupied the site.

Inside the church are several memorial tablets dedicated to local families, including the Pinckneys and the Fowles, illustrating the close relationship between the church and the area's landowners over many centuries. One medieval bell remains in the tower, while parish registers dating back to 1695 provide an invaluable record of baptisms, marriages and burials for historians and genealogists.

In recognition of its architectural and historical importance, St Peter's Church was designated a Grade II* listed building in 1964. This status is reserved for particularly important buildings of more than special interest, placing the church among the country's most significant historic places of worship.

Today, the church remains an active place of worship within the Vale of Pewsey Team Ministry. Despite serving a village with fewer than one hundred residents, it continues to host regular services and community events. Surrounded by a peaceful churchyard and the rolling landscape of the Vale of Pewsey, St Peter's stands as a lasting reminder of Wiltshire's rich religious, architectural and rural heritage. Its combination of medieval origins, Victorian restoration and enduring community role makes it one of the county's most charming historic parish churches.

Bob McDonald