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Happy New Year!

WELCOME FROM HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH



Dear friends,

Every festive season Sir Cliff Richard's Christmas hits including "Mistletoe & Wine" and "Saviour's Day" are on repeat in every shopping centre, along with a host of other Christmas songs. But it's not very often you hear the best selling Christmas single of 1999 on the airwaves! It was "The Millennium Prayer." The overtly Christian single held the number one slot in the UK for the first three weeks of December on the build up to Christmas and then held the number two slot over Christmas and into the New Year with sales quickly gathered momentum around

Europe, giving the song great popularity and success in many countries. But it was a miracle the song ever made it into the charts at all. There was huge opposition at the time as atheist campaigners and all mainstream media outlets including the BBC refused to play it on air because it was too "Christian." EMI, Sir Cliff's label since 1958, had refused to release the song, saying it did not have commercial potential. But Cliff believed God wanted the song heard, so he took it to the independent label Papillon, and they agreed to release it, with the proceeds going to the charity Children's Promise.

"The Millennium Prayer" is the Lord's Prayer – the words of Jesus – set to the traditional music of 'Auld Lang Syne'. Becoming a hit in the charts showed that many people believe in prayer and it brought comfort and hope for the new millennium.

As we begin a New Year, with all the challenges we face as a planet, the Lord's Prayer is a good place to start:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

My prayer for you is that you know the reality of the peace that Jesus brings, calm in the storm, hope in distress and God's love enfolding and enriching your life today and in the New Year.

Rev'd Steve Flashman, Vicar

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WELCOME TO THE JANUARY 2024 ISSUE



Louisa Richards, Editor quaintonnews@gmail.com

Hello everyone,

Earlier this year, I sent off three issues of Quainton News as our entry into the UK Parish Magazine Awards 2023, and I'm thrilled to announce that we came a rather respectable 17th place out of the 450 entries into the A5 category!

My delivery team says goodbye to Arthur Mason this month. Thank you Arthur for delivering Quainton News along North End Road for so many years! The route has got quite big now with the new houses being built, so we've split it into two rounds and we welcome Nicola and Greg who have volunteered to take these roles on! Thank you!

Happy New Year everyone, and enjoy the read!



NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

Christmas Services

As this issue is sometimes delivered before Christmas, we will repeat the Christmas services on p.43.

Crib Service, Midnight Service on Christmas Eve and the family Christmas Day service and more... plus, we've listed the January services, including our fun Praise & Worship service on January 28th 2024! We also see the return of the New Year's Day Concert in church at 11am. We hope to see you in church soon!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone involved in the running of our church, keeping it maintained, looking its best at all times and generally keeping it going! From the regular church cleaners and churchyard mowers, and those who attend the annual churchyard clear up, to the wardens, the members of the church PCC, the flower arrangers, those who lock and unlock the church, the choir, the organists, the members of the worship band, the vicar, Steve, of course, and his wife, Sarah, and the rest of their team and the members of the Schorne Team who all help run our group of churches together. And to all those people who do those jobs that most of us don't even know exist! Thank you everyone!

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Quainton Senior Citizens Christmas Party

This years Afternoon Tea went without a hitch again and this is solely due to all the help given on the day. So I would like to thank all the helpers who set up the hall, made sandwiches, welcomed everyone, served at tables and made sure that everyone had a really good time.

And thanks to Darren again who made the wonderful cakes. This year's entertainment was our very own community choir and it was by far the best we've ever had. Thank you to you all.

I am standing down from organising in 2024 and I am hoping that someone will keep this village tradition going. Please contact me on 790540 / 07831 849279 if you feel you could take it on. Thank you, Linda Chapple

Thursday Coffee Mornings in Quainton Memorial Hall

I hope you have had a good Christmas and New Year and are ready to meet up with friends and neighbours for a chat. If you are new to the area and want to get to know Quainton, why not come and join us on Thursday mornings in the Memorial Hall between 10.30am and 12 noon starting on 4th January.

This weekly get-together is run by volunteers and the money raised goes towards the upkeep of the hall. The cost is only £1.50 for coffee/tea (with free refills) and cake.

Looking forward to seeing you there. Contact Sheila on 655382.

Café Club Zest Happy New Year!

Start the year with an afternoon of singing, socialising and a delicious afternoon tea. We are a welcoming group, open to all, but especially those who maybe are not as active as they once

were.

Next meetings; Saturday 6th January, 3rd February & 2nd March at 2.30pm at St John's Hall, Whitchurch Contact Jane 07739 985440



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Macmillan Coffee Morning 2023

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Colina

Celine & the Coffee Morning Team

7 Nov 2023

The Story behind the Names: As researched by Year 6 Pupils at Quainton School for Remembrance Day 2023

For Remembrance Day, pupils from Year 6 at Quainton Primary School, researched background information on all those names listed on the Quainton Memorial Roll in the Church. The pupils investigated a little of the story about those men in Quainton and surrounding close villages, who had died serving our Country in the Great War Battles and WW II.

The "story" of each young man, has been inserted into an individual folder, together with a clever "personal note" from the young men themselves, giving details about when and where they were born, when and where they died and where they are buried or commemorated. Plus a small, individually crafted wooden cross which they included. You only need to spend a little time just reading about a few of them and they become not just names but real young men again. They are very moving to read. Some of the men are either buried or names commemorated at various Commonwealth War Grave Cemeteries in France and Belgium including the Commonwealth Cemetery at Tyne Cot, in Belgium for those who died at the Ypres Salient battles, and the also other very moving Thiepval Cemetery in France for those listed as missing on the Somme. Not forgetting other Cemeteries in France, Belgium, Greece and in BASRA. And the WWII Dunkirk Memorial. (This is not a definitive list). So whenever visiting these sites, give a thought to the Quainton young men.

Many congratulations to the Pupils of Year 6 and teacher(s) at Quainton Village School for producing this moving Remembrance – which the Church will keep for the future.

Margaret and Andrea

P.S. Were you aware that there is a grave in our Churchyard tended twice a year by the Commonwealth Grave Commission?

QUAINTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



Chair: Sue Weldon. Vice Chair: Nick Butler

Councillors: Lee Whitlock, Peter Woodliffe-Thomas, Martin Pacetti. Clerk: Katherine Richardson

Two positions vacant: https://quainton.org.uk/Media/Councillors/P-Councillor-Role.pdf

To contact the council use the Contact Form on the website: https://quainton.org.uk/contact-us or contact the clerks by email on: parishclerk@quainton.org.uk

Parish Council lines of Communication:

Quainton Village Website on https://www.quainton.org.uk/

Physical message boards on the Green and at Quainton Memorial Hall

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/QuaintonParish and we will endeavour to share important updates onto **Quainton Village Life**.

Subscribe to the **Quainton Alert** email list to receive up to date weather warnings and other important information via parishclerk@quainton.org.uk

Parish Council Report

The last Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 14th December 2023. NEXT MEETING: Thursday 11th January 2024 at 8:00pm in the Memorial Hall.

This will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Council. Parishioners are invited to attend.

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES: We still have vacancies for two Councillors to join the Parish Council. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like further information on what the role of the Councillor entails.

BUS SERVICE / STATION ROAD BRIDGE / HS2 / ROADS: Your Ward Councillor Phil Gomm will keep you updated on these issues via Facebook. Any issues, please contact Cllr Philip Gomm, Buckinghamshire Unitary Councillor, via email so he can keep a record: philip.gomm@buckscc.gov.uk In case of an Emergency call him on 07778 177647

The Quainton Emergency Team is still available to help people get to appointments.

Any issues with HS2 contact their Helpdesk: Freephone: 08081 434 434 Minicom: 08081 456 472, Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Please email them and copy parishclerk@quainton.org.uk so we have a copy and a record of how many complaints are being submitted to HS2/EKFB and we can hold them to account.

STATION ROAD BRIDGE: Station Road Bridge will open before the end of December. We are waiting for confirmation as to when HS2 will be closing Fiddlers Field. We have been informed that Fiddlers Field will be closed until December 2025. The Parish Council is very concerned about the level of traffic that will be travelling along Station Road and Councillors have planned a meeting with Ward Councillor Phil Gomm to discuss.

ROAD CLOSURES: Due to road closures constantly changing it is impossible to keep

up to date via printed media like Quainton News. We recommend people keep checking the internet on https://one.network

Ward Cllr Phil Gomm will inform you via Quainton Village Life on Facebook.

KEEP REPORTING: Potholes continue to be reported via FixMyStreet and continue to follow up with Buckinghamshire Council on the list of roads that need repairing. Please keep reporting and let us know if there are concerns.

PLANNING: We continue to contact enforcement re Trail Flatt Farm, the junction at North End Road and Ladymead Farm. Ladymead Farm have again applied for retrospective planning permission for another access road. The Parish Council have objected. The planning application for The Stables has gone to planning appeal. The Parish Council has objected to this planning application as it falls outside the Quainton Neighbourhood Plan boundary.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE: In order for the local community to be kept up to date with what is going on in the community Thames Valley Police are encouraging the public register to receive crime alerts and information. To register please go to www. thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

PLAYGROUND: We have ordered the new piece of equipment. The supplier has informed us of a delay to it being installed. We are hoping it will be installed in January 2024.

FINANCE: Councillors have met to discuss the first draft budget for the financial year 2023/24. They will meet again in the new year to agree the final budget.

HANDYMAN: We have some ad hoc small maintenance jobs that need doing and therefore we are looking for a contractor to be able to help with these. If anyone is interested please contact the Parish Clerk.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR – The Parish Councillors would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.





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Quainton Primary School PTA News

As the final mince pie is polished off and the lights taken down from the windows, the Quainton School PTA would like to spend a final moment looking back to the Christmas festivities to thank the kind and generous companies and organisations who donated to our Christmas Fair raffle:

Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Esquire's Coffee Shop (Berryfields), George & Dragon Coffee Shop, George & Dragon Pub, Gulliver's Land, Hartwell Nurseries, Hogshaw Farm and Wildlife Park, JR Plumbing and Heating Solutions, Hair by Kim, Meet the Moon Designs, Morrisons, Photography by Us, Quainton Village Stores, Theatre Train, Waddesdon Manor and Waddesdon Wine.

We were very lucky that Santa Claus was able to visit the school and to meet the children during the fair. Thank you Santa and Mrs Claus for giving up some of your precious Christmas preparation time.

We are also grateful villagers who displayed advent numbers in their windows with the usual eclectic mix of designs and style and to those who walked the village looking for them. There are always a few tricky ones!

Our thanks also to Acorn Nurseries for partnering with us again to sell Christmas trees and to everyone who stopped by to buy one.

For early 2024, we

are planning another legendary Race Night in March – look out for details soon, and a BagtoSchool collection taking place over 19-20th March.

We hope 2024 brings you health and happiness!

Quainton School PTA







Gumboots and Roots Pre-school is based in the Saye and Sele Hall in Quainton.



We offer all day childcare to 2, 3 and 4 year olds as well as after school care. We have a wonderful outdoor space with a variety of resources to keep children stimulated, learning and having fun!

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Contact Kerry or Pam on 07495 030325







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The village Green is at the heart of community life, with many activities taking place for the benefit of us all including our annual Beer & Music Festival, Quaintfest, which is organised and run by our church, Holy Cross & St Mary, the wonderful and spectacular Bonfire Night and Firework Display which is quickly gaining a reputation for being the best display for miles around, and various other festivals and community events which bring us together as a village to celebrate life together. Anyone using the Green for an event applies to our Charity, who give formal permission based on the criteria that it should be of benefit to the community and have the relevant paperwork in place - risk assessments and public liability insurance, and that the Green is returned to an orderly condition after use.

Parking around the Green is a growing issue which the Charity are trying to address by identifying appropriate parking areas and bays that will not impact on the condition of the land which is a valuable asset to us all. There are four Trustees, Sue Weldon, Martin Pacetti, Tom Morrison and our Vicar, Steve Flashman. For more information, contact Steve by email, text or phone: 07950 000910 steve@steveflashman.com

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Coming up at the Pub over Christmas and in January!

Happy New Year to all, firstly a huge thank you to everyone for welcoming George and his team back at the pub we can't wait to welcome you all in 2024 and have some exciting plans ahead.

Food is served:

Wednesday to Friday Noon - 1.45pm

Fridays 6pm - 8pm

Saturdays 12-2pm and 6pm - 8pm; Sundays 12 - 2pm.



Here's a reminder of the events coming up over Christmas and in January... but please see opposite for our full festive opening hours.

23rd December: Live music from Daz & Chave, our local band.

28th December: Quiz Night in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance. 7.30pm. £5 entry.

New Year's Eve: NYE Celebrations, Silly Shirts and Short Skirts from 6pm, DJ Pete

from 7:30pm - Free entry.

Thurs 4th Jan: Burger Van

Sat 6th Jan: Darts competition from 8pm

Sun 28th Jan: Quiz Night in aid of Motor Neurone Disease. 7:30pm. £5 entry.

* Keep your eyes peeled to see what's in store for those romantics for Valentine's period *

Village Shop Festive Opening Hours:

Quainton Village Store opening hours will be normal until 23rd December then

CHRISTMAS EVE: 9am-12 noon

CHRISTMAS DAY: CLOSED

BOXING DAY: 9am-12 noon

Thursday 28th Dec: 9am-12 noon

Friday 29th Dec: 9am-12 noon

Saturday 30th Dec: 9am-2pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE: 9am-12 noon

NEW YEAR'S DAY: 9am-12 noon

Tuesday 2nd Jan: Open as usual...



George & Dragon Festive Opening Hours

CHRISTMAS EVE: Open from 4pm (Drinks only)

CHRISTMAS DAY: 11:30am - 2pm (Drinks only)

BOXING DAY: Open all day from midday (Drinks only)

Wednesday 27th Dec: Open 4pm - 10pm

Food served from 5pm - 8pm

Thursday 28th Dec: Lunchtime open 12 - 2.30pm. Food served 12 - 1.45pm

Evening open from 5pm. Food served 6pm - 8pm

Quiz night in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance, 7.30pm.

£5 per person

Friday 29th Dec: Lunchtime open 12.00 - 2:30pm. Food served 12 - 1.45pm

Evening open from 5pm. Food served 6pm - 8pm

Saturday 30th Dec: Open all day from midday

Food served 12 - 2pm and 6pm - 8.30pm

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NEW YEAR'S EVE: Lunchtime open 12 - 3pm. Set Menu served 12 - 2pm

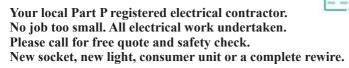
Evening open from 6pm. DJ Pete from 7.30pm. Theme: Silly shirts and short skirts – Free Entry!

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Lunchtime open 1 - 6pm (Drinks only)

Tuesday 2nd January: CLOSED

Wednesday 3rd January: Open 5pm - 9pm

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Winter at The Railway!

We've waved goodbye to The Panto Express and Father Christmas, and the main Heritage Railway is now closed until February half term, however the Railway Cafe remains open:

The Railway Cafe:

The Railway Cafe stays open Monday to Friday all year round with a break for Christmas and New Year (closed after Friday 22nd December and re-opens on Monay 8th January).

Come and see us and enjoy breakfast, lunch or just a drink and a snack. Good value and generous portions! Our snug Oxford Room is always warm and cosy!

February Half Term:

Paddington in coming on Sunday 11th February!

Peppa Pig:

Peppa will be making a special out-of-season visit to us on Sunday 3rd March!

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Quainton Golf Society

The results of the Christmas event at Whipsnade Golf Club will be published in the next edition.

We are friendly Society of golfers of varying standards, and we meet monthly for events at local courses. An event usually consists of tea/

coffee and bacon butties on arrival, 18 holes of golf in the morning, lunch and then a further 9 holes in the afternoon. The golf days usually take place on the last Friday in the month from March to October, with the exception of the Xmas event in December. At each event we play for a trophy which is awarded at the end of the season.

If you are interested in joining the Society, please contact Vince Hemsley on 07427555656 or vince.hemsley63@virginmedia.com.



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Recently, I had to temporarily stop this, as my recycling place wasn't accepting them anymore, but the good news is that I've already found an alternative place to take them, so keep them coming.

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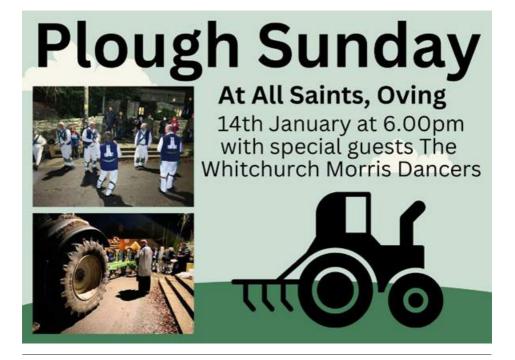
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RAMBLINGS FROM FINEMERE WOOD: Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden

Merry Christmas from the Finemere Woodland workers, pictured here enjoying a Christmas celebration of hot bonfire potatoes.

And a heartfelt thank you to volunteers past and present who have put so much time and energy into nurturing this special place. In particular to the REAL Father Christmas, a founder member of this group who had to retire from the physical exertions of the wild wood. You know who you are... we miss you.









For further information about volunteering opportunities at Finemere Wood, Calvert Jubilee and other BBOWT reserves, please email volunteering@bbowt.org.uk. All enquiries will now be dealt with centrally.



London Marathon 2024

In 2014, Louisa and I spent two weeks in the John Radcliffe Hospital PICU and HDU when our son Matthew was nearly killed in a head on collision on the A41 whilst on his way to a party when he was 10 years old. He was only wearing a lap belt and needed life saving surgery on his stomach, followed, a week later, by spinal surgery to mend broken vertebrae in his spine.

The way that he (and we!) were cared for by the entire team at the JR has remained with us constantly.

At the time, the nurses in PICU were hoping to raise the funds for a new front door security system that would allow them to open the doors without leaving their



patients' bedsides. So a year after Matthew's accident, I decided to run the Oxford Half Marathon to raise money for the PICU unit (the picture above was taken on the bus back to the Park & Ride with my medal!)

Now, nearly a decade on, our three children are older (indeed Matthew is now in his third year at Bristol University studying Astrophysics) and I finally feel I can devote the time needed to train for a full marathon.

We will always feel that we owe the life of our son to everyone at the JR so it was the obvious place to apply for a marathon place, as my opportunity to give something back.

To do this marathon in the tenth anniversary year of his accident makes it even more poignant. Matthew is now living his best life enjoying surfing, snowboarding and skateboarding and it is all thanks to the team at the JR.

My fundraising target is £3,000, but obviously I'd like to smash this! To donate, please either use this link or the OR code below:

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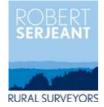
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In the spirit of the season, EKFB and HS2 have partnered with Inspire Bucks charity to extend a helping hand to Buckinghamshire's vulnerable children and families during this festive period. Our team visited the charity's office to donate gifts for this year's Christmas appeal to help brighten the holiday season for those in need.

We are pleased to announce that the completion of the reinstatement works on Station Road Bridge is scheduled to conclude at the end of December. Previously under a 4-tonne weight restriction, the bridge underwent strengthening measures. Upon reopening, the bridge will accommodate unrestricted weight access.

Starting from 2 January 2024 until 20 December 2025, essential construction activities will result in the closure of Fiddlers Field/



Snakes Lane from Station Road and Quainton Road crossroads up to Fiddlers Field Bridge. The closure of the existing Fiddlers Field road will be a permanent measure to allow construction of the new bridges across the HS2 line and Network Rail line. A clearly marked diversion route will be provided.

Additionally, from 8-9 January 2024, Station Road North will undergo a lane and footway closure. The brief closure will be made to conduct compaction tests and take core samples of the pavement in preparation for the Station Road realignment works scheduled to commence in Summer 2024. A section of Station Road North will operate under 2-way temporary traffic lights, and a section of the footpath will be inaccessible.

Please note, these dates may change due to conditions outside of our control. Please refer to the HS2 website regularly to check for any changes and updates or to view the detailed Advanced Works Notification.

If you would like to read more about the works and view the advance works notices and maps, then please go to HS2 website www.hs2.org.uk and click the 'in your area section' to view the interactive map, or simply scan the QR code provided.

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If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact QMH and your enquiry will be forwarded to the relevant contact. New members are always welcome.

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	
Monday	Day Centre (Main Hall) Craft Club (Conference Room)	10:00 – 14:30 13:30 – 16:30	
Tuesday	Ukulele Group (Conference Room) Pilates (Main Hall) Art Club (Conference Room) Pilates (Main Hall)	09:30 - 11:30 10:30 - 11:30 13:30 - 16:30 17:30 - 18:30	
Wednesday	Bridge (Main Hall) Carpet Bowls (Main Hall)	13:00 – 16:30 19:30 – 21:30	
Thursday	Coffee Morning (Main Hall)	10:00 – 12:00 – just turn up!	
Friday	Community Choir (Main Hall) * Badminton (Main Hall)	10:00 – 11:30 19:00 – 22:00	
Saturday			
Sunday	Table Tennis (Main Hall) *	17:00 – 20:00	

If you'd like to book the hall for either an ad hoc event or a new regular activity, please either book online at booking.quaintonmh.co.uk or contact our bookings clerk, Deb Barker Boyd, on 01296 655379. Alternatively, you can contact us by email at quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com



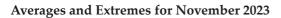
Whitchurch WI

Meeting at St John's Church Hall, Whitchurch at 7.30pm on 2nd January 2024.

The speaker is local author Dave Sivers, who will give a light-hearted talk about his past jobs – *Moonlighting*.

Visitors welcome (£5 per head)

WEATHER FIGURES FOR QUAINTON





Temperature	°C	Date	Rainfall		Date
Maximum	14.2ºC	13th	Total	65.8mm	
Minimum	-5.6ºC	30th	Wettest day	19mm	1st
Average Minimum	2.9ºC		Rain days	15	
Average Maximum	9.9ºC		Dry days	15	
Highest Minimum	8.9ºC	23rd			
Lowest Maximum	3.1ºC	29th			
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	32mph	19th	Highest	1020hPa	21st
			Lowest	946hPa	2nd

Figures supplied by Mike Beales.

For the latest weather at Quainton go to: wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/IQUAINTO2



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VILLAGE SERVICES

Quainton Website: Quainton Parish Online: www.quainton.org.uk

Quainton Village Life: This is a very active Facebook page for Quainton residents. Photos shared, local history discussed, questions answered, advice given, recommendations, plus lots more! There is also "Quainton Buying and Selling" Facebook page.

Quainton Support Network: A team of volunteers to help. Call Clare Lucas on 655552 or Alison on 655033.

Quainton Oil Group: Residents can receive regular deliveries of heating oil on group negotiated terms from Lovells. T: 01844 202777 and ask to join the Quainton Oil Group.

Quainton Dog Warden: Lost your dog or found someone else's? Call Jan, our local contact point, on 655800 or 07941 946870 for help reuniting lost dogs with their owners.

Memorial Hall Bookings: https://booking.quaintonmh.co.uk/ or contact Deb Barker Boyd on 655379, E: quaintonmemorialhall@gmail.com. Call 07704 851945 to report noise/nuisance.

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Tuesday 9th January	Green refuse wheelie bin and food bin		
Monday 15th January	Blue-lidded recycling wheelie bin and food bin		
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11.30pm: Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day: 10.30am: Christmas Service with Holy Communion

Sunday 31st December: NO SERVICES

JANUARY SERVICES:

New Year's Day 11am: New Year's Day Concert

Sunday 7th January: Epiphany (White) 6pm: Evening Prayer

Sunday 14th January: Epiphany (White): No Services in Quainton today

6pm: **Plough Sunday Joint Service** at All Saints, Oving. Open Air Service with the "Blessing of the Plough" followed by refreshments Guests: The Whitchurch Morris Dancers

Sunday 21st January: Epiphany (White) 6pm: Holy Communion (Behold The

Lamb)

Sunday 28th January: Epiphany (White) 6pm: Praise & Worship Service

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No entries

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	1 January	7 January	14 January	21 January	28 January
Evening Reader					
Evening Sidesman					
Altar Flowers	Margaret Willoughby	Kathy Blanchard	Helen Foster	Stella Clark	Celia Prideaux
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Thank you to Iain 'Marf' Marfleet for sending in this great photo of our church last month.

If you would like to see your photo in print here next month, please send your favourite photos of our church and/or its surroundings to me at quaintonnews@gmail.com

Thank you! Louisa, Editor

VILLAGE CALENDAR - JANUARY 2024

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Father Christmas Float around the village from 4.30pm

Midnight Service in Church, 11.30pm

25th December: Christmas Day Family Service, 10.30am in church

31st December: New Year's Eve at the pub, p.15

1st January: New Year's Day Concert in church, 11am

4th January: Thursday Coffee Mornings in QMH re-start, p.5

6th January: Cafe Club Zest, p.5

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11th January: PC meeting, p.11

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