

November  
2025



## MONICA GILBEY

3rd August 1945 - 11th October 2025

On November 5th, there was a moving and memorable funeral service at St James to say goodbye to Monica Gilbey. The family eulogies told us what many of us had seen and experienced over the years ... Monica dedicated her life to helping people ... her beloved family and friends but also young people and families through her social work as well as the youth of this village.

The church was packed which reflected the love and affection for Monica felt by the community of Great Horwood. She was an active member of St James and was Church Warden and on the PCC for many years. She particularly focused on the children of the village. At one time, she ran the Sunday School and organised breakfasts of sausage or bacon rolls before the children's Come and Praise services. She also started up and enthusiastically ran the Village Youth Club for over seven years.

As Church Warden, she organised the annual village fete for some years before relinquishing this role to David Brazier. She continued to help at every fete especially with the WI tombola.

She was an active member of the WI and secretary for several years. At all church fund raising events, she produced beautifully decorated hampers for raffle prizes.

In the last year when she became so poorly, she was surprised at the number of constant visitors she had from the village and said how lucky she was. This showed how much so many of us really cared for her. We all have our special memories of Monica and will greatly miss her friendship.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with John and all the family.

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John, son Iain and daughter Claire and family would like to express their gratitude for the many cards, messages and charitable donations in memory of Monica they have received from the people of the village.

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## DECEMBER

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS - Please note some times and venues will differ from normal

7th	11.15	Holy Communion - a traditional service with hymns/carols lasting 1 hour
14th	11.15	Come & Praise - more informal worship with live instrumental music lasting 45 minutes.
	17.00	9 Lessons and Carols - a traditional Service during which The Nativity Story is told by the reading of bible passages interspersed with the singing of carols followed by Mulled wine and Mince Pies
21st	11.15	All Age Communion - a more informal communion service lasting 1 hour
24th	16.30	CHRISTMAS EVE - Nativity plus Christingle service - an informal but magical start to Christmas - all families welcome of any age - lasting approx 1 hour
25th.	10.30	CHRISTMAS DAY - Benefice celebration with communion at St Laurence Church Winslow
28th	09.30	Benefice Communion at St Laurence Church Winslow

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Church Key: David Moore tel: 713281

## JANUARY

4th	11.15	Holy Communion - EPIPHANY - a traditional service with hymns lasting 1 hour
11th	11.15	Holy Communion - The Baptism of Christ - a traditional service lasting 1 hour
18th	11.15	All Age Communion - a more informal communion service lasting 1 hour
25th	11.15	Holy Communion - as above

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Church Key: Neil and Tracy Taylor tel: 712231

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Saturday 6th December 2-5pm**

We trust that you will not have failed to notice that our Christmas Bazaar is very soon!

We hope that you will come and join us, get into the Christmas spirit and enjoy the stalls displaying a variety of seasonal gifts. we will conclude with a few carols accompanied by the Great Horwood Handbells.

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## ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany – Feasts to Savour!

It is a great privilege to write to you once again now that December is upon us, and celebrate the fact that we are entering that most special time of the year – Advent (which begins with our Advent Carol Service at 6pm in St Laurence Church on Sunday the 30th of November, and continues with a service of nine lessons and carols at St Mary's Addington at 5pm on Sunday the 7th of December, repeated the following week at St James' Great Horwood at 5pm on Sunday the 14th of December). Do come along to one of the services if you would like to get into the Christmas spirit early - Christmas only beginning officially in the Church calendar on the eve of the 25th of December and lasting until 'Twelfth Night' on January the 5th - the day before 'Epiphany' when we celebrate the coming of the Magi to visit the newborn infant Jesus in Bethlehem

Epiphany means 'revelation' or 'realisation' and celebrates the first occasion when Jesus was revealed to non-Jewish believers when the somewhat mystical and enigmatic 'wisemen' came bearing gifts at the end of their long journey from the east, heralding 'good news' not just for those living in the Roman province of Syria Palaestina, as the area was then known, but to all nations, races, and peoples around the world.

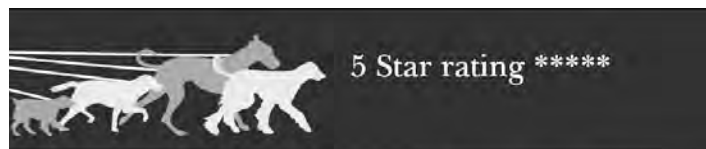
I find it sad that we rush through Christmas so quickly, probably because we start celebrating it so early. One of my sisters-in-law is so tired of her Christmas decorations by the big day itself (having put them up mid-November!) that she often takes hers down on Boxing Day! But for me, Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany are three very different seasons which should be savoured and enjoyed to the very last moment. Advent – our period of watchful waiting and spiritual preparation for the coming of the Christ child is like a fine hors d'oeuvres, a bite-size taste of what is to come, something to whet our appetite and fill us with expectation for the 'main course' which arrives on Christmas Eve with the delivery of that precious child, 'Emmanuel' – God with Us – who would grow up to bring liberation, salvation and redemption to all those weighed down by the guilt of sin, and more than that, to put in train a sequence of events – not yet complete, which will see everything in creation restored to the same state it was in on that metaphorical 'day' when God looked at all that God had created, and declared that it was 'good'.

The twelve days of Christmas encompass special festivals which commemorate the events of Jesus' early days on earth, including the massacre of the Holy Innocents on the 28th December, when we remember those innocent children massacred by Herod the Great's soldiers in a vain attempt to rid himself of the newborn king of which the Magi spoke; Jesus' circumcision, in fulfilment of Old Testament Law; and the feast on which we remember the Holy Family (Mary, Joseph and Jesus) as they flee from Bethlehem into Egypt where they live as refugees in a foreign land until Herod's death, when it is safe to return home again.

Epiphanytide sees us remembering the few events we know about in Jesus' early life, including his presentation in the Jerusalem temple on the 2nd of February, exactly 40 days after Christmas, where Jesus is once again recognised as the 'Messiah' (or Saviour of the world) by the prophets Anna and Simeon, when Mary and Joseph visit Jerusalem to give thanks for his delivery and perform the purification rites for Mary after his birth. This provides the denouement to our Christmas and Epiphany story which we again savour as one might savour a fine desert or cheeseboard at the end of a meal. The feast, which we often call Candlemas, is one of my favourites, and I love the simple but dignified service in which we reaffirm our baptismal vows at the font and turn our faces to that next most important feast – Easter, which falls very early again next year, when we turn from Christ's early days to the events leading up to his death and resurrection.

The traditional seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, invite us to take our time, to relish and meditate upon the true meaning and consequences of God's coming down to earth in human form, and explore what that means for us and for the wider world – not as something to be hurried and forgotten about as our thoughts turn towards the New Year, and resolutions which many of us rarely keep, but as a series of events which point to something far more significant, not just the beginning of a new year, but to the beginning of new lives, refreshed and restored in the knowledge that the one we celebrate as a child in a manger is the same person who stretched out his hands on the cross so that we might know him and love him not just at Christmas, but forever! May your Christmas be filled with love, peace and joy, and may you know the presence of the Christ-child at your side long after your decorations have been taken down.





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We still have several events planned for this year including a trip to see the illuminations at Ashridge, a plant pot decoration workshop (ideal for Christmas gifts) and our Christmas meal/party in December. Plans for our 2026 programme of events are now well underway. We meet every second Tuesday each month, with doors opening at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. As well as our monthly meetings with a varied programme of interesting speakers, held in the Village Hall, we organise visits to places of interest and host practical craft days and occasional theatre outings. We also enjoy weekly walks on a Monday and Wednesday exploring the beautiful north Buckinghamshire countryside.

Winter months can feel particularly isolated for those living alone, but in Great Horwood and Singleborough this needn't be the case. The WI in Great Horwood offers friendship and support. Our members enjoy a year long calendar of events all from your village doorstep. If you're feeling lonely and in need of some companionship, come along to our meeting in January to see what we are all about – some friendly faces await you.

## ART AND CRAFT COFFEE MORNING AND CRAFT FAIR

Many thanks to everyone who came to support us.

It was good to hold an event which allowed us to showcase and give villagers the opportunity to buy unique items we had made, as well as giving people an opportunity to meet and chat to other people from the village over a cuppa.

The children's craft corner was busy with children sitting quietly designing and producing a variety of stylish outfits for their cardboard dolls. The results were great and the children were thrilled with them.

We meet at 10am every Friday in the Village Hall.

So if you want to learn a new skill or simply want to have some company over a coffee just drop in and see us.

## MEN IN SHEDS

Making and mending continues to be a mainstay of what we do in the Shed but a recent request did have us stumped. Among more conventional items, Steeple Claydon School asked if we could make them a Fairy Hotel. A what? After a lot of head scratching, Mick and Derek came up with a style and theme that seemed to fit the bill and, once they got started, ideas just kept on coming. We are very grateful to Justine Dudley and her team at the school for enabling us to deliver the items in person and to meet some of the children. Seeing them engage with what has been such a fun project to make really was the icing on the cake for us.

We marked the season of Remembrance this year with Roger Churchill launching our winter talks programme with a remarkable presentation about his father, Sqd Ldr Dick Churchill. Roger painted a picture of the finest in humanity revealed against a world shaped by the very worst. I think Dick V-L's message after the talk spoke for us all: "Thanks Roger for presenting this amazing story of an amazing generation of heroes. It is humbling to see what they sacrificed for our freedom."

Have you ever wondered how Clocks are diagnosed when you take them for repair? Our next talk is on Thursday 4th December when Dan Clemens of Claydon Clocks will be revealing some of his secrets as a master of his craft. Dan starts at 11:00 – don't be late!

With Christmas lights now on and the Town Christmas Fair behind us, we're looking forward to mince pies and a warming drink on Thursday 18th December followed by a bit of down-time until Tuesday 6th January when we'll be back for 2026.

Happy Christmas from all of us at Winslow Men's Shed.

The Shed is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 – 4:00

Unit 4, Station Road Ind. Estate. [www.MenInShedsWinslow.org.uk](http://www.MenInShedsWinslow.org.uk)

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There will be plenty of traditional carols for us all to sing (we'll provide the words), alongside some which are older and lesser-known.

Admission is FREE and includes refreshments during the break – just entirely optional donations towards the cost of the hall and catering.

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Winslow Market Service 54abc - runs every Wednesday morning

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Buckingham Bus Service - runs on the first Tuesday of the month

Picking up in Winslow and surrounding villages. 1 hour in town then 1 hour in Tesco, or 2 hours in Tesco.

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## CHURCH REQUEST

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## KIDS MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 19th December 4-6.30pm

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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

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## SEEDLINGS NURSERY

### Bright Beginnings at Seedlings: New Nursery Opens Its Doors in Great Horwood

There was a buzz of excitement in Great Horwood on Friday 24th October as the village came together to celebrate the official opening of Seedlings Nursery and Pre-School. The ribbon was cut by local MP Callum Anderson, who praised the project as “a shining example of community dedication and passion for early years education.”

The celebration, which included tea and cake shared with families, staff, and supporters, marked the culmination of years of hard work and vision. Seedlings is based in the beautifully restored Victorian school building, which has been lovingly transformed to create a bright and inspiring space for young children.



The building, dating back to 1861, has been part of Great Horwood's educational history for more than a century. Its renovation — an ongoing project since before the COVID-19 pandemic — has breathed new life into the site, ensuring it continues to serve the community for generations to come.

Seedlings is one of the few school-based nurseries in the area offering year-round childcare for children aged 2 to 4 years old. The nursery follows a natural curiosity approach to learning, making full use of the school's facilities, including a large woodland area, school field, adventure trim trail, and hall. Children also enjoy regular activities such as Jabadeo, walks to the village park, and visits to St James Church.

Parents have already shared glowing feedback about the new nursery.

One parent, Abigail Collins, said: “I think that the new Seedlings building and staff are wonderful. My child enjoys his days at pre-school and always has stories to tell. He's happy to go in and happy when being picked up — this says a lot! Thank you for your hard work.”

Another parent commented: “My child has only been coming to Seedlings since September 2025 but she settled straight in and looks forward to spending the day there. All the staff are great and caring. It is lovely to see how much effort has been put in by Mrs Shaw and the team to set up a wonderful setting for the children.”

Parent Lucy Janes added that Seedlings offers “a lovely indoor and outdoor space with a variety of toys and activities.”

Meanwhile, Alex and Kim Whitelum shared: “Seedlings is providing the perfect environment for my son to transition from nursery to school. The setting is fantastic. We are particularly pleased that the children can use other spaces within the school such as forest school, the hall and St James Church. My child is thriving at Seedlings, which is down to the fantastic staff and environment.”



Parent Georgina Oliveira also praised the caring team, saying: “I feel the staff really care for my daughter — she's happy to see them and they're always kind and nurturing towards her. The environment is brilliant, so much for them to do! I was worried to move my daughter from her old setting, but it has been entirely positive.”

The opening of Seedlings Nursery and Pre-School marks a proud moment for Great Horwood — a true celebration of community, heritage, and the promise of bright beginnings.



## NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meetings for 2025 will be on the following dates: -

November - Monday 24th November 2025

December – Monday 15th December 2025

Both meetings will commence at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There is always a public participation period when members of the public can have their say – please feel free to attend. The Notice of the meeting is advertised on the Parish Council website and the noticeboard in the High Street.

Minutes of meetings can be found on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website.

[e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/](http://e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/)

Great Horwood Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL



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### Useful contact details

#### Members of the Parish Council:

Please note that councillors now have a dedicated Parish Council email address. This is in order to comply with UK Data Protection Regulations 2018. From 1 January 2021 this is now referred to as the UK GDPR. It is good policy to keep council emails separate from private emails.

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### FIX MY STREET

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Did you know that there is an online edition of Focus. If you have mislaid your copy and can't find the information you need – just log onto the Parish Council website.  
<https://e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/focus-magazine/>

## TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BUCKINGHAM HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE

**The Parish Council have been informed that the above recycling centre will be closed from 1st December 2025 for up to 14 weeks to allow for essential drainage works to be carried out. The site is due to re-open again before the end of March 2026, subject to no weather-related delays.**

The planned construction works taking place require the site to be empty. This means removing all containers and some infrastructure from the site. The below-ground works include installing new drainage pipes and equipment, tanks, manholes and a new connection to the public foul sewer in Balmer Cut. The tarmac and concrete road surfaces will need time to harden before they are suitable for vehicles and containers to be returned, and the site can then be prepared for reopening.

To support residents during the closure, the council is arranging some additional measures:

- Additional sacks for waste – Local residents will be able to pick up branded sacks from public buildings to fill with additional waste if needed. The bags can be placed alongside bins left out on collection days for crews to pick up.
- Real Christmas tree disposal – Drop-off points will be advertised to residents where they can take their real Christmas tree for collection by crews.

During the temporary closure, residents can visit any alternative Buckinghamshire Council HRCs, with the closest being Aylesbury, located in Rabans Close, HP19 8RS (closed on Wednesday and Thursday each week) or Aston Clinton, College Road North, HP22 5EZ (open 7 days a week).

Please note that the Aylesbury Recycling Centre will be temporarily closed for essential works from 12 January 2026. The next closest alternative site will be Aston Clinton.

Details of which days Buckinghamshire's HRCs are open, what materials can be taken there, and live webcam feeds of the sites (helping visitors to avoid busy times) can be viewed online by visiting the household recycling centre webpages.

## GREAT HORWOOD AND SINGLEBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to everyone who supported the Village Quiz, on Saturday 8th November. A very enjoyable evening of quizzing, food and drink raised over £900 for the local community. We are looking to donate some of this to the Brownies who approached us on the night. Please contact us if your local organisation would like to be considered for a donation. Thanks again for all the help and support on the night.

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# Winslow Community Bus

## December 2025



**Aylesbury Market Bus - runs every Friday and Saturday morning** — from Winslow, through Gt Horwood, Little Horwood, Mursley and Swanbourne, arriving in Aylesbury just after 10am and departing 12.15pm. FREE with a bus pass, otherwise only £4.50 return. Drop offs at Sainsburys and Broadfields on request.

**Winslow Market Service 54abc - runs every Wednesday morning.**

This service picks up in the surrounding villages and then into Winslow, (Swanbourne, Mursley, Great Horwood, Whaddon, Nash and The Claydons). Pick up times vary according to village. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £3.00 return.

**Buckingham Bus Service – Picking up in Winslow and surrounding villages.** 1 hour in town then 1 hour in Tesco, or 2 hours in Tesco. Door to door service. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return.

Tuesday 2nd December

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

**Westcroft Shopping – Picking up in surrounding villages.** Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Ring to book.

Thursday 11th December

Thursday 8th & 22nd January 2026

Thursday 12th & 26th February 2026

**Asda – travel £5**

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Monday 22nd December

Monday 26th January 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026

**Buckingham Garden Centre Tuesday 20th January 2026 £5 Travel**

Morning coffee or enjoy Lunch

Timetables can be found online [www.winslowbus.com](http://www.winslowbus.com)

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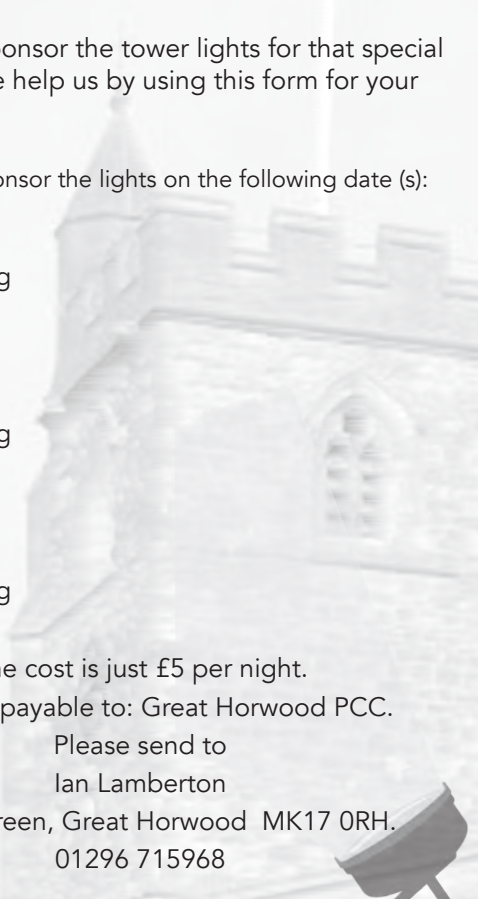
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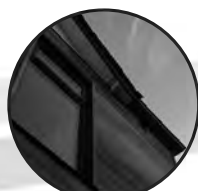
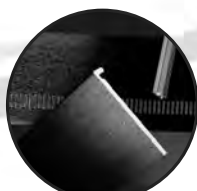
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