



# The Parish of PAULERSPURY NEWSLETTER

## No 533 Nov/Dec2024 January 2025



November		
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Good Neighbours	Village Hall, Main Hall 2pm
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday - see item	St. James Church
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Crafty Monday Meeting	Village Hall, New Room (side door) 2-4pm
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Horticultural Society <i>National Garden Scheme</i>	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Side Room 10am - 12 noon
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Race Night	Paulerspury Village Hall 7pm - 11pm
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Towcester Art Society Exhibition	Town Hall, Towcester 10am - 4:30pm
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Towcester Art Society Exhibition	Town Hall, Towcester 10am - 4:30pm
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30pm
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	St. James Church Christmas Market	St. James Paulerspury 6.30 - 8.30pm
December		
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Good Neighbours Xmas lunch <b>MEMBERS ONLY</b>	Cherry Lane 12 for 12:30
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Wreath Making	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30pm
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Crafty Monday Meeting	Village Hall, New Room (side door) 2-4pm
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting -</b> <i>(note date change since paper version)</i>	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30pm
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Horticultural Society AGM & Xmas get together	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30pm
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Carol Service	St. James Church 5pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Side Room 10am - 12 noon
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Eucharist	St. James Church 9.15am
January		
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Horticultural Society Quiz & Fizz	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Crafty Monday Meeting	Village Hall, New Room (side door) 2-4pm
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	Village Hall, Side Room 10am - 12 noon
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm

Paulerspury Short Mat Bowls Club meet every Tuesday Evening, 7pm to 10pm Village Hall

**Village Hall Coffee Mornings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

### Good Neighbours Group.

Our final meeting this year is on November 5th in the main hall when Claire Linnet-Pratt, the Business Development Officer with Ability is coming to talk to us about the Ability Bus, how it operates and how to access its services. Then on December 3rd it is of course our Christmas lunch at Cherry Lane as last year. A reminder that this is for members only and we are asked to arrive at 12 noon for lunch at 12.30. Menu details and any other arrangements will be available at the November meeting. There is no meeting in January. Information regarding next year's meetings will be in the next newsletter.

### Paulerspury Short Mat Bowls Club

We meet every Tuesday Evening, 7pm to 10pm, and we are always ready to welcome new members or those simply wishing to give our sport a try.

The sport is not as physically demanding as outdoor green bowls, but we like to think it requires as much skill, albeit slightly different skills. You can give us a try free of charge on three occasions before we ask you to join, and we have bowls of varying sizes for you to use.

At present it costs £3 per session once you have joined. We believe this is good value for up to 3 hours of gentle exercise and social interaction.

SO WHY NOT GIVE US A TRY-SIMPLY ROLL UP AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON A TUESDAY EVENING BETWEEN 7 AND 7:30PM. Ian Dale Secretary, 01908 542769



## St James the Great Church.

Parish	Week	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	[Week 5]
Abthorpe				Eucharist 10am		5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Benefice Eucharist Service 10am  Moving around the Benefice
Paulerspury		Evening Prayer 5.30pm	Eucharist 10am			
Silverstone		Eucharist 10am	T@4pm in Church Room	United Service with Methodist Church 10am Either in Church or Chapel	Evening Prayer 5.30pm	
Slapton				Evening Prayer 5.30pm	Eucharist 11am	
Whittlebury		Morning Worship at 10am			Eucharist 9.15am	

## Services at St James the Great Church.

Weekday Eucharist is usually held at St James on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am. Any unavoidable changes will be on the church noticeboard. Please see [www.whittlewoodparishes.org.uk](http://www.whittlewoodparishes.org.uk) for further updates.

The school arrived on 8<sup>th</sup> October for their Harvest Service. It was lovely to hear the children singing Big Red Combine Harvester and the Harvest Samba never fails to set the toes tapping. The children brought their offerings to the altar and after further offerings from Harvest Festival on 13<sup>th</sup> October everything was boxed and taken to Towcester Foodbank. The total weight was 76.4kg. Thank you to everyone for their contributions.

Remembrance Sunday on 10<sup>th</sup> November – Holy Eucharist at St James at 9.45am.  
 The Act of Remembrance will be at the War Memorial at 10.50am.  
 A collection will be taken for The British Legion.

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding the popular Christmas Market in St James. If you would like to have a stall please contact Nigel. 07885 733100 [sebicuscottage@gmail.com](mailto:sebicuscottage@gmail.com) Please see the poster for further details. Prizes for the Christmas Tombola and the Raffle would be much appreciated. Also if you have any surplus/old Christmas Gift Bags we would like to hear from you. Please contact Jeff (0752303409) [jeffreycreek@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreycreek@gmail.com) or Jane 07511611422 [jsawbridge@btinternet.com](mailto:jsawbridge@btinternet.com) to arrange collection.

The Church will be floodlit and the Yew trees in the Churchyard decorated with lights for the Christmas Market and over the Christmas/ New Year period. We are seeking sponsorship to help defray the electricity costs of this and if you would like to help please get in touch with Jeff (suggested contributions of £5 per tree//floodlight).

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 5:00pm - Christmas Carol Service, a relaxed family friendly opportunity to sing some old favourites and get in the Christmas Spirit. Mulled Wine and refreshments will be served at the end of the service. Everyone is welcome to attend. A collection will be taken and shared between the Children's Society and St James' Church. Hope you can all come along.

On Christmas morning we will be celebrating Holy Eucharist at 9.15am.

The Rector and PCC would like to thank everyone for their support during 2024 and wish you all A Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

We have now reached the time of year when hedgerows and trees can be pruned. This year has seen exceptional growth, and homeowners are requested to assist in keeping roads and paths clear, by cutting back excessive foliage.

# CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Decorate your home for Christmas whilst supporting Paulerspury Pre-school



Thursday, 5th December

7.30pm

Paulerspury Village Hall

£45/per person - includes a moss wreath, decorative items, glass of mulled wine or Prosecco & festive nibbles.

To reserve your space, contact Eleanor by 21st November: 07746655335

Fully licensed bar with alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages available to purchase.

All proceeds will be donated to Paulerspury Preschool. Registered charity number 1158601.



St JAMES THE GREAT  
PAULERSPURY

Friday 29<sup>TH</sup>  
November

Christmas Gifts, Craft Stalls, Mulled Wine and Craft Beers, Hot Dogs, Burgers, Cakes, Hot drinks, Raffle, Christmas Tombola

**FOOD & DRINKS**  
**AVAILABLE FROM 6.00pm**  
**STALLS SELLING CHRISTMAS GIFTS**  
**AND CRAFT ITEMS FROM**  
**6.30 TO 8.30PM**  
**ITEMS FROM 6.30 TO 8.30pm**

## TOWCESTER & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY CHRISTMAS SALES EXHIBITION

TOWCESTER TOWN HALL  
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ARTIST: KATHYON BEAUMAN

## CRAFTY MONDAY

Come and Join us Paulerspury Village Hall, (Side Door)

We knit, crochet, sew and chat 2.00pm until 4.00pm Cost - £1

11<sup>th</sup> Nov., 9<sup>th</sup> Dec., 13<sup>th</sup> Jan (2025)



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# Paulerspury Horticultural Society

Thank you to all our existing members who attended our September and October meetings. Also, I would like to extend a warm welcome and thank you to the new members and visitors who joined us for the first time. It is wonderful to see new faces and watch our membership grow. Everyone is welcome. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 in the Village Hall. Please see our website [www.paulerspuryhorticultural.co.uk](http://www.paulerspuryhorticultural.co.uk) for more details of our meetings and events. We all agreed that Becky Webb from Pink Welly Posies, speaking about British Cut Flower Farming' and Peter Lickorish from Shuttleworth College talking about 'Growing Fruit', were both excellent speakers who shared their knowledge and answered questions in a very informative and entertaining way.

## Coming up in November, December and January:

Our next meeting is on Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> and we are very pleased to invite speakers from the National Garden Scheme to come along to talk about the scheme and how it gives visitors access to private gardens and raise impressive amounts of money for nursing and health charities through admissions, tea and cake. Perhaps opening your garden is something you have been thinking about doing, so come along to find out more about this worthwhile cause.



On Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our Annual General Meeting and Christmas get together. We will be looking back over our events of the past year and reveal the topics of the meetings scheduled for 2025. It is also a chance for you to have your say and share ideas of subjects you would like to learn more about. After the meeting there will be festive refreshments with mince pies and mulled wine and a chance to catch up with old friends and new.

Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup> will be our first meeting in 2025 and we will be celebrating by holding a 'Quiz and Fizz' evening. You do not have to be a horticultural expert to enjoy this quiz. The questions will be on lots of subjects so there will be something for everyone. Bring your team along or make up teams on the night. With fizz to suit all tastes it's sure to be lots of fun!

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## Race Night in November Bet Your Bottom Dollar On It!



Paulerspury Village Hall Committee's next unmissable social event is a re-run of the successful horse-racing evening first presented in July 2023. There will be eight races on the programme where you can choose your nag and place inexpensive bets with the prospect of generous cash payouts while you watch the race action unfold on the big screen. Local businesses are sponsoring races while ownership of the final race will be auctioned on the night.

Bets are accepted in cash but cash-back facilities are available via card-reader if required. All proceeds towards the upkeep of the Village Hall.

The date for your diary is Saturday 16 November, 7pm-11pm. As usual there will be a Licensed Bar. Tickets, £8, including bacon or sausage bap, are obtainable from: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/paulerspuryvillagehall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/paulerspuryvillagehall) or by calling Sharron 07789 995172 or Colin 07840 895500. This will be a great curtain-raiser to the festive season. Book early to ensure places.

There have recently been several reports of strangers wandering through the village late at night and knocking on doors of empty properties. Please be extra vigilant and report any strange activity that causes concern.

**ITEMS FOR Next Newsletter** can be emailed to [rwspub@aol.com](mailto:rwspub@aol.com) or written and put through the door at 18 High Street, Paulerspury. Mobile : 07973 619397

*Please note that items need to fit the format, as I may need to adapt them, **please supply text and graphics separately** and send in good time.*

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Deadline for February/ March Newsletter will be January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025 by 6pm. Thank you. Robert.