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As the year comes to an end, it's a good moment to look back at what we've achieved together and consider what comes next. It's been great to see the community come alive with seasonal events, small acts of kindness, and people looking out for one another.

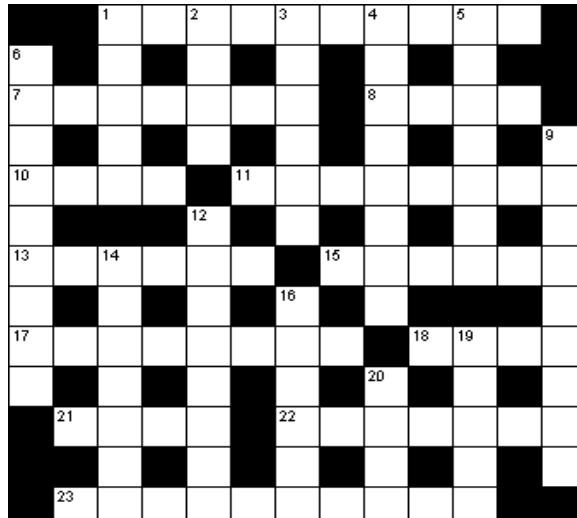
We're still shaping what this publication will look like in 2026, the future is unclear. We need to adapt and be creative, and we welcome ideas from anyone who wants to be part of that conversation. What matters most is that our community remains a place where everyone feels included and respected. The diversity of the Ortons is one of its strengths, and it's something we should continue to build on.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed in many ways for more than 50 years. Volunteers, organisers, neighbours, advertisers and those who simply lend a hand when it's needed. Your support genuinely makes this a better place to live.

Wishing you a relaxed, enjoyable Christmas and a hopeful start to the New Year.

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2 trillion galaxies spinning in the dark, each a furnace of ancient stardust, and here we are: fragile, temporary, clinging to a speck of rock bathed in a single sunbeam.

Yet we let tribal pigments of skin and mythologies etched in stardust divide us, as if our quarrels aren't smaller than subatomic flecks in the cosmic arena. The same carbon that births supernovae, courses through the veins of all who wage war over borders or gods.

The cosmos does not know your flags or faiths; it knows only the laws written at the dawn of time. To gaze upward is to see the antidote to hatred: a reminder that we are not nations or tribes, but star folk — brief, brilliant flashes in a 14-billion-year saga.

The universe is vast enough to hold every dream, yet we choose to suffocate in shoeboxes of fear. As Carl Sagan said, 'Our planet is a lonely speck...and in our obscurity, in all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves.' The infinite lens awaits but will we dare to look? . . . . .GN

## The Gildenburgh Choir Christmas Concert 13 December - 7.30 pm

St Jude's Church, Cranford Drive, Peterborough.

Enjoy a lovely evening of music led by our new Musical Director Sean Douglas. Tickets £6 for adults and accompanied children are free.

Tickets from David Perkins 01778 343158 and available on the door. There will be a short interval and refreshments will be available at the end of the concert.

The Gildenburgh Choir celebrated 30 years this year. We are a mixed voice choir. We meet in St Andrew's Church, Peterborough on a weekly basis during term time. We usually have a raffle during the concert, with prizes donated by choir members. Occasionally we are invited to sing at venues outside Peterborough which we are happy to do so if at all possible.



## THE ORTON ORACLE NEEDS YOUR HELP

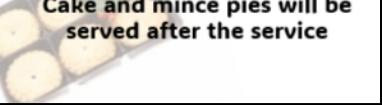
Are you passionate about our local community? Do you have a flair for writing and a keen eye for detail? We're looking for a dedicated and enthusiastic Editor to lead our beloved local community magazine!

Our magazine is a trusted and long-standing source of local events, and information, produced by and for local residents. We serve as a vital link between local people, churches and businesses, fostering a strong community spirit.

As the editor, you will be the heart of the magazine, responsible for ensuring it is useful, informative, and engaging. This is an ideal opportunity for a local resident who wants to make a positive impact on their community.

From Curating Content: Sourcing, writing, and editing engaging local news, articles, and event listings. Managing Submissions: Liaising with contributors and local groups to gather news and stories. Meeting Deadlines: Managing the production schedule to ensure the magazine is published on time each month. Collaborating: Working closely with the advertisers, finance and dedicated volunteers.

**If you would like to get involved, please get in touch @ [tina@abigjay.com](mailto:tina@abigjay.com)**

**Orton Waterville Methodist Church**  
  
**Christmas Carol Service**  
  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 3:00pm**  
**Join us to celebrate the coming of Christmas. Cake and mince pies will be served after the service**  


### Churches Together in the Ortons.

20th December - Carol Singing - Orton Centre - 11.00am

18th January - Service Prayer for Christian Unity - Methodist Chapel, Orton Waterville - 3.00pm

### The Orton Social Group



First Thursday of the month  
 2 - 4pm, Orton Waterville Village Hall

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served and there will be a raffle each month along with a tabletop quiz. Come and enjoy chatting to some new friends. Everyone is welcome!

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**The CLUB**  
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**There's a new Social club in Peterborough for neurodivergent and disabled adults.**

**All Welcome**

<b>Disco</b> 	<b>Tuck shop</b> 
<b>Games</b> 	<b>Arts and Crafts</b> 

**Where** - Peterborough City College  
**When** - Last Friday of every Month  
**Time** - 7pm till 9pm  
**£5 entry, Support staff free**

### Orton Waterville Methodist Chapel

#### Craft Cafe

Friday  
 5th December &  
 2nd January 2026



2:30pm – 4:00pm

# YOUR ORTON COMMUNITY

## Orton Longueville Parish Council

Contact Parish Clerk  
Alison Brown on 07907 160161  
Chairman is Nick Penniall

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month except August in the Herlington Community Centre, Orton Malborne

Peterborough PE2 5PW at 7:00 pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and will have an opportunity at the start of the meeting to bring up matters of concern which the Parish Council will discuss at a future meeting if they can't be dealt with immediately.

Agendas and minutes can be obtained from the website:

[ortonlongueville-pc.gov.uk](mailto:ortonlongueville-pc.gov.uk)

Natter & Knit, Crochet, Embroider or Cross Stitch at the...

### CRAFT & CHAT GROUP

We meet on a Tuesday at Orton Waterville Village Hall between 10:00-12:00

Come along and enjoy a chat while you knit or sew! £2.00 per session includes tea and biscuits.

Contact:

Gina 07809 292379

## Orton Bridge Club

Meets Monday and Friday evenings at

Orton Wistow Community Centre

We are a small, friendly club and new members will be made most welcome

Please ring Brian Harrison on 01733 661507 for further details

## ST.ANDREW'S ALWALTON

COFFEE MORNING  
10:30– 12:30



WEDNESDAY  
10TH DECEMBER  
& 14TH JANUARY  
ALL WELCOME



## Community Litterpicks

The regular monthly litter pick from The Herlington Centre is taking a break. If any community or local group in Orton wishes to organise a litter picking event please feel free to loan equipment stored at The Herlington Centre. This can be loaned by contacting the centre Mon-Thur and speaking to Dave Warne on 01733 233132 or visiting the centre in person.

Individuals are also welcome to borrow the equipment.

For help and support in organising a litter pick in your own area contact Ward Councillor

Cllr Heather Skibsted on 01733 201085  
Or Peterborough Litter Wombles on

## COFFEE MORNING AT ST. MICHAEL'S

### CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

December 3rd @ 1030. We are having a special Coffee morning to present the money raised this summer to Amanda Geraghty, the CEO of Peterborough Women's Aid. We will have a Christmas raffle Do join us and learn more about the Refuge which we support



## SILVERTOPS at CHRIST CHURCH

For the over 60s at Christ Church Orton Goldhay Wednesdays at 10am except 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2pm

## Rummikub & Scrabble

Friday 12th and 26th December  
Friday 9th and 23rd January  
From 2:30pm  
Friendly fun for all abilities

Orton Waterville Methodist Chapel  
Chapel Lane



## Orton Waterville Parish Council

Parish Clerk is Mrs Alison Brown who can be contacted by email: [clerk@ortonwaterville-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ortonwaterville-pc.gov.uk) or by telephone 01733 346483.

Meetings are now taking place on the last Wednesday of each month (except August) at 7:00 pm in the Orton Waterville Village Hall, Glebe Avenue.

Members of the Public are welcome. Should you have a matter to raise, please contact the Clerk before the meeting.

Agendas and minutes can be obtained from the website [ortonwatervilleparishcouncil.org.uk](http://ortonwatervilleparishcouncil.org.uk)

## Whist Group

Meets on a Friday evening, 6.30pm - 9.30pm at  
Orton Waterville Village Hall.  
The charge £3 per session with tea / coffee provided.

It's a friendly group and has been going for 40+ years but would welcome new people

## WHIST

Orton Waterville Methodist Chapel,  
Chapel Lane

## Drop-in for the Retired

Every Monday  
afternoon  
between 2pm  
and 4pm



Meet up with old friends and make some new ones, newspapers, magazines, games and crafts available to keep the hands and the mind active or spend time in company over tea and biscuits.

## Making Christmas Positively Festive!

Families are invited to St John's Church on Cathedral Square this Saturday, 13th December, at 1pm.

The festive magic continues with Arthur Christmas, the animated adventure that finally answers the question: "How does Santa deliver all those presents in one night?" Free festive craft activities will begin at 12pm, providing some creative fun before the film starts. Alongside these family events,

Peterborough Positive is bringing its own festive lights to the city centre with the installation of two illuminated arches. These arches will offer photo opportunities and extra decoration beyond Cathedral Square. Families can also enjoy a Snowy Window Trail, created in collaboration with local artist Riah Mae.

Five city centre businesses will transform their windows into bespoke winter artworks. Each artwork features a hidden letter forming part of a festive word. Trail participants have the chance to win a £100 city centre gift card, encouraging engagement and movement across the city.

Supporting the city's evening visitors and businesses, Peterborough Positive is working with The Light Project to provide a Health Outreach Bus on selected nights throughout the festive season. Located on Long Causeway, the medical bus will support night-time venues and door staff by treating minor injuries on the spot. This reduces the need for hospital visits and offers care and support to late-night revellers.



## WALKING WITH FRIENDS IN & AROUND THE ORTONS

Our free weekly walks are still continuing throughout both December and January so why not come out and join us, on our walks around the Ortons, whenever you can the find time. Get some fresh air and exercise and meet up with friendly walkers for a chat along the way. Simply turn up on the day, join the walk and enjoy the social company and the great outdoors. (Dogs, under your control, are welcome too). We look forward to seeing you, whenever you can make it.

### Ramblewood Walk

[Every Thursday morning at 11.00am](#)

Meeting place: The Ramblewood Inn car park, at Orton Hall, Orton Longueville

Approx. 1 hour (3 miles/5km)

Don Worby – 07722 367302 or 01733 236218 or email [don.worby@ntlworld.com](mailto:don.worby@ntlworld.com)

### Hampton Vale

[Every Tuesday morning at 11.00am](#)

Meeting place: Outside the Sue Ryder shop in Stewartby Avenue. PE7 8ND

60 minutes approx.

Don Worby - 07722 367302 or 01733 236218 or email [don.worby@ntlworld.com](mailto:don.worby@ntlworld.com)

### Ferry Meadows Three Lakes morning walk

[Every Monday at 10.00am](#)

Meeting place: Visitor Centre/café in Ferry Meadows.

45 – 60 minutes (dependant on attendees)

Barry Oxbury on 07931 179962 or 01733 713206 or email [barryoxbury@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barryoxbury@hotmail.co.uk)

Set in the beautiful grounds of Ferry Meadows, with the lakes, woodland areas and vast open spaces, there's a lot on offer to walkers. Gentle walks are a great way of meeting new people, improving your self confidence and overall fitness. The walkers come together from the local community to enjoy the light exercise, the company and refreshments afterwards if you have the time! (Registered walkers both walks are exempt from the Ferry Meadows

car parking fees (for up to 3 hours) – see the Walk Leader for details, when you arrive)

### Ferry Meadows afternoon walk

[Every Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm](#)

Meeting place: Visitor Centre/café in Ferry Meadows.

45 – 60 minutes (dependant on attendees)

Barry Oxbury on 07931179962 or 01733 713206 or email [barryoxbury@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barryoxbury@hotmail.co.uk)

### Botolph Green/ Longueville /Ferry Meadows walks

[Every Friday morning at 11.00am](#)

Meeting place: Please park on roads adjoining Botolph Green, just off Oundle Road, Peterborough,

60-90 minutes

Barbara Parsons – 07763 345817

### Bereavement Wellbeing Walks

[On the First Saturday of each month at 10.30am.](#)

Meeting place. Notcutt's car park PE2 5UU.

Approx 60 -75 minutes.

Cruse Bereavement Support Volunteers.

[Contact Peterborough Cruse by email at peterborough@cruse.org.uk](#)

### Central Park Walk

[3rd Saturday of each month at 10.30am](#)

The Willow Cafe, in Central Park,

Approx 30 – 60 minutes

Walk Leaders. Cruse Bereavement Support Volunteers

Contact Peterborough Cruse by email at [peterborough@cruse.org.uk](mailto:peterborough@cruse.org.uk)

### City Centre Walk – Cathedral Green,

[Every Saturday morning at 10.30am](#)

Meeting place: Cathedral Precincts, just inside the Norman Archway main entrance, PE1 1XS

Approx. - 90 minutes

Eleanor Elliott 07745 173790

## Reflection:

In the words of the well-known song: it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere you go. From sometime in November the long countdown to Christmas Day begins. Increasingly we are coming to expect a big build up to the big day. Christmas adverts, Christmas concerts and events, Christmas food, Christmas tasks are all part of this build up. All around us a huge variety of Christmas lights are switched on. White ones, coloured ones, flashing ones, twinkling ones, all shining out and brightening up the winter darkness. These are all signs that Christmas is near.

Now, for just a very short while, let's take a step back in time. In a quiet, pre-industrial world there is just one star in the night sky to lead us on. Let's join with the mysterious wise men from the East, as they travel they know not where, guided only by this wondrous star. The Bible says that God has placed eternity in each of our hearts, and many of us travel through life with an instinct deep within us to search for something more, something bigger than ourselves, something to complete us. It may have been this desire that the wise men carried in their hearts as they set off. They started their journey, their quest, at the appearance of a new star, a bright light shining clearly in the desert darkness. The star drew them to look up beyond themselves, to look out and to wonder about the 'what ifs?' What if there is more to this life than we've experienced yet? What if God is real, and he is guiding us to find him? What if?

I wonder what our thoughts are, what the desires of our hearts are, as we travel forward on our journey through life? At Christmas we are all searching for something; maybe for many things. We are searching, with increasing desperation, perhaps, for the perfect gift. We are searching for the perfect family celebration, for the perfect expression of our love, for peace, for the clock to be put back to a happier time, or just for Christmas to be here already!

The star of wonder, a star the wise men recognised as something special, shone with royal beauty bright. The star led the wise men onwards into the very presence of King Jesus, Immanuel, God with us. The carol, 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' tells how, on the first Christmas night, an everlasting light shone in the dark streets of Bethlehem. The hopes and fears of all the years came together that night at the birth of Jesus. The 'what ifs?' became a resounding 'yes!' as Jesus came down to earth to be with us. Jesus came to show how much our heavenly Father loves us and to lead us back to him. The light continues to shine in the darkness, and the darkness will never put it out. Jesus is the light of the world, and He longs to guide us all to the perfect light this Christmas.

May we all enjoy a joy-filled Christmas and a peace-filled New Year.

Rev Imogen Falvey - Vicar at St Mary's, Orton Waterville and Holy Trinity, Orton Longueville



**Pale Blue Dot.** - is a famous photograph of Earth, taken by NASA's Voyager 1 spacecraft in 1990 from about 3.7 billion miles away that shows our entire planet as a tiny, single pixel of light against the vastness of space. The image has little scientific value but offers a profound perspective on humanity's place in the universe. Carl Sagan's famous quote reflected on the image, emphasising that the tiny dot is Earth,

Our home, where all of human history and experience have unfolded. He describes the Earth as a small stage in the vast cosmos, contrasting the scale of human conflict and ambition with the insignificance of our planet in the grand scheme. The pale blue dot challenges our sense of self-importance and the idea of Earth holding a privileged position in the Universe. Sagan notes that Earth is the only known world with life and our current home, emphasising that there is nowhere else for humanity to go in the near future. He concludes that the image serves as a humbling reminder of human folly and underscores our responsibility to treat each other with kindness and protect our unique home, the pale blue dot. You can find the full quote in the referenced web documents.

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## Orton Waterville Methodist Church Chapel Lane

Orton Waterville Methodist Chapel.  
Chapel Lane.

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
Normal services 10.30am.

Holy Communion with Caroline Hutchings on  
Sunday December 14th at 10:30am

Covenant Service and Holy Communion with Rev.  
David Parkes  
On Sunday 18th January at 10:30am  
All are welcome.

### Orton Friends

Drop in for retired people.

Every Monday afternoon between 2.00pm. and  
4.00pm.

Come and meet with friends old and new.  
Share in a variety of activities and refreshments.

### CRAFT CAFÉ

Friday 5th December and 2nd January  
2:30pm - 4:00pm

### RUMMIKUB & SCRABBLE SESSION

Friday 12th and 26th December  
Friday 9th and 23rd January  
From 2:30pm

## ORTON GOSPEL HALL

MALBORNE WAY, PETERBOROUGH, PE2 5LX

### EXPLORERS - SUNDAYS (EXCEPT 3RD SUNDAY) AT 12PM.



Term time only. Singing, quizzes & Bible stories for primary school-aged children.



### GOOD NEWS SERVICE - 1ST, 2ND AND 5TH SUNDAYS AT 4:30PM.

A good news message from the Bible for everyone.



### FAMILY SPECIAL - 3RD SUNDAY AT 4:30PM.

A Bible-based message, songs, quizzes and a buffet tea for the whole family.



### TEA & TOTS - TUESDAYS AT 10AM.

Term time only. Fun, snacks, stories and singing for pre-school children.



Want to know more? Visit  
[www.ortongospelhall.org.uk](http://www.ortongospelhall.org.uk)

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."  
1 Timothy 1v15. The Bible

## CHRIST CHURCH

ORTON GOLDHAY AND ORTON MALBORNE

Revd Canon Sarah Gower

[sarahcgower@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahcgower@btinternet.com) or 01733 394411

### DECEMBER

Sunday Dec 07 10.00am Holy Communion  
Sunday Dec 14 10.00am Morning Worship  
3.00pm Afternoon Holy Communion  
Sunday Dec 21 10.00am Morning Worship  
Wednesday Dec 24 4.30pm Christingle Service  
11.30pm Midnight HC (at St Andrews, Alwalton)  
Thursday Dec 25 10.30am Christmas Holy Communion  
Sunday Dec 28 10.00am Morning Worship

Coffee Connect meets once this month on Friday, December 12, from 2.00 – 4.00pm. Do come along for a cup of coffee or tea, for homemade cakes and biscuits, and for a chat.

Christmas Messy Church is happening on Monday, December 22, from 10.30 – 12.30, with fun and activities for all the family – lunch included. We look forward to seeing you!

### JANUARY 2026

Sunday Jan 04 10.00am Holy Communion  
Sunday Jan 11 10.00am Holy Communion  
3.00pm Afternoon Holy Communion  
Sunday Jan 18 10.00am Morning Worship  
Sunday Jan 25 10.00am Covenant Service (with HC)  
6.30pm Healing Communion

Coffee Connect meets twice this month on Fridays, January 09 & 23, from 2.00 – 4.00pm. Do come along for a cup of coffee or tea, for homemade cakes and biscuits, and for a chat.

CHRIST CHURCH 2 BENSTEAD ORTON GOLDHAY,  
PETERBOROUGH PE2 5JJ

## St. Michael's Church Chesterton

Rev Canon Sarah Gower - 01733 394411

### Services for December

7th 9am Holy Communion  
14th 5pm Evening Prayer  
19th 9am Morning Prayer  
21st 6pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols  
25th 9am Christmas Day Holy Communion  
28th 9am Morning Prayer

### Services for January

5th 9am Holy Communion  
12th 5pm Evening Prayer  
19th 9am Morning Prayer  
26th 5pm Evening Communion

To learn more about our church visit the  
"A Church Near You" website.

### All Welcome

## PETERBOROUGH FOODBANK.

If you would like to donate items for the Peterborough Foodbank, Orton Waterville Methodist church will be glad to receive them at any of our services and pass them on to the warehouse.

## The Orton Benefice: St Mary's Orton Waterville and Holy Trinity, Orton Longueville.

Revd. Imogen Falvey. Tel: 01733 230896. [revimogen@gmail.com](mailto:revimogen@gmail.com) (Rest day Friday)

**Full details of church services can be on-line :**

**A Church Near You website.**

### St Mary's Orton Waterville

Church Warden

Mr Daniel Goymour  
01733 231535

For bookings of Weddings and  
Baptisms and Funeral Enquiries

Revd Falvey 01733 230896  
[revimogen@gmail.com](mailto:revimogen@gmail.com)

### Holy Trinity Orton Longueville

Church Wardens

Jackie Harrison 01733 238732

Mrs Sue Martin 01733 288875

Baptism and Churchyard enquiries

Jill Norman 01733 237872

[jill.748norman@btinternet.com](mailto:jill.748norman@btinternet.com)

Wedding and Funeral Enquiries

Revd Falvey 01733 230896

[revimogen@gmail.com](mailto:revimogen@gmail.com)

### St Mary's Church, Orton Waterville

#### December

Sunday 7th @ 9am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th @ 9am Morning Praise

Friday 19th @ 7pm Traditional Carol Service

Sunday 21st @ 9am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st @ 5pm Longest Night Service (A quiet Christmas service)

Wednesday 24th @ 6pm Christmas Communion Service

Thursday 25th @ 10am Christmas Day Benefice Family Communion at Holy Trinity

Sunday 28th @ 10am Orton Benefice Service of Holy Communion

#### January 2026

Sunday 4th @ 9am Morning Praise

Sunday 11th @ 9am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th @ 9am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th @ 9am Morning Praise

Coffee Morning on Saturday 24th January, 10.30-Noon.

### Holy Trinity Church, Orton Longueville

#### December

Wednesday 3rd @ 9.30am BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 7th @ 10.30am 10.30am First Sunday All-Age Worship

Thursday 11th @ 6pm Carols at The Dovecote, Botolph Green

Saturday 13th @ 3pm Nativity Play from Scratch

Sunday 14th @ 10.30am Holy Communion

Monday 15th @ 6.30pm Family Carol Service

Sunday 21st @ 10.30am Morning Praise

Wednesday 24th @ 11.15pm Christmas Communion Service

Thursday 25th @ 10am Christmas Day Benefice Family Communion

Sunday 28th @ 10am Orton Benefice Service of Holy Communion @ St Mary's

Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th December, 10.30-Noon.

#### January 2026

Sunday 4th @ 10.30am First Sunday All-Age Worship

Wednesday 7th @ 9.30am BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 11th @ 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th @ 10.30am Morning Praise

Sunday 25th @ 10.30am Worship for All Holy Communion

Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th January, 10.30-Noon.

## CHRISTIAN PRESENCE CHURCH

founded in 1976 in Orton Malborne

Herlington Community Centre

7th Dec. - 10.30am

14th Dec. - 10.30am

21st Dec. - 10.30am

28th Dec. - 10.30am



4th Jan. - 10.30am

11th Jan. - 10.30am

18th Jan. - 10.30am

3.00pm - Service Prayer for  
Christian Unity - Methodist Chapel,  
Orton Waterville.

25th Jan. - 10.30am

Contact: Tracey 07479 933845  
All are welcome

## St Andrew's Alwalton

Serving Orton Southgate,  
Northgate,  
Wistow and Alwalton  
[www.alwaltonchurch.org.uk](http://www.alwaltonchurch.org.uk)

Revd Canon Sarah Gower

Tel



01733- 394411

Church Wardens

Prof Jonathon Chambers  
07803 500840

Mr Timothy Burgess  
07785 942166

#### DECEMBER 2025

7th 10.30a.m. Christingle Service

13th 6.00p.m. Carol Service

14th 10.30a.m. Morning Worship

21st 10.30a.m. Holy Communion

24th 11.30p.m. Holy Communion

25th NO SERVICE

28th Morning worship

#### JANUARY 2026

All services at 10.30a.m.

4th Family Service

11th Morning Worship

18th Holy Communion

25th Morning Worship

Services based on  
Common Worship

For other activities

please see the website

[Learning, loving & living for Christ](http://Learning_loving_living_for_Christ)

## THE ORTON ORACLE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Are you passionate about our local community? Do you have a flair for writing and a keen eye for detail? We're looking for a dedicated and enthusiastic Editor to lead our beloved local community magazine!

Our magazine is a trusted and long-standing source of local events, and information, produced by and for local residents. We serve as a vital link between local people, churches and businesses, fostering a strong community spirit.

As the editor, you will be the heart of the magazine, responsible for ensuring it is useful, informative, and engaging. This is an ideal opportunity for a local resident who wants to make a positive impact on their community.

From Curating Content: Sourcing, writing, and editing engaging local news, articles, and event listings. Managing Submissions: Liaising with contributors and local groups to gather news and stories. Meeting Deadlines: Managing the production schedule to ensure the magazine is published on time each month. Collaborating: Working closely with the advertisers, finance and dedicated volunteers.

***If you would like to get involved, please get in touch @ [tina@abigjay.com](mailto:tina@abigjay.com)***

**Scouting Opportunities in The Ortons.** - Scouting is a worldwide movement offering adventure for young people from the age of 4. In addition to weekly meetings we offer activities such as camping, canoeing, performing, hiking, sailing and climbing. All activities are age appropriate, comply with Scout Association regulations and are supervised accordingly.

Opportunities are available in the Ortons for all age groups i.e.

- Squirrels - 4 to 6 years.
  - Wednesdays 4:30pm - 5:30pm Herlington Community Centre
  - Wednesdays 4:15pm - 5:15pm Skip Clements HQ - Nene Park Academy Campus
- Beavers - 6 to 8 years
  - Wednesdays 5:30pm - 6:45pm - Skip Clements HQ - Nene Park Academy Campus
  - Wednesdays 6pm - 7:15pm Herlington Community Centre
- Cubs - 8 to 10 1/2 years
  - Wednesdays 7pm - 8:30pm Skip Clements HQ - Nene Park Academy Campus
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More information: please contact [2ndNene@gmail.com](mailto:2ndNene@gmail.com) or use the form at <https://www.2ndnenescouts.org.uk/contact-us/>



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You have an opportunity to see Hereward Harmony at 7pm on the 26th April at Christ Church Hall in Orton Goldhay as they are putting on a 'Charity Concert' in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Society. Do come along tickets (£8) will be available on the door or via our friendly Chairman Alan Lund (tel 07850 007 057). This would be an excellent opportunity to support this wonderful charity and you never know you might be tempted to scratch that singing itch and to join this happy group.



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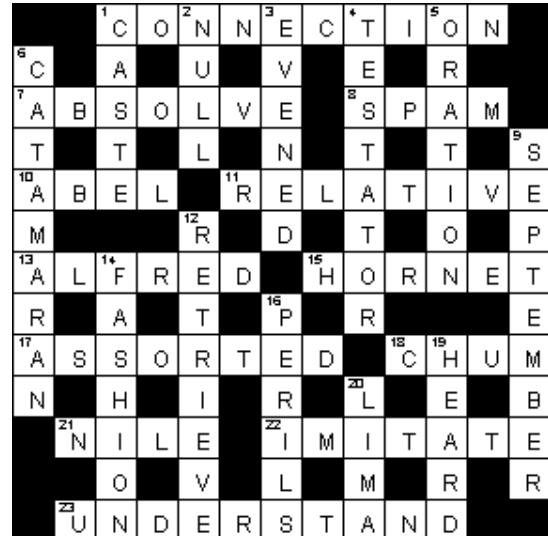
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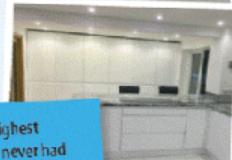


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