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*A Magazine for Avening, Cherington and Nags Head*

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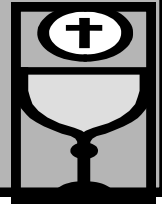
# *Services in Avening and Cherington*

<b>Day/Date/ Officiant at main service</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Service Details</b>
Sunday 3rd November	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
<i>Rev Mark Bate</i>	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 10th November	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
Rev Hunnisett	09.30	Cherington	NO SERVICE
	10.45	Avening	SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
Sunday 17th November	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
Rev Ian Aveyard	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCP
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
Sunday 24th November	08.00	Avening	NO SERVICE
Rev Ian Aveyard	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW
	3.30pm	Avening	Messy Church
Thursday 28th November <i>Derrick Pierce</i>	7.00pm	Avening	Compline / Evening Prayer
Sunday 1st December	08.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCP
Rev Ian Bussell	09.30	Cherington	Holy Communion BCW
	11.00	Avening	Holy Communion BCW

The gifts of food that were given to our Harvest festival were taken to the Stroud Food bank for distribution to local Children's homes.  
Thank you to all who helped to make the church look fantastic



# Church Duties in Evening



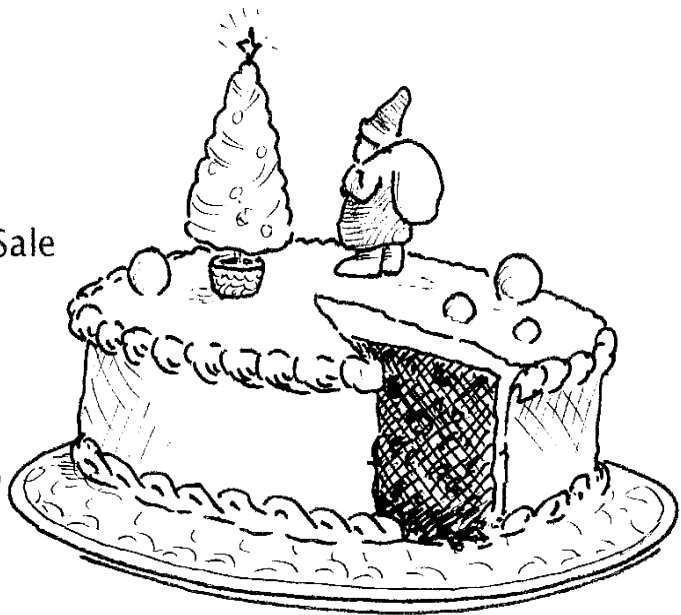
Date	Sides persons	Chalice	Sacristan
Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeanie/George	Stephen	Elizabeth
Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY		Ann
Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	Irene/Margaret	Paul	Elizabeth
Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	Piers/Stephanie	Hamish	Ann
Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	George/Cas	Stephen	Elizabeth

**THERE WILL BE COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE IN AVENING ON  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>**

## COFFEE AND CAKE at Avening Memorial Hall

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### PLEASE NOTE

**All requests for weddings, baptisms or funerals MUST be  
made through the church wardens, doing this will ensure  
that the church is available.**

**The relevant telephone numbers can be found on page 3**

# What did Jesus look like?

## A ROMAN LETTER

Found in Avening Church.

The following was taken from a manuscript now in the possession of Lord Kelley and in his library, and was copied from an original letter of Publius Lentus of Rome - it being the usual custom of Roman Governors to advertise the Senate and people of such material things as happen in their province. In the days of Tiberius Caesar (Emperor of Rome AD 14-17) Publius Lentus President of Judea wrote the following Epistle to the Senate concerning our Saviour.

There appeared in these our days a man of great virtue named Jesus Christ who is yet living among us and of the Gentiles is accepted for a prophet of truth, but his own disciples call him the Son of God. He raiseth the dead and cureth all manner of diseases. A man of stature somewhat tall and comely, with a very reverend countenance such as beholders may love and fear. His hair is of the colour of chestnut full ripe and plain to the ears whence downwards it is more orient and curling and wavering about his shoulders. In the midst of his head is a seam or partition of his hair after the manner of the Nazarenes. His forehead plain and very delicate his face without spot or wrinkle beautiful with a comely red. His nose and mouth so formed as nothing can be reprehended, his beard thickish in colour like his hair, not very long but forked, his look innocent and mature, his eyes grey, clear and quick. In reproving he is terrible, in admonishing courteous and fair spoken. pleasant in conversation mixed with gravity. It cannot be remembered that any have heard him laugh but many have seen him weep. In proportion of body, most excellent, his hands and arms most delicate to behold. In speaking very temperate modest and wise.

A man of singular beauty, surpassing the children of men.

.....  
The article above was submitted by Click Mitchell. Originally a copy of this used to hang in the Church, but at some point it was lost.

Christmas is fast approaching with all its religious significance, but on a simple level we celebrate the very human story of the birth of a baby. The Editors thought that readers might find this description of the possible physical appearance of the Man that the Baby became, especially thought provoking at this time.

Thank you Click.

**HAVE YOU ANY SIMILAR INTERESTING ARTICLES OR SNIPPETS OF INFORMATION THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE IN THE FUTURE**

# The Village Shop

We are very sorry to have to announce that the Village Shop and Post Office has now closed. This was a major amenity for the village that we have now lost - along with several village based jobs.

On behalf of the people of Avening, the Villager Magazine would like to thank all the people who have worked in the shop and Post Office over the years. You, and the shop, will be sadly missed. It seems like the end of an era.



## Church Floodlighting

*The Church looks lovely when it is lit up at night.  
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**The Church was floodlit on**  
**October 24th in loving memory of John Pargeter by his family**  
**October 29th in loving memory of John Hopes by his wife and family**

## Photographs in The Villager Magazine

Many thanks to **Tony Slater** for our cover photo. If you have a photo of Avening or Cherington which you would like to share with us, please feel free to send it to us. You never know, it might turn up on the front cover...!

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# What's On In Avening and Cherington

Please let us know if we have forgotten any regular event or if there is something you would like to have included here.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Line Dancing	Monday	7.30 - 10.00pm	Social Club	Mel 01453 833760
Cherington PC	4th Tuesday Bi-monthly	6.30pm	Village Hall	Frances 01453767384
Book Club	First Monday	7.30pm	The Bell	Kristiana 01453 836515
Youth Club	Tuesday	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Memorial Hall	Cassie 01453 834182
Bell Ringing	Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Church Bell Tower	David 01453 882914
Line Dancing	Tuesday	7.45-10.30pm.	Social Club	Mel 01453
Line Dancing	Tuesday	7.45 - 10.30pm	Social Club	Mel 01453 833760
Yoga	Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Memorial Hall	Elles 0781 555 2952
Over 60s Lunch Club	1st Wednesday each month	12.30pm	Social Club	Christine 01453 833246
Dial-a-Ride	Thursday	9.30am		Liz Truman 01666 502514
WI	2nd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Maisie 01453 834679
Avening PC	3rd Thursday each month	7.30pm	Memorial Hall	Caroline 01285 380041
Avening Angels Choir	Sunday	4-30pm	Various	Derrick 01453 835090



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# **Messy Church**

**3-30pm. In Avening Church**

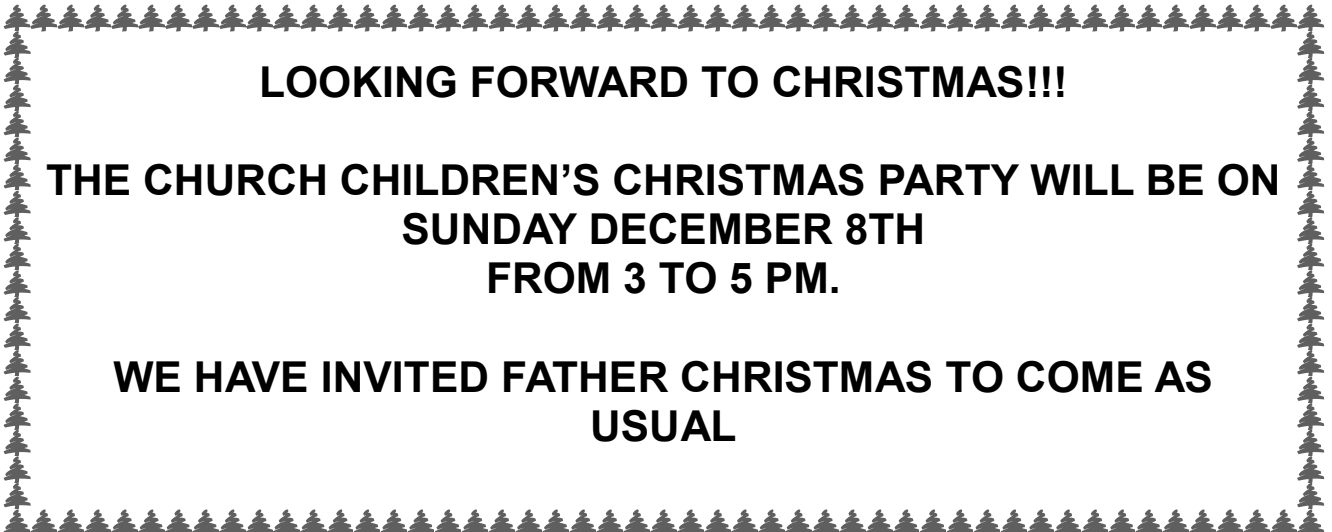
**ON SUNDAY 24th November 2013**

***At Messy Church we celebrate God in our community by listening to stories, singing, praying, talking, eating, drinking & making things.***

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**LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS!!!**

**THE CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE ON  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH  
FROM 3 TO 5 PM.**

**WE HAVE INVITED FATHER CHRISTMAS TO COME AS  
USUAL**



# REMEMBRANCE DAY IN AVENING AND CHERINGTON

The Annual Remembrance day service will take place in Avening only this year and will be conducted by Rev. John Hunnisett commencing at 10-45am to give plenty of time for the silence at 11-00



The Children in Avening School will be planting crosses around the millennium cross in memory of Avening people who died fighting in both wars at 11-00am on November 11th

**You are most welcome to join in on either**

**Reminder to Cherington Residents that the  
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# Village People

Many of you will know of Fred Vening, who has taken the lead in the Avening History Project over recent years. His meticulous research into village records, with his moving and interesting accounts of the lives of men on Avening's Roll of Honour and his work, mapping graves, has been truly remarkable. After much urging by me to tell his story, he finally sent me this fascinating account of an unforgettable day in his life, during his time serving in the Royal Air Force.

*Frances Conway*

## A Bit of a Cracker



The personnel of the whole camp was up and about at dawn. Today was the big day. Early breakfast and the collection of packed lunches was soon completed and then it was on to the Squadron lorry and transport to the Airfield.

The Coastal Command Shackletons were already airborne, searching the surrounding seas for any unauthorised shipping, and the weather-checking Canberras were away soon afterwards.

On the Valiant dispersal, one aircraft was missing, it having spent the night being loaded and guarded in top security. We had little to do as the other aircraft to fly 'grandstand' had been checked thoroughly the previous day. That task completed we left in the lorry and were taken to a holding area where, with other personnel, we were counted, role-called and counted again to ensure that no-one was missing.

From the nearby runway, we heard the two Valiants taxi and take off, followed shortly by some Canberras that would take cloud samples. We watched from our area as the two aircraft made several 'dummy' runs to the target area and then, via tannoy, we were given the news that the exercise was 'go'.

Again we watched as the two contrails disappeared behind the coconut palms, which were behind us and between us and the target area. We were then given a countdown to the explosion, for which we had to cover our eyes. It was the first time I had seen, through closed eyes, the bones in my hands

and experienced on my back, such a heat which accompanied the flash.

We were then told we could move away from the palm trees and look at the fireball, a beautiful sight of a cloud of red, black and yellow, climbing rapidly into the sky. Unexpectedly, a few seconds later, we experienced the noise of the explosion which, again, was louder than any noise I had ever heard.

Where were we? On Christmas Island in the Pacific Ocean on which was carried out this, the fourth UK nuclear test. The date? The 4<sup>th</sup> of November 1957.

We had just experienced, from twenty miles, the explosion of the equivalent one million, eight hundred thousand tonnes of TNT. An experience not to be missed!!

Was it worth it, in the end? I think so and it is a deterrent worth keeping. It also gave me the opportunity of seeing Dave Brubeck and Paul Desmond at the Black Hawk Night Club in San Francisco on the way back home.

It doesn't do to take life too seriously!!

*Fred Vening*

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Cotswold Wardens have recently completed some work on the stiles across Star Lane fields - they usually do a great job in maintaining access to footpaths, but on this occasion I think they have had a severely detrimental effect on these ancient boundary stones, both visually and physically.

The Parish Council has written to the Cotswold Wardens to ask them to remove the concrete steps either side of the centre stile, as they may damage the stone itself - a piece of stone should have been used, if a step was necessary. We have also asked them to reconsider the design for the wooden structure onto Green Lane, as this actually makes access more difficult, and has no provision for canine access. We have requested that we be consulted for future works so that we can advise them of local needs.







[Avening-pc.gov.uk](http://Avening-pc.gov.uk)



# A new site For Avening

▶ Avening has a brand new website,  
packed with lots of new features and  
information:

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2013 September

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# *A Tribute to Pearl Jarman*

Editors' Note: The family have asked us to mention that it was Rev Celia Carter, who conducted Pearl's funeral service and gave the address, printed below.

17<sup>th</sup> October 2013

It is a sad loss for Avening that both Pearl and Rosemary, the two daughters of Stan and May Fletcher, have died within a few months of each other. They were so much a part of the village.....members of one of the oldest families and woven into its very fabric. They grew up here.....and as with so many of their family before them, they went to the village school. Pearl had many happy memories of her time at the school.

She was more of a tomboy than Rosemary.....as Alan her brother in law described her.....and opted to leave school at 14 rather than to going on to Grammar school and college. She first took the job of looking after the children at the Manse but soon changed that to take on a job on a farm near Lower Slaughter. Here she was in her element.....able to ride on the Tractor and helping with the animals she loved. However, despite of growing up in a country village, she was delightfully innocent of many things: 'Why?' she asked the farmer 'don't you ever bother to milk the bull?'

It was on another farm at Bubblewell, where she was to meet her future husband Roy. Rosemary was a friend of Roy's sister and took Pearl along on a visit. Pearl came away struck by how handsome he was! A good start to their courtship and they were married in 1955 and were soon blessed with their two daughters, Theresa and Wendy.

Pearl had many talents...she loved to knit and play the piano and more recently the key board as well as the mouth organ. In her childhood, family and neighbours would gather in each others' houses to sing around the piano and Pearl loved to do this with her own children. She also enjoyed painting as did Rosemary and she was a member of Nailsworth Art Group. Theresa her daughter, remembers the excitement when a member of the group had a painting accepted for the Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy and all the group went up to London to see it on display. Pearl and Theresa slipped off having admired the painting to have fun in the Market Stalls in a churchyard opposite to the Academy. Theresa still has the straw hat that Pearl bought for her at the Market.

Pearl was also a dab hand at darts and travelled around locally with the Avening Team to compete in contests.

Pearl and Roy enjoyed taking their family caravanning.....and travelled down the Welsh coast and to Devon and Cornwall. Their first venture abroad came in 1982 when they flew to Malta. Pearl loved the sun and the sea and would splash around for hours..... but never learnt to swim. From that first holiday followed many others. Tenerife, Majorca, Spain..... sometimes with Rosemary and Alan .....and other times with Joan, June and John. Their nephew Ken remembers these holidays with Pearl and Roy as times of much fun and laughter. Pearl had a great passion for the Red Arrows and, for special treats, she and Roy would go off and park their car near Kemble to watch their aerobatics.

As I said Pearl was always fun to be with, as indeed was her mother. I remember a day when Pearl was helping me in the house and we decided to abandon all housework and get on the train and go to Birmingham. Rosemary and Mrs Fletcher joined us. They had not travelled on trains very often so this was an adventure I itself. However, when they saw through the train windows the size of the City, both Mary and Pearl refused to leave the station. It took the firm hand of Mother Fletcher to get her daughters moving as she was determined to explore the shops!

Pearl's last few years were happy ones. She loved her grandchildren and always enjoyed the times when she and Roy could take them out on trips.

Needless to say she was hugely delighted when her great grand daughter Emily was born. As the little girl learnt to read Pearl was reminded how Theresa shared her passion for books and was thrilled to think little Emily had this too.

Pearl was someone very special. She shared her home with family and friends .....always glad to help out and welcomed everybody.

She had 58 happy years of marriage to Roy and during this time they were inseparable. Now..... when Roy is so bereft I am sure you will give him every support you can.

Our prayer for Pearl is the Christian Promise that she has gone to that place prepared for her where life continues in some wonderful and mysterious way and when in time she will be reunited with all whom she loves.

AMEN

***Celia Carter***

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My name is David Martin. I live in Nailsworth and I'm the local consultant for *Steele Rose & Co* - one of the UK's Premier Professional Home Visit Will Writers. After 22 years serving my country in the RAF, I have spent the last 28 years of my life professionally advising my clients on all personal financial matters and specialising in Wills.

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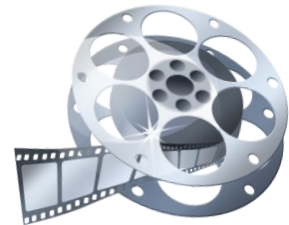
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## Interested in Films?

Several people in Avening would like to look into showing current films in the village.



We would like to gauge the level of interest in this idea.

If you think this is something you would like to see, please let us know:

[Editors@acvillager.co.uk](mailto:Editors@acvillager.co.uk)

or contact [kristianamaseyk@hotmail.com](mailto:kristianamaseyk@hotmail.com)



**NEW!!**

## *Down To Earth*



Hundredweight' pumpkins

Charles Schulz (creator of the American comic strip Peanuts, and Charlie Brown) may have written, "There are three things I have learned never to discuss with people: religion, politics, and the Great Pumpkin," (The Great Pumpkin being open to interpretation!) but the time has come to talk about pumpkins...

Pumpkins should have been cut by now, leaving a good 2 inches of stalk, and placed on a wall for the skin to cure in the sun, ideally for around 10 days. Pumpkin plants can easily spread themselves over an entire vegetable plot so I grow mine, the 'hundredweight' variety, vertically, on a tripod or 'H' stand made of strong hazel sticks. They are hungry and grow best on a well-rotted compost or dung heap. As this is not really practical, I dig a deep hole which I fill with a barrow-load of home-made compost before planting out the pot-grown seedlings. The seeds germinate and grow on quickly, but, like all cucurbits (cucumbers, melons, marrows etc) they do not tolerate cold, so late spring is the time to sow the seeds. As well as the traditional pumpkin pie (if following an American recipe, halve the amount of sugar!), they can be roasted in wedges or used for soup (remembering that a small potato, a carrot and some tomatoes will add body) and the seeds roasted in a slow oven in olive oil and sea salt.

One of my most treasured plant discoveries this year was the *mirabilis jalapa*, 'Marvel of Peru' or 'Four o'clock Flower', which I bought, in May, as a seedling at Strawberry Hill, Horace Walpole's 'little gothic castle' in West London, in the process of restoration with Heritage Lottery funding. The plant itself is frost tender, but the tuber it produces in its first year can be overwintered like that of a dahlia. The gardeners at Strawberry Hill had dug up the self-sown seedlings for sale in the shop. The seeds are extraordinarily beautiful, shaped like a chunky amphora, or ancient Greek storage vessel. Some have already germinated; others I shall save for sowing in the spring.

The flower is an exotic magenta colour and opens at specific times in the day. At the Chelsea Physic Garden, which does, admittedly, have its own microclimate, the mirabilis was clearly still in bloom last week, though the flowers were being somewhat reluctant to show their faces!

It is now time to start bringing in the pelargoniums (geraniums to you and me). Usually red, but also pretty in a range of colours from salmon pink to pure white. These are best over-wintered by cutting down to around 4 inches, bringing into shelter from frosts and barely watering through the cold months. If the atmosphere is moist and ventilation poor, they can succumb to grey mould. This has happened to me; conditions need checking from time to time. (Protection from frost also applies to ivy-leaved pelargoniums, the kind that spill from balconies and hanging baskets in southern Europe!)

In the absence of other salad leaves, French, or flat-leaved, parsley is a nutritious garnish for soups and dishes, or chopped up with tomatoes. Rich in vitamin C, iron and other minerals, it is still flourishing in my garden and it rather likes a position in semi-shade. It can be grown from seed, so perhaps there's an idea for next year!

We recently discovered a most extraordinary creature in the garden. Not, this time, a cow on holiday from the neighbouring field, but the caterpillar of the elephant hawk moth. According to the Collins guide, its diet includes fuchsia leaves, and that is where it was, within a foot of my brightly flowering fuchsia 'Genii'. We carefully marked its position and made sure we gave it a wide berth. Live and let live!



Mirabilis jalapa (Marvel of Peru, Four o'clock flower)

Marilyn Jones



Caterpillar of the elephant hawk moth

# *Father Christmas is coming to Avening*



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From 5PM

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# Avening Primary School

## ANOTHER BUSY TERM!

It has been a busy few weeks for the School Council. They have organised their first fund-raising event for the year - a Pyjama and Teddy Day - in aid of



Tetbury Hospital. Together we raised £150, which the School Council will present to the hospital staff next month. The eager School Council are also representing the views of their class mates, as we discuss exciting plans to develop our outside area. They will be meeting with one of our governors, Mr Derrick Ind, who will

listen to their views.

We always welcome visitors into the school to enrich the children's education. Just before half term, we were very lucky to be invited to participate in a music workshop, held at the Holy Cross church. It was led by world famous pianist, Roman Rudntysky. The Key Stage 2 children were treated to a musical lesson which had us all spellbound.

Our harvest celebration this year included fund-raising to support Reverend Celia's charity – Hop, Skip and Jump which helps children with disabilities. We also rounded off a busy first term with various sporting activities including orienteering at Westonbirt, a netball tournament and football matches.





As always, our Friends of Avening School (FOAS) were very active during our first term back in school. As well as their ever popular Friday Treats, they organised a fabulous Family Treasure Hunt, which was well supported, and a spooky Halloween disco. We are always grateful for their support, which makes a real difference to every one of our families.

At the end of last term we said a fond farewell to one of our class teachers Helen Grayston – we wish Mrs Grayston all the best of luck and we welcome Ms Jill McKenzie as a teacher in our Kestrels class. We also welcome Stuart Richards as our new Chair of Governors – Stuart has been a Governor for many years but recently stepped into the shoes of Derrick Ind who held the role of Chair for an amazing 16 years. Derrick continues as a Governor. Thanks so much to Derrick for all the time and efforts he has given (and continues to give) to the school; and thanks to Stuart for taking on the role of Chair.

***If you are interested in finding out more about our school please take a regular look at our website [www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.avening.gloucs.sch.uk) or follow us on Twitter @AveningPrimary.***

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The Rotary Club of South Cotswolds has put on a fireworks display in Tetbury for many years. Previously it has always been staged as a non-profit making event, but with any money that has been made has going back to the local community. This year will be slightly different in the fact that all the proceeds made from this year will be going to 'Mundy's Mission' - to support the family-led appeal for a young local boy to raise the necessary money for a ground breaking operation to help him walk unaided.

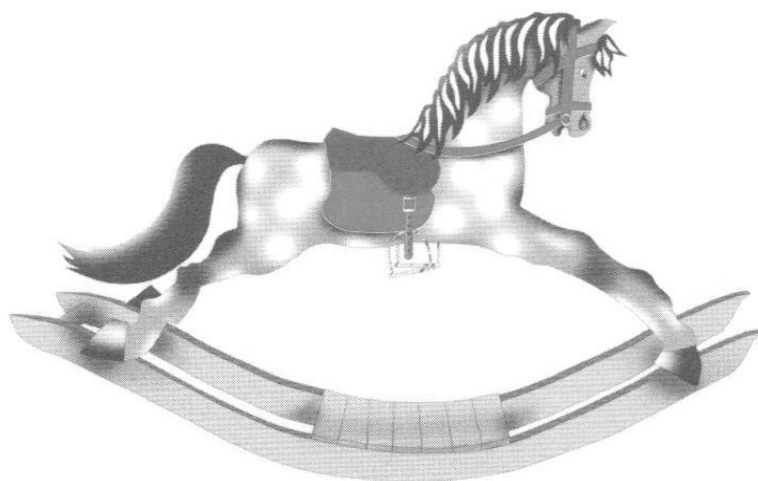
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School of Music, has won many global awards and has played in over 90 different countries. His Avening programme was an action-packed performance of no less than 13 pieces by a wide range of composers including Chopin, Beethoven and Wagner. The learned professor also provided informative and entertaining commentaries on all the music in the concert and demonstrated remarkable powers of memory by playing such a challenging selection for over two hours without a single sheet of printed music.

The concert began with a virtuoso performance of Manuel de Falla's Ritual Fire dance complete with fingering flourishes borrowed from the great Artur Rubinstein. This was followed by an intense interpretation of Beethoven's Sonata "Les Adieux", demonstrating Rudnytsky's sensitive depth as well as his technical mastery. Not content with just playing specialist piano compositions, he then embarked on two transcriptions for piano of well-known orchestral standards, Venus from Holst's Planets and the Grieg Piano Concerto. These were rich and full renditions of complex pieces and one audience member was overheard to remark: "Who needs an orchestra when Roman is around"?

After the interval, the programme resumed with four Chopin piano classics, the Scherzo No. 3 and three waltzes. These elegant, lyrical pieces were played with confident ease by Rudnytsky, before he threw himself into the complex and demanding 20<sup>th</sup> century modernism of Stravinsky with three scenes from the ballet Petrouchka. The published programme continued with two more technically- challenging transcriptions for piano of large orchestral works by Wagner from The Ring and Tannhauser, before concluding with Listz's Hungarian Rhapsody No 2, beloved of Tom and Jerry cartoon fans in the audience.



Mr Rudnytsky bowed out with a delightful encore of the first movement of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. It was an excellent evening's music enjoyed by all who had the privilege to attend. For those who were not so lucky, CD's of Roman Rudnytsky playing a selection of piano classics are available from Peter Best at Holy Cross Church ([peter@avening.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:peter@avening.eclipse.co.uk)) for just £10 each.

***By our Music  
Correspondent***



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Unfortunately our winning streak in County competitions came to an end when we lost the skittles round against Frampton on Severn W.I. The team thoroughly enjoyed the contest which was good natured throughout and no-one takes it too seriously. We are hoping to excel in the final of the County quiz. Unfortunately our star quiz player Chris Naish has been very poorly and will be unable to take part in the final. Get well soon Chris.

We are having our own fun quiz at the Avening Social Club on Friday 8th November at 7.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Get a team of 4 together and for £16 per team you will be sure to have a great evening including a ploughmans' supper. The money raised will go towards the cost of transporting Christmas boxes to underprivileged children abroad. The members spent a busy afternoon filling the boxes with gifts.

Our popular Christmas shopping trip will be to Cardiff this year. Apart from shopping there are so many interesting things to see and do there. The trip is on Wednesday 20th November leaving near the Memorial Hall at 9.15 a.m. We have a number of seats left so if you would like to come along please contact Sue Osborn on 839327.

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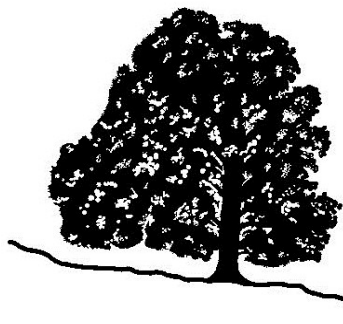
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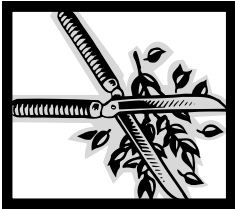


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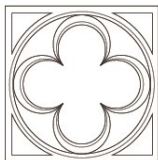
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## HARVEST IN AVENING

Avening Church Harvest festival saw the church decorated with a fantastic display of flowers fruit and vegetables. Our sincere thanks to all who helped to make the church look so splendid. All of the fruit and vegetables were taken to the Stroud food bank for distribution to local children's homes. Thanks also to our guest Celebrant on that day the Archdeacon of Cheltenham who helped to make the day special.



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The Competition is open to young musicians aged 11 years to 18 years and who are of approximately grade six standard or above. There are prizes for the different sections of Strings, Woodwind, Brass, Piano and Percussion. The preliminary heats will be held early in the New Year with the Grand Final on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2014.

Not only will there be the Winners Trophy and a cash prize but the award will also give the winner the opportunity of performing at a concert given by the Stroud Orchestra. Competitors are also invited by many Rotary Clubs to perform at Rotary events which gives them even more experience of public performance.

The closing date for entries is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013. All interested young musicians should contact Rotarian Doug Hughes of the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds for a full information pack and entry form on 01666 502548 or email [drhugheshome@hotmail.com](mailto:drhugheshome@hotmail.com)

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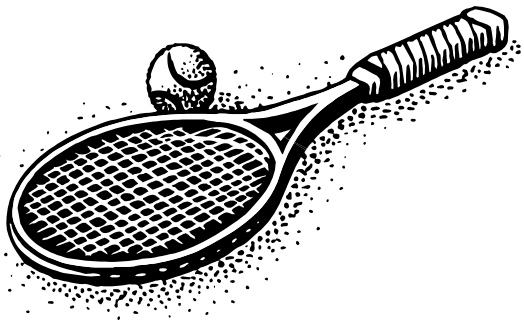
The children have enjoyed two lovely walks in October and some of this year's playgroup children were joined by some of last year's children and their families to take part in a sponsored mile walk of the beautiful grounds of Badminton to raise money for playgroup. It was a beautiful trip which was enjoyed by everyone who took part. Thank you to all of those who supported this event.

Nearer to home the playgroup children enjoyed a lovely autumn walk through the woods and fields around playgroup. They collected lots of leaves, conkers, dried flowers and interesting twigs which they brought back to playgroup. They enjoyed playing with them and talking to their friends about what they had found. They later made some collages with them to decorate playgroup.

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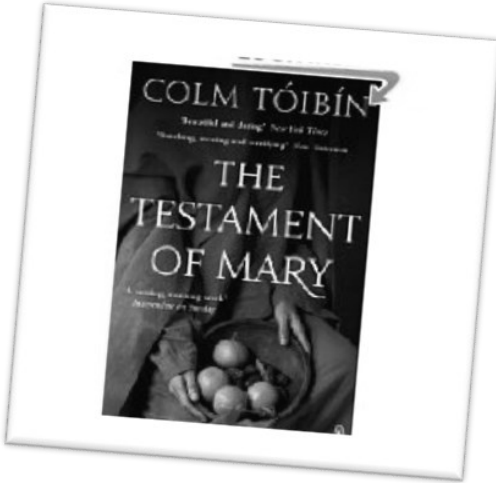
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# Avening Book Club

## The Testament of Mary by Colm Toibin



This very slim contender for the Man Booker Prize (the shortest book ever to be submitted) is full of writing that is spare and lyrical. Toibin writes beautifully, he writes women exquisitely and his writing about sons and mothers is particularly skilled. This mother and son pair are the most well-known in history.

The story is written in the first person narrative from the point of view of Mary, the mother of Jesus. This Mary is very far from images we may hold of her. She is usually portrayed as the epitome of patience, love, kindness, obedience and sacrifice. Toibin's Mary has nothing about her that is meek and mild. She is an astonishing character and this came as something of a surprise for me. As an atheist I didn't really recognise that the traditional view of this figure had permeated my conscience so strongly. Also there are several parts in the novel that are surprising, not merely when we consider Mary but when we think of motherhood in general. Toibin's Mary dislikes her son's misfit followers, she hates the way he talks when he says he is the son of god and there is also no mention of a virgin birth. Mary doubts his miracles with a sceptical 'they say he...'. The raising of Lazareth is portrayed as a ghastly mistake when we see a shadow of a man that is reminiscent of a character from Pet Cemetery.

The crucifixion is predictably harrowing but again deftly handled. Following this event we don't see Mary with her son dying in her arms, we see Mary flee to escape the authorities. This is was perhaps the most surprising part for our book club because it was very hard for us to imagine a mother wanting to do anything other than die with her child after such an unspeakably brutal and horrific event. By this stage in the novel we were considering both mother and child relationships and the fact that despite years of history separating this event, persecution and brutal cruelty is still rife in the world often in the name of religion; Mary words echo "...when you say that he redeemed the world, I will say that it was not worth it."

Towards the end of the novel Mary is imprisoned/looked after by two of her son's disciples who are menacing "They move things when they come [...] as though this house is theirs [...] when I tell them to put things back [...] they look at each other and then at me, making clear that they will do nothing I say, that they will wield power in the smallest ways, that they will

give in to no one.” They question her about her life with Jesus in order to write the gospels but they are not interested in her testament and she cannot tell them what they want and are determined to hear “They appear more often now, both of them, and on every visit they seem more impatient with me and the world. There is something hungry and rough in them, a brutal boiling”. There is one part in the novel where Mary becomes incensed by them but it is not on behalf of her son. Following one of them moving and sitting on a chair Mary tells him not to. She explains that the chair is for someone who will not return. They insist her son will return to which she answers “The chair is for my husband.” She quickly reaches for a sharp knife and warns them, “I have another one hidden [...] if either of you so much as touch it, I will wait, I am waiting now, and I will come in the night, I will move as silently as the air itself moves, and you will not have time to make a sound. Do not think for a moment that I will not do this.” We see Mary’s passions rise and her being committed to doing something out of the ordinary for her dead husband, for whom it is clear she feels an overwhelming sense of grief. We talked about the nature of our children growing away from us and how as adults we deal with this and how our perspectives of our children will be vastly different from others as they grow and the sense of loss this is possible to cause.

We enjoyed discussing this book immensely and decided that we would read the other books on the Man Booker shortlist for our club. The Testament of Mary is a very small book but with huge themes that resonate long after reading.

The book club are very happy to have the welcome contributions from newcomer Mandy and the not so new newcomer Lisa (AKA Bambi).

***Kristiane Maseyk***

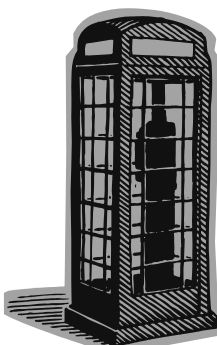
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# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 7th December 2013  
open from 2pm-4pm  
Avening Memorial Hall

- + Biggest Ever Raffle with Amazing Prizes
- + Come and Meet Santa in his Grotto
- + Find Santa's Lapland Hideaway and Win a Sledge
- + Delicious Home-made Cakes
- + Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
- + Kids Lucky Dip
- + and lots more Christmassy Fun!



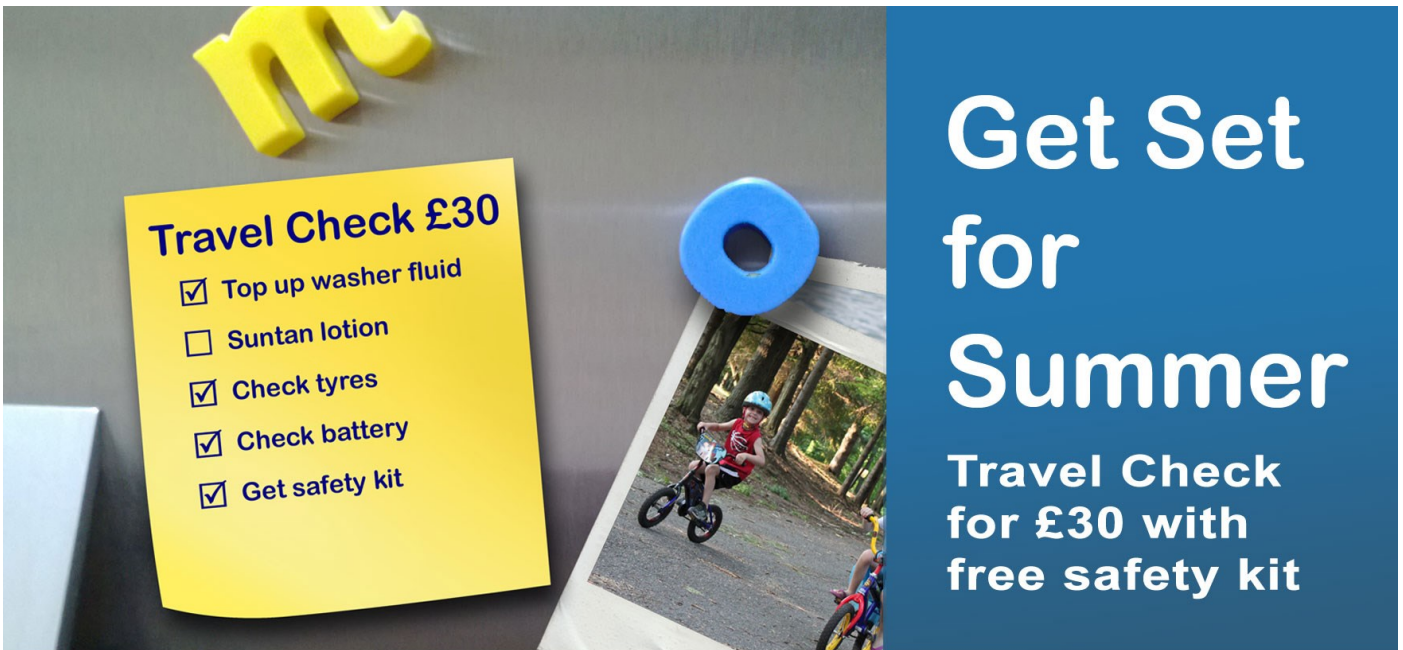
# Useful Telephone Numbers

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## *Dates for your Diary*

Saturday 2nd November	Bonfire and Fireworks Display	Sir William Romney School	Gates open 6.00pm
Friday 8th November	WI Fun Quiz	Avening Social Club	7.30 pm
Sunday 10th November	Remembrance Sunday	Avening Church	10.45 am
Wednesday 20th November	WI Christmas Shopping Trip	Bus leaving near Memorial Hall	9.15 am
Thursday 21st November	Avening Parish Council Meeting	Avening Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 23rd November	Church coffee and cake	Avening Memorial Hall	10.00 am
Sunday 24th November	Messy Church	Avening Church	3.30 pm
Friday 29th November	Christmas Market (Friends of Avening School)	Memorial Hall	3.00-5.00 pm
Saturday 7th December	Playgroup Bazaar	Village Hall	Afternoon
Sunday 8th December	Church children's Christmas party	Avening Church	3.00-5.00 pm
Sunday 15th December	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	Avening Church	6.00 pm.
Sunday 15th December	Father Christmas comes to Avening	All around the Village	From 5.00pm



## Be sure before you go

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