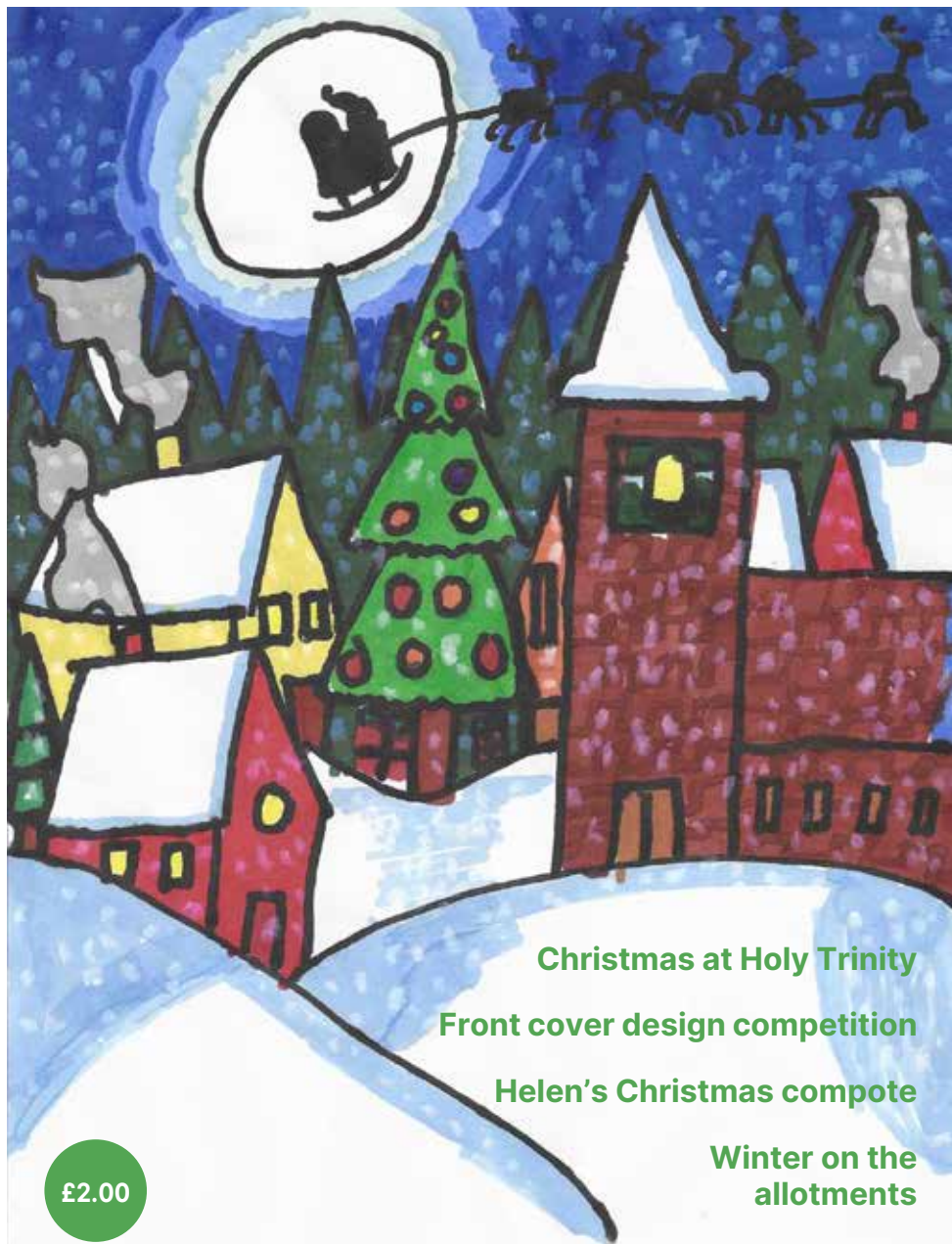


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## Thought for the Month

My most memorable moment from Harvest last month came during the school Harvest service: I was collecting all the Harvest gifts to lay around the altar, when one little boy handed me his tin of chickpeas and said, with great warmth and sincerity, "Happy Birthday!" (To be clear, the school does a great job at drawing the children into the big moments of the church calendar, and it's pretty reasonable for one or two not to have quite got it!) I think I could legitimately have taken the chickpeas home, but I didn't.

With Christmas and New Year coming up, I'm excited once again for the chance to experience big festivals through the eyes of the children across our villages.

I remember the first time I took my son to Whipsnade Zoo: watching his reactions reminded me quite how wondrous tigers are. Getting philosophical for a moment, kids, like works of art, help us to break through the bored assumptions with which we view the world, to see beauty and particularity in a new way, as if for the first time. That's an important corrective to the functionalisation of society today, in which we're so focussed on what things do that we no longer see what things are. There is an over-confidence embedded in that perspective: we effectively assume we've ascertained everything worth ascertaining.

Jesus said that we can only ever come to God as a child (Matthew 18:3). He's talking about having the humility to recognise that we need God like a child needs a parent. But there's a bonus of that childlike humility: we see things afresh; we recover the experience of wonder, be that of tigers, Christmas, or Jesus himself. May that be what happens for each of us over this Christmas season.

**Jez Carr** - Vicar





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## From the Editors

We have really enjoyed looking through the front cover designs, although we found choosing the winner and runners up very difficult. What talented artists we have in Seer Green and Jordans. We hope that you enjoyed creating them.

This edition has information about Christmas services at Holy Trinity

and some new ventures at Trinity Cafe.

It also has a delicious recipe and details of music, film and even a run in the two villages. Happy Christmas and our best wishes for 2026.

### The Editors

## Next Month's Magazine

Please send all contributions for the **February** issue to: **editorseergreen@gmail.com** by **7 January 2026**. Diary dates for the next two or three months would be very welcome.

Articles should be **300 words max** and in WORD (.doc or .docx format) and photos should be jpeg format, preferably 300 dpi.

Please note any items submitted may be edited for space, content or style.

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Front cover: Christmas competition winner - Isla Arbiter-Dean - year 5

## Holy Trinity Services in December



There is so much on offer to get involved with this Christmas. We hope you can join us over the festive season.

### Sunday 7 December

8am BCP Communion Service

9am - 12 Trinity Cafe open, with all profits going to The Children's Society.

3.30pm Christingle service

*Our Christingle service helps us to start thinking about Jesus coming to Earth as the Light of the world. Join us in this special all age gathering as we have fun together with some edible treats!*

### Sunday 14 December

10am Christmas Holy Communion Service with carols

5pm 'Sing into Christmas' @ The Jubilee Hall

*Led by Rev Jez and Jane Smith, featuring Seer Green Singers. Come and enjoy Carols, Christmas songs and festive readings. This is a ticketed event. There is no set charge, but donations gratefully received. Book tickets at <https://singintochristmas25.eventbrite.co.uk>*

### Tuesday 16 December

3.30-4pm Carols, Cookies and Hot Chocolate

*Come and sing your favourite carols and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate. This event is particularly aimed at popping by on your way home from school... but all ages are welcome to come and join in.*

### Thursday 18 December

10.30am Midweek Holy Communion with carols at Chalfont St Giles Parish Church

### Sunday 21 December

8am BCP Communion Service

10am Family Carol Service

*A morning opportunity to sing carols, hear the Christmas story and have fun!*

7pm Traditional Lessons and Carols

*Journey through the events of the first Christmas through readings, carols and music from Village Voices choir.*

### Wednesday 24 December

3pm and 4.30pm Crib Services

*Our Crib service is designed for the whole family, lasts about 40 minutes and tells the Christmas story with lots of audience participation! Come dressed as part of the Nativity story or in your favourite Christmas jumper. Due to the popularity of these services and the church capacity this is a ticketed service. Book now to avoid disappointment. There is no charge for these but if you would like to donate towards the work Holy Trinity does, particularly with children and families in our villages, you can do so online with the tickets, or with cash or card on the day. Tickets are available via Eventbrite. For the booking links please visit – [www.christmasinseergreen.weebly.com](http://www.christmasinseergreen.weebly.com)*

11.30pm Midnight Mass

*This late-night service starts on Christmas eve and ends just after midnight, so you're among the first to celebrate Christmas.*

### Thursday 25 December

10am Christmas Celebration

*A short service celebrating the good news of Jesus' birth.*

### Sunday 28 December

No services at Holy Trinity

8am BCP Communion Service @ Chalfont St Giles Parish Church

9.30am Holy Communion Service @ Chalfont St Giles Parish Church

10.30am Service @ Seer Green Baptist Church

December Charity - Disasters Emergency Committee

## Holy Trinity Services in January

4 Jan	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	10am	Holy Communion

7 Jan	10.30am	Midweek Communion
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11 Jan	10am	Soul Space
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18 Jan	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	10am	Holy Communion

25 Jan	10am	Morning Praise
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January Charity - Wycombe Homeless connection



## Donations to Holy Trinity

If you would like to donate to the work and upkeep of Holy Trinity Church there are many quick and easy ways to do so -

Go to our website:  
**seergreenandjordanscofe.org** and scroll down the homepage to 'Online Giving' and follow the link.

Or go to:  
**<https://tinyurl.com/4hx7cyzx>**

Or you can activate our Online Giving page by using the QR code opposite.

Donations in cash/cheque may be delivered to our treasurer at 58 Chalfont Road.

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## Trinity Café update

November has been a busy month in the café as we have been getting ready for the seasonal change with autumn interiors and the installation of heaters! We hosted the fabulous Teen Spirit presents concert supporting Young Minds and showcasing three local youth bands.

At the end of November, we were delighted to host representatives from the Clare Foundation. We are so grateful for their generous grant in supporting the set-up and 3-month trial of the café, enabling it to become a well-loved and used asset for the community, which will now continue.

We are excited to announce that, working with local graphic designer Rick Jones we have redesigned our logo. Look out for the new branding on your next visit to the café.

We are hosting wreath-making workshops on **4 and 5 December**, run by Rachel Gibson and various other festive family activities. Check out our Instagram account **@trinitycafeseergreen** or pop into the café to find more! We will be stocking a variety of festive drinks and delicious cakes made by Yolande in the village.

Our hours over Christmas will be different, see our poster opposite. Thank you for all of your support so far this year. Do pop in during the festive season, and we look forward to continuing into 2026!

**Grace Gilbertson**



### OPENING HOURS

#### Monday

8.30am-12.30am &  
2pm-4.30pm

#### Thursday

8.30am-12.30am &  
Friday

8.30am-12.30am &  
2pm-4.30pm

#### Saturday

8.30am-3.30pm

### Christmas hours

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> +29<sup>th</sup>

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> +3<sup>rd</sup>

8.30am-12.30pm





## Winter on the Allotments

On a bleak and wintry day a clump of rainbow chard lights up the allotment and once transferred to the kitchen it brightens a winter meal and tastes good too!

As one year ends and another begins our allotment work falls into two categories; there's the physical: clearing, tidying, protecting, cleaning and oiling tools, and then there's the cerebral: the quiet and cozy reflection, looking back on what worked and what was a disappointment, making plans for the next season, mulling over the colours, sounds, smells, tastes and downright glory of the season past.

Something I managed this season, which I always mean to but rarely achieve, was some succession sowing of spinach and carrots, prolonging the availability of two of my personal favourites, very satisfying.

It has been a fruitful year up at the plots, a great deal has been grown, eaten, shared, frozen and preserved, with allotmenters more or less coping with the vagaries of climate change and seasons not behaving in a once traditional manner. There have been setbacks of course, a beautiful seeming tomato crop suddenly succumbing to blight, a sudden change in temperature taking out young seedlings, hungry mice feasting on early broad bean plants. But we remain stoical and positive!

And now something for a jaded palate, some inspirational recipes (name only!) from The Allotment Cookbook winter chapter...Balsamic roasted beetroot with Wensleydale, sour cream and chives. Two-tone cabbage stir-fry with prawns and ginger. Celeriac chips with venison cutlets. Curry with chickpeas and cauliflower. Leek, mushroom and bacon risotto. Chicken, leek and mushroom pie with spinach and carrots. Sprouts, apples and bacon. Spicy parsnip rosti with chilli sauce. Tasting even better when some of the ingredients are home grown!

However you celebrate this midwinter, I wish you joy with tasty vegetables washed down with a fine raspberry liqueur, sloe gin or elderflower cordial, while our compost heaps quietly prepare for the next growing season.

**Charlotte Bagging** from the allotments.



Rainbow Chard



## Christmas cover design competition



2nd Willa Axe - Year 5



3rd Leo Sahn Year 4



HC Jiya Shangari - Year 6



HC Vivienne Rooney - Year 6



3rd Jasper Sahn - Year 2



HC Hudson Arbiter-Dean - Year 2



HC Kenny Hancox - Year 3



HC Sophie Crosby - Year 3

Thank you for all your wonderful designs.



## Seer Green Gardeners

Matt Biggs of BBC Radio 4 fame was the speaker at our Autumn talk in the Jubilee Hall. His subject was 'Perfect Plants for Problem Places'. Matt is one of those amazing people who is able to speak unscripted and engagingly on his subject and we were totally enthralled. Before talking about specific plants, he explained the importance of studying the intrinsic characteristics of a particular 'problem place' including its aspect, drainage and soil type and ideas for addressing the problems, including of course the value of good garden compost for soil improvement. We gathered planting suggestions for hot, dry sunny spots, plants for dry shade, north facing walls, clay and chalk, all embellished with his own personal anecdotes.



For a copy of Matt's handout, drop an email to [seergreengardeners@gmail.com](mailto:seergreengardeners@gmail.com)

December is the month when we finalise the SG Gardeners events programme for the coming year. If you have feedback or suggestions, do let us know, either by talking to any committee member you know, or email us. Our first event of 2026 is the Great Village Quiz on Friday **27 February**.

### Gardening suggestions for December

The days may be short and gloomy, but there's plenty to do outside!

- With the very mild weather we've been having so far, it's easy to forget about frosts. Keep a wary eye on the weather forecast and protect or bring indoors any tender plants still enjoying the fresh air before the temperature plummets.
- If you have pots outside still sitting on saucers, switch these for pot feet to lift it above ground level and avoid waterlogging.
- On mild, dry days, prune free-standing apple and pear trees, blackcurrants, gooseberries, redcurrants, and climbing roses. Avoid pruning stone fruits (like cherries and plums) until summer to prevent disease.

- Apply a thick layer of mulch (such as well-rotted manure or garden compost) around the base of plants and on bare soil to insulate roots, suppress weeds, and enrich the soil.
- If you're lucky enough to have this shrub in your garden or notice one around the village, do savour its wonderful fragrance throughout the winter! It's a *Viburnum bodnantense* 'Dawn'.

Sally Ash

## Dates for your Diary

Thurs 4 Dec 7.30pm/8pm

Sun 7 Dec 12 noon

Tues 9 Dec 8pm

Fri 12 Dec 6.45pm/7.30pm

Mon 15 Dec (evening)

Thurs 18 Dec (evening)

Fri 19 Dec (evening)

### 2026

Fri 9 Jan 6.45pm/7.30pm

Sat 17 Jan

Fri 23 Jan 6.45pm/7.30pm

**8 O'Clock Club** – Christmas supper

**SG** – Santa Dash

**Folk Club** – Winter folk songs

**JPH** – Tea with Mussolini

**Jordans Rotary Club** – Visit from Father Christmas in his Sleigh

**JPH** – Evita

**Jordans Village** – Community Concert

**JPH** – Far from the Madding Crowd

## Coffee Shop

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## Jordans Village Hall Trust - Update 2025

As now with our existing Village Hall, all in both our villages will be so welcome to use and enjoy the amazing new facilities that will be on offer when the new hall is built.

### A brief progress report

During the past year an extraordinary amount of work has been undertaken by the architect, the structural and service engineers and other specialist consultants.

The application for full planning permission has gone into Buckinghamshire Council, after approval from Jordans Village Ltd., and we hope this will soon be granted.

### Fundraising

So, you may ask - How is the fundraising going?!

Our fund-raising target remains at £1.6m which is roughly made up of £1.1m for the construction of the building. This is high as our new hall will, as well as being a community space, provide excellent facilities for the acclaimed **Jordans Village Nursery School**. The remainder is for fees, fixtures and fittings and equipment as well as startup costs.

We have had some most generous pledges and donations from individuals and other Trusts as well as a fantastic year of community events which so many of you have supported and enjoyed. (Watch this space for the plans for 2026 !). At present our fundraising total is approximately £650,000.

Our next stage when Planning Permission is approved - a requirement for most funding bodies supporting community ventures - is to approach relevant organisations and submit multiple grant applications. We will also continue to reach out to you for pledges and donations. How grateful we, the Trustees, will be for your support.

### And finally

We will be launching a **justgiving** page and a new website soon. Another 'watch this space'!

**Ali Cork** - Chair Jordans Village Hall Trust



## Seer Green Santa Dash

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
12 noon @ The Scout Hut



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## Our Living Village: Queen Elizabeth's "Court of Survey"

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As Queen, Elizabeth continued many of the reforms initiated by Henry. In so doing, a "Court of Survey" was held before her General Surveyor in 1561 with the jury tasked to understand the Farnham Royal land holdings, tenancies, rents, and local laws, customs and usages. The findings on the "Part of the Demesnes belonging to the Manor [of Farnham Royal] in the Circuit of the Seare" were confirmed "by the oaths of 12 good and lawful men" in 1562.

This document (a transcription of which is available at [www.ourlivingvillage.org](http://www.ourlivingvillage.org)) includes a list of the demesnes lands within Seer Green, their names, acreage, agricultural use, and tenants; and where wooded, the growth of the wood, or the time since last coppicing.



Queen Elizabeth I  
(NPG PD-Art)

The demesnes names in this document can largely be recognised, 200 years later, on the Godolphin estate map of 1753/1802 (see November 2025 magazine). The Godolphin map shows these to be bounded by hedges, which together with the woodland dates, is strongly suggestive that the medieval open-field system within Seer Green had been enclosed by the time of Elizabeth's survey. This is in common with other upland areas of the Chilterns, even though the relevant formal Enclosure Act was not initiated by Parliament until the 19th century (we will examine this in a future article).

Look carefully, particularly along hedge-lines, footpaths and in woodland (especially Hodgemoor Woods) and you can still see the evidence for the ridge and furrow ploughing from the pre-enclosure open-field system.

**Nigel Rothwell** - [ourlivingvillage@hotmail.com](mailto:ourlivingvillage@hotmail.com)

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## Jordans Picture House

Our 2025/26 programme continues and we look forward to welcoming you again!

Doors open at 6.45pm and the Programme starts at 7.30pm.

Jordans Picture House will be supporting **Wycombe Homeless Connection in November and December**.

For further information refer to JPH website.

JPH will donate all December ticket revenue and donations to WHC. *Please give generously.*

On Friday **December 12** we shall screen "Tea with Mussolini".



### Tea with Mussolini (PG)

Cast: Maggie Smith; Judi Dench; Joan Plowright, Cher. Director: Franco Zeffereilli

An orphaned Italian boy is raised amongst a circle of British and American women living in Mussolini's Italy before and during World War II. (Source IMDB)

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0120857/>



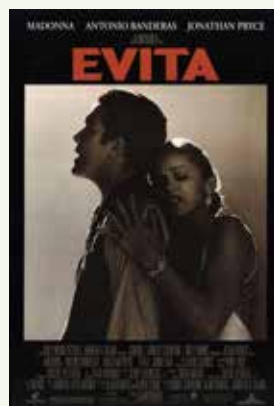
On Friday **January 9** we shall screen "Evita".

### Evita (PG) 1996

Cast: Madonna; Jonathan Pryce; Antonio Banderas. Director: Alan Parker

The hit musical based on the life of Eva Perón (Evita Duarte), a B-picture Argentinian actress who eventually became the wife of Argentinian president Juan Domingo Perón, and the most beloved and hated woman in Argentina. (Source IMDB)

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0116250/>



On Friday **January 23** we shall screen "Far From the Madding Crowd".

### Far From the Madding Crowd (12A) 2015

Cast: Carey Mulligan; Matthias Schonaerts; Michael Scheen. Director: Thomas Vinterberg

In Victorian England, the independent and headstrong Bathsheba Everdene attracts three very different suitors: Gabriel Oak, a sheep farmer; Frank Troy, a reckless Sergeant; and William Boldwood, a prosperous and mature bachelor.



### How to buy tickets

(Adults £8.00, U15s £5)

**Online:** Go to [www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk](http://www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk)

See "Programme and Buying Tickets"

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**Jordans Picture House Committee**



## Father Christmas is coming!



We have advance notice for the children of Seer Green and Jordans that Father Christmas will be coming round the two villages in his sleigh to see everyone on **Monday 15, Thursday 18 and Friday 19 December** this year.

He's looking forward to seeing you all.

Jordans and District

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## 8 O'Clock Club

True, shocking, and bizarre was how ex-Metropolitan Police Officer Paul Barwick described the 15 year-old mystery of the death of Gareth Williams. Deceit and intrigue suggest the truth of the unpleasant incident may never be revealed. Was the death an accident, suicide, or murder?

Gareth was an exceptionally gifted child; a whizz on computers aged 5, and his PhD awarded aged 18. As an online computer gamer he was virtually unbeatable, and given his outstanding talent, it's no surprise that he was recruited by MI6.

His first posting was to Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) where with his strong maths background he was recognized as an expert codebreaker. He had a small circle of close friends and Holyhead Cycling Club. It appears that GCHQ was his perfect workplace, but in 2009 Gareth undertook a 12-month rolling attachment within MI6 at Vauxhall Cross. He lived in a flat in Pimlico, close to his office.

Gareth's death was unpleasant; his remains were found in a locked holdall in his bath. Decomposition was extreme, brought on by the intense heat blasting out from the central heating system in mid- August 2010. There were no obvious signs of any resistance. His computer and mobile were set to factory settings and the flat was immaculate. It had been forensically cleansed before the police arrived, and the front door was locked from the outside. Was this death by asphyxiation, or death by an untraceable poison? Was this self-inflicted, or were there other hands at work? Did Gareth's death have something to do with a secret private life or was it work-related? A double - agent has alleged that there had been an attempt at blackmail, and there was rumour that Gareth was aware of a GCHQ mole. What remains is a mystery.

### Future meetings

Our December meeting is a festive meal at Beaconsfield Golf Club.

We do not meet in January so our next meeting will be on Thursday **February 5** at 8.00pm

Seer Green Baptist Church; £4 (cash) includes tea/coffee. All welcome

Invasion 1940 – What If?' Tony Eaton Amateur Historian

It is now almost 80 years since the Battle of Britain and the real fear that a German invasion could be a possibility. Tony's talk will outline what may have happened and explain why it didn't.

**Elizabeth Lee**

## Winter folk songs at Holy Trinity

On Tuesday **December 9** the musicians will gather from 8pm and their theme will be winter folk songs, including folky carols.

Everyone welcome. Come and play or come and listen.

For more details contact  
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## Community Concert

The next event for the series in Jordans Village Hall is the Community Concert on Saturday **17 January 2026**, for local performers of all ages and abilities. If you would like to take part, give Bob Hall a call on 01494 873186.

After that we have Hannah Watson Emmrich, pianist, with her concert "Notes from the Undergrowth" for more information visit the website [www.jordansvillageperforms.org](http://www.jordansvillageperforms.org) to see

what is also on for the rest of the season, and to book tickets.

**Esther Cavett Dunsby**



## Village Voices sing in Trafalgar Square

Village Voices celebrate their 20th anniversary this year, and as well as going on tour to sing in Chester, Liverpool Cathedral and The Cavern Club, they are going to sing around the Christmas tree in Trafalgar square on Friday **December 12** between 6 and 7pm. If you are in London that day do stop to listen.



## Janet's Christmas book selection

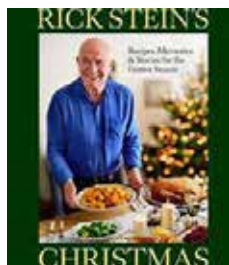


### **Always remember: The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse and the storm – Charlie Mackesy**

This follow up book is the most beautiful, life affirming, positive and heartwarming gift that anybody, young or old could receive.

Charlie Mackesy's four unlikely friends are wandering through the wilds again. They're not sure what they are looking for. They do know that life can be difficult, but that they love each other, and cake is often the answer.

When the dark clouds come, can the boy remember what he needs to get through the storm?



### **Rick Stein's Christmas: Recipes, Memories and Stories for the Festive Season**

Who doesn't love Rick Stein? Inspired by his travels, but also deeply rooted in his own traditions, this gorgeous book features more than 100 recipes to take you through the festive season. Rick also shares stories of what makes Christmas special to him and how food plays such an important part in our celebrations, no matter what traditions we follow.

### **The Long Shoe – Bob Mortimer**

Got someone in the family who likes a funny, quirky, cozy crime book – this one is for you!

Bathroom salesman Matt is at a crossroads. He has lost his job, he is about to be made homeless and his girlfriend has left him. He wants his luck to change and he wants things to go back to how they were. Out of the blue he is offered a job that comes with a free luxury apartment. He hopes this might be enough to tempt her back. But, as events unfold, it starts to dawn on him that perhaps she didn't leave of her own accord after all...

**Janet Stewart**

## How to make a Christmas Tree Decoration

### **You need:**

A variety of size and colours of buttons (some red, green, gold, silver and white work well). They need 2 or 4 holes and should be fairly flat. You can buy bags of buttons from Hobby craft, the internet or source in charity shops. Recycled and reusing is ideal.

Embroidery threads. Red, green, blue, purple – depends on your buttons and what you can source

A bag of gold or silver star beads. I found some in Hobbycraft.



### **To construct:-**

1. Measure a length of embroidery thread about 50 to 60cm.
2. Choose a variety of sized and coloured buttons. About 16 to 20.
3. Choose 3 small buttons for the tree trunk. Put these to one side.
4. Now put the rest of the buttons in size order.
5. Thread the embroidery thread you have chosen and starting at the top of the tree, thread all of the buttons onto the thread, ending with the 3 smaller ones for the tree trunk.
6. Now come back up through all of the buttons using the second hole or the opposite hole where there are four.
7. Now thread on the star putting both threads through the hole. This is better done one at a time.
8. Check that the thread is the same length on both sides and tie a knot as close to the star bead as possible. Then tie the ends of the thread together.

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## Christmas Compote and Granola

Breakfast can be tricky with all the other cooking over the Christmas period. This is a simple idea for a quick start to the festive days which can be made in advance.

### Compote Ingredients

1kg frozen mixed fruit, 75g caster sugar, 2 cinnamon sticks, pared peel of 1 orange. Also, an optional dash of Amaretto (or other liquor of choice).

### Method

Dip the frozen fruits into a large saucepan and place on a low heat, add the sugar, cinnamon sticks, and orange peel strips. Gently simmer until the fruits have defrosted and the sugar has dissolved, simmer very gently for a further 5 minutes.

Take off the heat and leave to cool in the pan over night. Remove the cinnamon sticks and orange peel, then stir in the Amaretto if using. Store in a sealed container in the fridge for up to 5 days.

### Granola Ingredients

300g oats, 45ml (3 Tbsp) sunflower oil, 60ml (4 Tbsp) runny honey or maple syrup. 5ml (1 tsp) vanilla essence, 5ml (1 tsp) ground cinnamon, 100g chopped nuts of your choice, 100g mixed seeds, 100g dried fruits of your choice.

### Method

Heat oven to 170c Fan. In a large bowl mix together the oats, oil, cinnamon, and vanilla. Place this oat mixture on to a large baking tray and spread out. Bake for 20 minutes, stir in the nuts and seeds, and return to the oven for a further 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and stir in the dried fruit and allow to cool. Store in an airtight container for up to one month.

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