

**TCC Film Club!**

The initial reaction to the new **TCC Film Club** has been positive, especially for the films for adults and we have some 36 members now signed up.

Prior to the new film club **Family Films** were our most popular, sadly this is not so now! We are surprised and rather disappointed that attendance has dropped dramatically! We are very keen to understand the reasons why? We would love to hear from any parent (or young person) who came to the TCC for our family films in the past and who have now stopped coming and their reasons why?

**Annual Family Film Membership cost £10 per adult and just £10 per child.** Previously it was £2 per child per film and £3 per adult. So the more films you attend the cheaper each one becomes! **Plus we are also having EXTRA Films.** For example on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 for 7pm** we will show **NATIVITY** – this excellent film, was made in Coventry, and all TCC Film Club Members can attend at no extra cost.



TIDDINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Nativity!**

We have also announced a **TRIAL Membership** that lasts for 3 months at just £5 for both children and adults and the £5 can be redeemed against your annual Film Club Membership costs.

TCC Film Club Adult Membership is £20 a year.

**CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR OFFER!!**

To encourage new members and reward those who have already signed up. **Sign up for TCC Film Club Membership** Now and your membership will last until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013! PLUS we will be having additional Special Offers for members throughout the year 2012.

**Please contact Stewart Band sbandone@aol.com or 204045 for all questions on the TCC Film Club.**

**TCC Equipment:**

We have continued to invest at the TCC and now have an additional **40 light-weight** and extremely comfortable and stackable chairs. Plus we have added **four 6ft by 2.5ft light-weight Gopak tables**. Having been host to a wedding recently we have also bought a substantial amount of good quality **18/10 Stainless Steel Cutlery** for use at special occasions – enough for 100+ to go with our excellent quality **Churchill crockery**.

**Progress @ St James' Church**

By the time most of you read this Phase 2 of the Conservation of St James' Church will be completed. The current estimate of the cost of Phase 2 is not more than £341,000! An enormous amount of money. Thankfully, we have managed, between the **PCC of St James'**, the **Friends of St James'** and with the enormous help of the **Stratford Town Trust** and also the very generous support of many, many **parishioners**, to raise the amazing sum of over £300K. So although we still have a gap we have already raised the majority of all the monies required for this stage of the conservation! At the time of writing we are still some thousands of pounds short and we are sure that, with help, we will make it very soon. **So there is still time, if you can help, and now is a great time to do so!**



Over 65 tons of new Blue Lias Stone has replaced 11 full skips of the old stone of St James'. On average there have been between 12 and 24 workers from **Midland**



**Conservation** on site every working day since work started on 16 May. Since this date entry into St James' has been quite a walk for some as we have had to use the south porch.

We have found a number of additional problems to the falling stones from the Tower. These include, two large trees growing on the roof, to additional problems with the gutters and stone claddings, plus missing and cracked slates. All have been addressed.

We also took advantage of the scaffolding to have additional conservation work done to the outside window surrounds and crumbling stone work. The drains have also caused significant concerns. Basically there weren't any! And with the welcome support of **Mr Chris Swan**, new soak-aways have been placed on his adjacent field.





**Christmas Fair** – do not forget this year's Christmas Fair taking place at the TCC on **Saturday 3 December from 11am-1pm**. There will be lots of stalls from cakes to bric-a-brac to jewellery, toys, books etc etc. Plus refreshments for a light lunch to tea/coffee and homemade mince pies! Do come along and enjoy a few hours of fun! Entry **FREE**.

Following the third successful **Pantomime**, in February 2012 from Thu16-Sun19 there will be 5 performances of **Sleeping Beauty** by **Tiddington Community Collective**. Tickets will be available in January from [info@tcc.uk](mailto:info@tcc.uk) or [www.tiddingtontcc.com](http://www.tiddingtontcc.com), and do book early!

#### Ladies what is an "An Ideal Husband"?

We'll do come and see what Oscar Wilde has to say! We are delighted to confirm that we have our local drama and music group **CONSENSUS** performing **An Ideal Husband** at the TCC on

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7 for 7.30pm**.

Tickets are just £6 with concessions at £5. A fundraising event not to be missed in support of the conservation work of the **Friends of St James'**.

#### Tiddington WI meet monthly on



the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7 for 7.30pm. Their next meetings are:  
15 December – Christmas social  
19 January is "Keep Fit" with Amy. For February call Jenny for details and on 15 March it is Cakes with an Easter theme with Ros. Book with Jenny on 293863.

#### Fancy a Singing weekend?

On 28-29 Jan there is "A whole world of song" at Hemmingford House VHA in Alveston! Non-residential rate is £75 for two days of singing with Chris Rowbury. [Stratford@ha.org.uk](mailto:Stratford@ha.org.uk) or 297093.

**COURSES AT THE TCC:** Due to popular demand we are again running our **Beginners Photography Course** with expert tutor **Chris Bradbury** starting for 6 weeks on **Thursday 12 January** at 3.30pm for 2 hours. Costs are £48 with Concessions at £24.

Also in planning is a 4 hour (3-year certificated) **Community First Aid** course. The costs would £35 per person. Please contact Rob if you are interested in either of these courses run by WCC.



## TCC Main Events

All tickets available by email to [rob.edwards@tcc.uk](mailto:rob.edwards@tcc.uk)

### TCC Film Club Members Nights

Friday 2 December  
Friday 6 January  
Friday 3 February  
Friday 2 March  
Family Films start at 6pm  
Followed by Adults at 8.30pm

Saturday 3 December

### Parish Christmas Fair 11-1pm

Sunday 4 December

6.30 for 7pm Film **NATIVITY**  
TCC Film Club Members Free

### Beginners Photography Course

6 weeks from 12 January 3.30-5.30pm  
£48 with Concessions £24

### Sleeping Beauty

Thur16, Fri 17, Sat 18 & Sun19 February  
TCC Pantomime

Wednesday 9 May 7 for 7.30pm

### An Ideal Husband

by Oscar Wilde  
A fundraising performance in aid of FoSJ  
by **Consensus** of Stratford



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## MYTHBUSTERS!

Don't worry! This article is about the Church – not about Christmas.  
No doubts expressed here about the role of Saint Nicholas or the Virgin Birth.  
An attempt, however, to put a few facts before you and straighten out some misunderstandings that many people may have.

**"The Church of England is very rich, isn't it?"**

**NO!** It is very "asset rich", but much that it owns cannot be sold or used in any other way than for what it was given. Church buildings, many listed grade 1 or 2, cannot be easily sold off, and even when worship ceases in them the Church has a 'duty of care' to ensure that the building doesn't fall down.

**"What about the Church Commissioners Millions?"**

**The Church Commissioners do have millions of pounds of investments.** The income from these goes to maintaining the structures of the Church of England paying for Bishops, Deans and Cathedral staff, Archdeacons, and other administrative costs which are comparatively low for such a large organisation. Much of this money is historical income of the Church which is restricted and must be used for the purposes for which it was given.

**"The Church gets money from the state to help it."**

**NO!** Church of England parishes get no money from the state to help them with the upkeep of their buildings or to maintain the life and ministry of the parish, unlike on the continent where a special 'Church Tax' is levied to help maintain buildings and ministry in Germany, France and other countries. Each individual parish must raise enough money to 'pay its way' and contribute to the needs of others and some of the central costs of training and administration.

**"Alveston Parish is very rich though, isn't it?"**

**Well, if you look around at the houses and cars that make up the parish** you cannot deny that it is rich from the perspective of some of its inhabitants. The Church has also been very lucky in the past because some parishioners have left generous legacies and much has been achieved over the years because of that money. The excellent facilities we have at St. Peter's and St. James' are a testament to that, and the fact that we have been able to contribute towards the cost of major restoration work to the Tower is also because of that generosity of former generations. Now we need a regular income from those who care about the Church and its future so that we can continue all that we do in the parish.

**"Why are you always asking for money?"**

**Money makes the world go round!** No organisation can exist or survive without money, even the Big Society, which is why we all have to pay taxes. We have been appealing for a lot of money this year simply because of the daunting cost of the restoration work we have had to embark on, costing us over £300,000. And because much of the resources given to us by previous generations have now been used to help pay for that work they are no longer available to support the day to day work of the parish which costs us about £90,000 per annum!

**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP** This is why we have been teaching about Christian Stewardship over the year. Those who come to Church, however irregularly, need to take responsibility for the cost of keeping 'the show on the road'. **In most churches 20% of the congregation contribute 80% of the cost.** This is not fair, we should all be making an effort to give generously and regularly to the work of our parish so that we can be here for those who need us, even though they do not realise they need us! If you can contribute regularly to the Church, however small, and Gift Aid it so that we can benefit from the tax reclaimed, please contact the vicar who can put you in touch with one of our Stewardship team.

### A BIG 'THANK YOU'

To the many people who have so generously given towards our appeal for the Tower.  
I was moved by the generosity of so many. Thank you all.

And thank you to the **Friends of St James'** and for their fundraising efforts throughout the year.

# SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF ALVESTON

## AT ST JAMES'

SUNDAYS:  
08.00 THE EUCHARIST (Said BCP)  
10.30 THE PARISH EUCHARIST  
SOUTHBANK CLUB meets 10.30 every Sunday  
except 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday FAMILY SERVICE

THURSDAYS:  
10.00 THE EUCHARIST

## AT ST PETER'S:

SUNDAYS:  
09.15 THE EUCHARIST (Traditional Language)  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – FAMILY SERVICE)

For other services and events see the Weekly Newsletter

Holy Communion is regularly celebrated in the nursing homes and sheltered housing complexes within the Parish. Communion is taken to the housebound. If you would like Communion at home please ask the Vicar

### Christmas Services at St James'

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
18.30pm CAROL SERVICE  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December - CHRISTMAS EVE  
16.30pm Christingle and Nativity Service  
11.30pm Midnight Mass  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December - CHRISTMAS DAY  
8.00am Eucharist (Said – BCP)  
10.30am Family Eucharist



### CHRISTMAS DAY at St Peter's

09.15am Family Eucharist

### FAMILY SERVICES - WINTER 2011/12

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	ADVENT 3	09.15 at St Peter's
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	CHRISTMAS DAY	10.30 at St James'
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	EPIPHANY	09.15 at St Peter's
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2012	EPIPHANY 3	10.30 at St James'
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	2 Before Lent	09.15 at St Peter's
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	LENT 1	10.30 at St James'

## FROM THE REGISTERS

**FUNERALS:** There have been, surprisingly, no Funerals in the Parish since 3<sup>rd</sup> August

### HOLY BAPTISM

4<sup>th</sup> September *Florence Daisy Holden* 30<sup>th</sup> October *Matilda Alice French*

*“Shine as a light in the world”*

**ARE YOUR CHILDREN MISSING OUT?** School trips, youth club outings, music lessons, sports or swimming lessons? All of these things can be an added burden to families, especially with two or more children. Our Church Charity, Alveston Relief in Need, can help any in need in the parish of Alveston. Recent applications to the Fund have included help with many of the above. **The Charity is also available to older members of the community.** If you would like to make an application please contact the Administrator, Mr David Oram, 30 Lawson Avenue, Tiddington, CV37 7BT. 01789 244805

The Rev'd Canon Richard E. Williams, e-mail: rich@revicj@gmail.com  
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