

KILKHAMPTON PARISH NEWS

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December 2026 & January 2027

WANTED - CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

If you have any Christmas decorations that you no longer need, can you please donate them to St. James Church. Just leave them in the back of the church, they will be much appreciated.

Any queries, please contact Jennie on 01288 321319 or 07421454839.

Thank You

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Kilkhampton Christmas Light Sponsorship

Don't forget - if you want to sponsor this year's Christmas light
Please contact Sarah Cottle on 07449459993
or email sartimcottle@hotmail.co.uk
(Full details in the November issue)



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Kilkhampton Churches and Services

St James The Great, Kilkhampton

Priest-in-Charge:	**Reverend Teresa Folland**	01288 352599
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Churchwarden:	**Mr. Kevin McGrath**	01288 321 277
Treasurer:	**Mr. Peter Hobbs**	01288 321 551
Captain of the Tower:	**Mr. Tony Davis**	01288 321 292
Flower Co-ordinator:	**Mrs Jeanette Norman**	01288 321 404
Sexton:	**Mr Alan Hockin**	01288 321 710





Sunday 6th December – Advent 2 (Purple)
11am Holy Communion with Reverend Jane
Welcomers: Tracey and Jules. Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11. Peter

Friday 11th December, 7.30pm
YOUNG FARMERS CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE Lessons and Carols

Sunday 13th December – Advent 3 (Purple)
11am Morning Worship with Ian
Welcomers: Rachel and Rita. Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8 to end. Kevin

Sunday 20th December – Advent 4 (Purple)
4pm Nativity by Candlelight with Reverend Teresa and Hilbre PLEASE NOTE TIME
Welcomers: Jennie and Joyce. Readings: To be advised

Christmas Eve (Gold or White) PLEASE NOTE TIME
4pm Nine Lessons and Carols with Reverend Teresa
Welcomers: Margaret and Lynne. Readings: To be advised

11am Christmas Day (Gold or White)
Holy Communion (short service) with Reverend Richard

Sunday 27th December – Christmas 1 (White) NO SERVICE AT ST. JAMES

Sunday 3rd January – Epiphany (White)
11am Holy Communion with Reverend Teresa
Welcomers: Myra and Tracey. Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6. Gillian

Sunday 10th January – Baptism of Christ (White)
11am Morning Worship with Hilbre
Welcomers: Jules and Rachel. Reading: Genesis 1: 1-5. Ian

Sunday 17th January – Epiphany 2 (White)
11am Holy Communion with Reverend Jane
Welcomers: Rita and Jennie. Reading: Samuel 3: 1-10, 11-120. Peter

Sunday 24th January – Epiphany 3
11am Morning Worship with Ian
Welcomers: Joyce and Margaret. Reading: Genesis 14: 17-20. Kevin

Wednesday 10th February
Ash Wednesday Choral Evensong with Hilbre at 7pm PLEASE NOTE TIME
Welcomers: Tracey and Jules. Readings to be arranged

If anyone is unable to make their appointed date please arrange a replacement

Daily Morning Prayer: 9am Monday to Friday. Everyone welcome to drop in on any day

ZOOM Meeting ID 818 0754 3068 Password 342 493 Telephone 02030512874 or 02030515237



Kilkhampton Methodist Chapel

MORNING SERVICE 11AM

Church stewards: **Mr. John Brooks,** Killarney Park, Youlstone EX23 9PX
Fiona Cleave, Higher Pigsdon Farm, Launcells EX23 9LQ
Roland Nancekivell

Treasurer: **Mike Metherell** 01288 321248

Room Bookings: ***Contact Fiona Cleave*** *on 01288 321261*



Date	**Preacher**	**Flowers**	**Coffee**
6th December	Mrs. Lorna Bowden	Molly Rose	Sue & John Brooks
13th December	Rev. Chris Haines	Sandra Jones	Judith Heard
20th December	Lessons & Carols	CHRISTMAS	Joy Moore
27th December	No Service	CHRISTMAS	
3rd January	Rev. Chris Haines	Fiona Cleave	Marlene Bath
10th January	Rev. Richard Ward-Smith	Sandra Holmes	Sandra Jones
17th January	Mrs. Pam Colwill	Joy Moore	Vivienne Hunt
24th January	Pastor Albert Sloman	Sue Joyner	Sue Joyner
31st January	Mr. Barry Bryne	Sue Brooks	Fiona Cleave

KILKHAMPTON METHODIST CHURCH

Christmas Service

Sunday 13th December at 3.00pm

Service led by Rev. Chris Haines

Followed by tea/coffee & mince pies

Everyone Welcome



Carol Service

Sunday 20th December at 11.00am

Please join us for Carols and Readings

KILKHAMPTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 5th December, 4-8pm

Grenville Rooms, Kilkhampton

Christmas Crafts, Carols and visit Santa

Free face-painting, Christmas children's crafts and fun festive activities

Ride the Bucking Reindeer or bounce in the Snowglobe

BBQ, hot and cold drinks, mulled wine and mince pies available

Please contact:

Susie Cox 07895056324

Sarah Cottle 07449459993 or

Sarah Bryant 07919188859

A festive evening of fun for all ages!

Kilkhampton post office Christmas opening hours

Tuesday 22nd December: 0900 - 1500

Christmas Eve: closed

New Year's Eve: closed

New Year's Eve: closed

Tuesday 29th December: 0900 - 1200

Head Postmaster





St James Church Floodlighting Sponsors December 2026 and January 2027

ARTHUR HARRIGAN
Remembering dear Arthur, who passed away 8th December 1995.
You were taken from me, my heart was broken.
Love you forever, Edith xx

Remembering with love **MADGE SPRY**, a wonderful loving Mum and Gran who passed away on 18th December 2000.
Often on our lips and always in our thoughts,
Lyn, Dave and family.

JOYCE PADDON
I would like to wish all family, friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year 2027.

PHIL FRENCH
Remembering with much love, a very special Husband, Dad and Grampy.
Thinking of you every day, especially now at Christmas time.
From Mer, Rob, Chris, and all the family xxxx

EDITH MARY & CHARLES COLWILL CLEAVE
Remembering our ever-loving and much-loved parents and grandparents, not just at Christmas time, but all the year through.
'Let light perpetual shine upon them'. John

REG and SYLVIA CORNISH
Remembering our mum and dad - especially at Christmas time - but you are always loved and missed daily.
Love from Stewart, Jean, Sheila, Paul, Annette and all the family. xx

ARTHUR JORDAN
Happy heavenly Birthday for our dear Dad on 6th January.
Loved and missed always. Son Keith, daughters and grandchildren.

BABB
Warm and festive thoughts of you mum and dad. Christmas was so different but such special memories. We don't forget those Christmas trees either haha!
Ann, John & Beryl xx

BABB
Thinking of all family, special aunts and uncles who meant such a lot to us but who are no longer here to share this time with us. Ann, family, John & Beryl xx

BABB
Thinking of our dear sister Jo and friend Sharon, both very special girls to us all.
We will miss you always. Ann & John xx
Loving birthday thoughts to Gypsy on 3rd December, Toby on 7th December, Tina and Lindsey on 2nd December. From Granny/Mum xx

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BRY GALLING
Remembering Christmas times with a smile. Not your favourite time, was it, but happy memories dear. Love Annie xx

RUTH BABB
Always remembering you with a smile Mum. Passed away 10th January 2001, we talk of you often. Also on your birthday, January 20th. Miss you.
Ann, family, John & Beryl xxx

WIN FANSON
Aunt Winnie's birthday on January 27th. Missed a lot.
Ann, John & Beryl xxx

THANK YOU
Thanks to all who help with the magazine. It means a lot to so many people. Also thanks to Rita. Love Ann xx

MIKE AND PAM METHERELL
Thank you to everyone for their kind wishes but will not be sending Christmas cards this year. We wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

SYLVIA HAMBLEY
would like to thank all those who have sent her cards, flowers etc. It is very much appreciated. Thank you everyone.

ST JAMES CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING SPONSORSHIP

Please clearly write or type your notices for the church floodlighting page, put them in an envelope with the £5 fee, and give them in at the Spar by the 11th of each month.
If you have any queries, please contact Tracey Smith at kilkchurchlights@gmail.com
or phone her on 321432 or 07740 520459
Cheques should be made payable to 'KILKHAMPTON PCC'.



Grenville Rooms bookings:

Contact Alan or Tracey Hockin *07399 996720 or 01288 321710*



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EDITORIAL

Hi everyone,

Just a quick hello this month, and although it's a little early, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our readers! I hope your festive season is a happy one. And can you spot all the snowmen in this issue? The total number will be revealed in our February issue! (Although you might have forgotten all about it by then!)

With all best wishes, *Jill*

FROM REV RICHARD

Just recently the Minister for Defence has been advising us to start stocking up on essentials such as water, tinned food, batteries, toilet paper, a wind-up radio and suchlike. Enough for three days, in case water, power and the internet go down. It is thought that will be a reasonable time for the Government to go into action with a plan. I have heard this called "prepping" or being prepared. Those European Countries close to Russia have been doing this for some time now. My family in Denmark have what they call their "Putin" cupboard and it is getting fuller every week. All this seems sensible to me for in a small way we are building up resilience and a resistance to any upset in our way of life.

The Celtic Church knew something of this in the way they thought about Christmas and the coming of Christ into the world. For them this season began on November15th, exactly 40 days before Christmas. This they called "Advent", a time of waiting; not just idle waiting, but a time of preparation and planning.

The word Advent comes from the Latin "Adventus" which means "arrival." For those Celtic Christians it was a very busy time, as so it is for us. Food, cards decorations and presents, and family gatherings.

"Ready for Christmas then?" we are frequently asked. But what are we really ready for? It is hard to find time in our busy lives for quiet thought and prayer as to "the reason for the season" - the story of our Saviour's birth - and to allow it to penetrate our hearts and minds. To be reminded of the sheer wonder of the time when the soles of God's feet touched the ground and Jesus became one of us, to be one with us.

Our job is to be like Mary and any pregnant woman is before the expected birth: thinking of her baby to be born and cradled; believing, waiting, praying, and inviting God's Spirit to work within us.

Rev Richard, November 11th 2026



ALBERT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

This time it's a double whammy for December and January so I'm going to split it in two.

December - a little homework this month! Read again the account of the birth of Jesus in the gospels. As you do that, you will see that it was witnessed first by the shepherds who were the lowest in society, and then by the wise men who were some of the most affluent in society. You see, Jesus came for the down and outs and up and outs and everyone in between. So, as you attend the carol services this year and remember His birth also remember that He grew up and, as a thirty three year old, gave His life on a cross so that we can repent and get our lives right with God. So, this life is not the end but the beginning of our lives with Him for eternity.

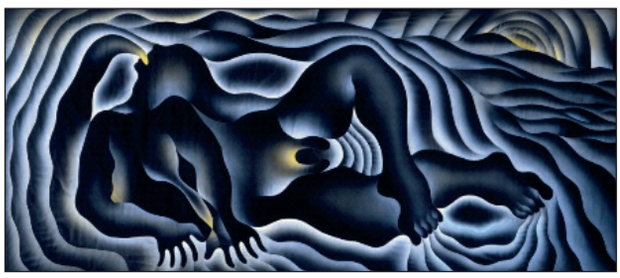
January - well, 2026 will have ended and 2027 will have begun! We can have all the regrets in the world but it won't change anything in 2026. We can regret things, be disappointed in ourselves about things we should have done or said but it won't change a thing in 2026! As I think I have said to you before there's an old saying "the water wheel will never turn with the water that has passed". Time passed can never be re-used, but 2027 has never been used before so what an opportunity to use it – to forgive, to renew that friendship that has lapsed, so go on and make that phone call, knock on that door that you should have done last year, put right the wrongs of 2026 so that you don't carry them into 2027. Remember, we are not promised any amount of time, so plan as if you are going to live to be a hundred but live as though you are going to die tonight. So why not, in 2027, decide what you are going to do with eternity. Why not pick up a bible or go along to church and put as much effort into preparing for eternity as you do with your retirement because you will be in eternity way longer!

Every blessing to you all and have a really great Christmas and a safe entry into 2027.

Albert Sloman, Pastor.

BUDE LOOK GROUP

Members contributed to a wide-ranging discussion this month, beginning by sharing images of Judy Chicago's work. This American artist is a leading conceptual artist who has championed feminist issues.



Judy Chicago *Earth Birth (1983)*

On the left is an image that triggered much discussion. It is part of her Birth Project. Giving birth is so fundamental and yet is rarely a subject in Western art. Judy Chicago addressed this gap. Her preferred medium is drawing with coloured pencil. She designed the images then involved 150 women skilled in needlework to translate her designs into stitching and quilting.

Judy Chicago rewrote the Creation story giving woman a leading role, and the image on the right is part of that story.

Her work incorporates intense feeling and tension. Here her focus is on the impact of living through the pandemic. The walls, baring the words "Anxious" and "Anxiety" are closing in on the huddled figure.



Judy Chicago, *Life on Pause (2020-2021)*

Our discussion broadened to include the history of embroidery and how it was viewed in Western society as a craft rather than art and simply "women's work." Chicago wanted to elevate needlework as a medium giving it a deserved place in art. Others have used embroidery as a means of protest.

Look at the image below. The brightness it is deceiving. Look closely and you will see sinister figures. These embroideries, called *arpilleras,* were a protest against Pinochet's military dictatorship in Chile. It was a crime to own one.



Arrests and Raids, 1976 15 x 191/2 ins *Pinochet captures "enemies of the regime" through surveillance and raids. Prisoners are "disappeared"*

Instead of paint, Sophia Narrett uses embroidery as her medium for making art. "*From the first time I tried it, I was completely excited and absorbed. It forced me to slow down and think about each mark*." We loved the shapes of her work, such a change from rectangles. She likes to tell stories within her work.



Sophia Narrett, *So Many Hopes* 2016, 53 x 35ins Embroidery thread, fabric, aluminium foil, acrylic



Sophia Narrett, detail from *Through Closed Eyes*

The detail on the right shows a women making her wishes which are intricately detailed throughout the piece.

Sophia Narrett's work is intriguing and holds so much to discover and talk about.

At last embroidery is seen a means of creativity – no longer about how neatly a French knot is sewn but why it has been chosen and what the work communicates. Get out those needles!



Bude Look Group meets once a month at the Parkhouse Centre, Bude.

Contact chris.edwards39@btinternet.com



STALLS STALLS

SATURDAY 5th Dec

10.30AM - 12.00 NOON at

METHODIST CHURCH HALL

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

The Charity for December is Children's Hospice South West

KILK COMMUNITY LUNCH

Brought to you by Kilk Coffee & Cakes Team

2 COURSE HOT MEAL FOR £7

ON

Friday 11th December &

Friday 29th January

At 12.30 pm

AT

THE GRENVILLE ROOMS

Limited numbers so please book
to ensure a place
contact 01288 321073







Kilkhampton Stay and Play

at Kilkhampton Methodist Church

Thursday 10th December

9.30 am – 12 noon

Our last one before Christmas

Join us again on 14th January 2027

For children under 5, their parents, grandparents or carers

Please join us for tea/coffee and chat while the children play

ALL WELCOME

For further information please call or message Fiona on

01288 321261 or 07854 141474

PANCAKES PANCAKES PANCAKES

On Shrove Tuesday –

February 9th

12 noon to 2pm

In the Grenville Rooms

Savoury or Sweet Pancakes

£5.00

including tea/coffee, biscuits and lucky ticket

Proceeds for Church Flower Fund

TREE BOOK GROUP: Wild Dark Shore *by Charlotte McConaghy*

On a storm-lashed island, Dominic Salt and his three children guard the world's last great seed bank as the sea draws closer each day. When a violent tempest throws a stranger, Rowan, onto their shores, she becomes their reluctant guest. But something is wrong here - radios lie in pieces, a grave lies freshly dug, and no one is telling the truth. As secrets fester and the ocean rises, Rowan must decide who to trust - before the island, and everyone on it, is swallowed whole.

This novel works brilliantly as a suspenseful, edge-of-your-seat mystery, but it's also layered with a depth and resonance. There are three different storylines. Primarily there is a bleak tale of climate change destroying a cherished home by fire and a remote island by rising sea levels. Secondly comes a story of a small family left as caretakers on the island and the chaos brought to their lives by a woman cast away on their shore. And finally at its heart, there is a whodunnit involving mysterious graves and the mad husband of the castaway who has been locked in a cellar secretly for rape and attempted murder. This part of the story follows a woman searching for truth along a wild and desolate coastline - a place brimming with secrets, grief, and the harsh beauty of nature. Charlotte McConaghy balances the propulsive pull of the mystery with quiet, lyrical reflections on motherhood, climate change, loss, and the human need for connection.

The natural world itself becomes a character. The chapters steeped in plants and landscapes are threaded with metaphors about survival, resilience, and adapting to devastation - a reminder that the cycles of nature mirror our own. These passages offered moments of pause and reflection amongst the chaos.

Wild Dark Shore gives voice to our climate anxiety, our grief and our hope. It's a story about the impossible choices we make to protect the people we love.

DOROTHY FLAXMAN

(derekflaxman@btinternet.com)



SAVE THE DATE

Grenville Rooms Centenary Celebrations

17th & 18th April 2027

Details to follow in the New Year

We will be displaying photographs and memorabilia from over the years.

If you have any we can borrow to display or copy please contact:

Reg Hambley 07583 035080

Clive Vanstone 07919 983277

ST JAMES THE GREAT CANDLEMAS LUNCH

in the
GRENVILLE ROOMS
SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2027
12.00 for 12.30pm
Roast Beef, Home made Puddings, Cheese and Biscuits
Tea or Coffee
£15.00
Please book with Joyce 01288 321292

Numbers will be limited

CUBS RING THE BELLS!

The bell ringers at St. James Church were recently pleased to welcome Maxine (Akela) and the 1st Bude Cubs with helpers, to learn about our bells and how they work.

Around twenty young boys and girls were split into two groups. One group were able to use our set of handbells, whilst the other group went up to the ringing floor where they learnt how the bells are rung. They were very keen to understand and questions were widely varied and interesting.

Everyone had the opportunity to "ring" a bell and all had a great if noisy time! We hope to entertain the Beavers in a few weeks time.

KILK KRAFTS REPORT

On 14th October, 23 ladies attended our meeting when Susanne provided the materials to make a Christmas card using "iris folding". Susanne showed samples of each design. Once members had chosen, she gave them the kit they needed. Folded coloured paper was put onto the template according to the colour guide, then sealed in place. Once completed, double-sided foam tape went around the edge of the aperture to level it before sticking it to the front of the card.



Iris folding kit



The group's finished cards



Template with strips



The finished Iris card



KILK KRAFTS DEC and JAN MEETINGS



Wednesday 9 December: Christmas bingo with Reg

Wednesday 13 January: Beetle Drive

Wednesday 26 Jan: Lunch at the New Inn (12 for 12.30pm)

Methodist Chapel, Kilkhampton, 2pm to 4.30pm

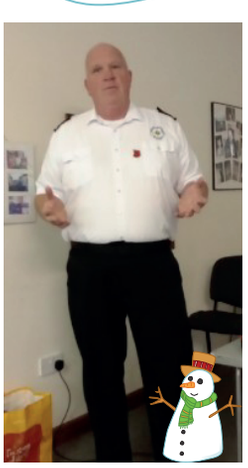
Cost: £2 per session plus small material costs as needed

Any questions, contact: Joyce (01288 321292)
Or Lorna (01288 321706)

THE NATIONAL COASTWATCH INSTITUTION

The RNLI and coastguards are well-known for watching over beaches and coastline to rescue or save lives in these areas, but what about the National Coastwatch Institution (NCI)? Peter Lakie from the Boscastle NCI came to the Kilk Krafts on 28th October to tell us about this organisation.

The NCI (whose motto is "Eyes along the coast") was formed in 1994 when two fishermen lost their lives off the Cornish coast near to a recently closed coastguard lookout, and local people decided to open and restore the visual watch. This first station opened at Bass Point on the Lizard and since then, sixty stations have been set up in England and Wales, with more in the pipeline. Cornwall alone has 13 lookout stations.



Peter Lakie
Boscastle NCI

Boscastle NCI's building is a converted folly built in the early 1800's owned by Lord of the Manor, Thomas Avery. It was taken over by the Board of Trade, then the Coastguard until the 1970's, then by the National Trust before opening as the Boscastle NCI in 2003. At 97 metres above sea level, close to the coastal path, they cover an area from Tintagel in the south to Hartland Point.

The NCI at Boscastle can observe and monitor ships' movements as far away as Lundy Island – a distance of 28 miles, some 500 square miles of Celtic sea. Their neighbouring stations are Padstow to the south and Minehead to the north. The building is off grid so they generate electricity by a wind generator and solar panels to run their equipment including VHF radios, radar and AIS receiver, CCTV, chart plotter, computer and weather station. They also have a tripod mounted 25 x 100 binoculars plus two pairs of 7 x 50 hand-held binoculars, broadband and landline links to HM Coastguard. They have no running water so have to bring their own and have a composting loo.

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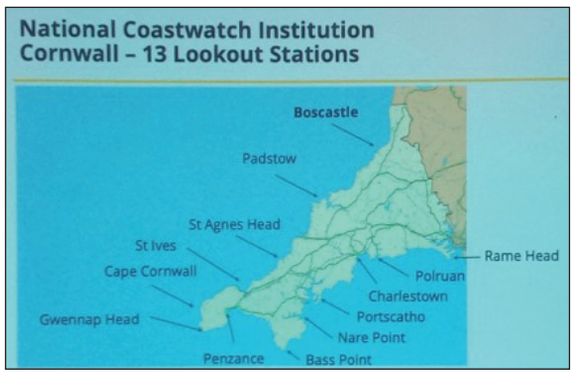
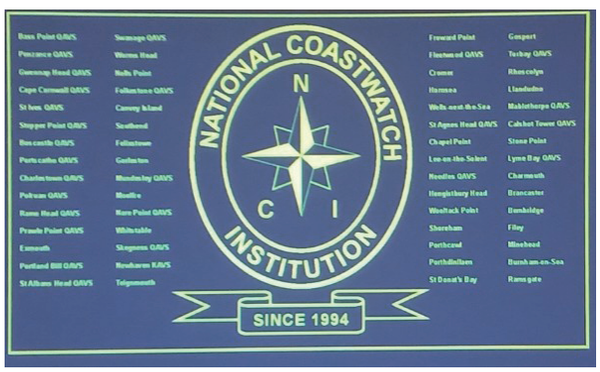
(Kilk Krafts report, continued from page 10)

All the watch keepers are volunteers, doing one 4 hour shift per week. Shifts are in the daytime, from 8am to 12pm and 12pm to 4pm in winter with an extra shift 4pm to 8pm in summer. Boscastle NCI currently have 35 volunteers. The youngest is 53 years old, the oldest is 86 years old, with an average age of 69 years old. They are trained to provide a visual, listening and radar watch every day of the year during daylight hours to spot accidents, incidents and vulnerable people or vessels, to plot their location, report to





The National Coastwatch Institution Flag

HM Coastguard or other emergency services and respond with further assistance as required by HMCG. So far this year Boscastle have dealt with 7 incidents, 2 lifeboat launches, 4 Coastguard rescue teams, 3 missing persons, a kayak lost in fog, a capsized kayak, a yacht grounding and an orange object in the sea (a road traffic cone!). It costs about £7,000 a year to run this station, with money raised by bucket collections and donations (Registered Charity No 1159975). Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can contact Boscastle NCI on 01840 250965, mobile 07837 610410 or e-mail boscastle@volunteers.nci.org.uk

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KILKHAMPTON FOOTBALL CLUB
ALL MATCHES, DEC 2026 AND JAN 2027

Sat 5 Dec	2.30pm	Kilkhampton 1st v Torpoint Athletic 2nd	Lamb Park
Sun 6 Dec	2pm	Kilkhampton Women v Camborne School of Mines Ladies	Lamb Park
Sat 12 Dec	2.30pm	Millbrook 2nd v Kilkhampton 1st	Away
	2.30pm	Delabole United 1st v Kilkhampton 2nd	Away
Sun 13 Dec	2pm	Kilkhampton Women v Bodmin Women	Lamb Park
Sat 19 Dec	2.30pm	Kilkhampton 1st v A St Austell 2nd	Lamb Park
Sat 2 Jan	2.30pm	Indian Queens FC 1st v Kilkhampton 2nd	Away
Sat 9 Jan	2.30pm	Saltash United 2nd v Kilkhampton 1st	Away
	2,30pm	Kilkhampton 2nd v North Petherwin 2nd	Lamb Park
Sun 10 Jan	2pm	Kilkhampton Women v Callington Town Women	Lamb Park
Sat 16 Jan	2.30pm	Foxhole Stars 1st v Kilkhampton 1st	Away
	2,30pm	Kilkhampton 2nd v St Teath 2nd	Lamb Park
Sat 23 Jan	2.30pm	A St Austell 2nd v Kilkhampton 1st	Away
	2,30pm	Kilkhampton 2nd v St Neot Assoc FC 2nd	Lamb Park
Sun 24 Jan	2pm	Kilkhampton Women v Wadebridge Town Women	Lamb Park
Sat 30 Jan	2.30pm	Kilkhampton 1st v Nanpean Rovers A	Lamb Park
	2.30pm	St Merryn 1st v Kilkhampton 2nd	Away
Sun 31 Jan	2.30pm	Kilkhampton Women v Saltash Borough Women	Lamb Park

Kilkhampton Parish Council

Report of the regular meeting held on
2 November 2026 www.kilkhampton-pc.gov.uk

Attendance: Joanne Timmins (JT), Reg Hambley (RH), Tim Cottle (TC), Ian Heard (IH), Keith Ovenden (KO), Lee Bond (LB), Martin Brennan (MB), Cornwall Cllr Faye Emery (FE).
Apologies: Clive Vanstone (CV), Phil Sluggett (PS).
Vice Chairman: Kingsley Bryant (KB)
Clerk: Hannah Collett
Good evening to all by the Vice Chairman.
Minutes Approved by all and to be signed by the Vice Chairman at the end of the meeting.
Adopt Code of Conduct
Declaration of Interest None

Public Speaking Session

Mr Martin Cross attended to address the crossing by the primary school and Lamb Park, an issue once again raised at a recent Governors' meeting. For the families and children crossing this busy section of the A39 every day, even though there are flashing lights at school times and signs, the attention to children by a lot of drivers is not good enough. Feelings of it being a safeguarding issue, an accident waiting to happen. The Headmaster is taking on the crossing duties in the afternoons – this is the most crucial time as the whole school (approximately 150 children and parents) depart at once. There is no-one else in the school who is able to take on this role, and the Governors feel it should be Cornwall Council providing someone to do this role. They are asking for the Parish Council to support a review of the crossing, see what they can suggest, possibly a zebra-type crossing.

IH mentioned that Cornwall Council only want to tackle issues like this after someone is hurt. LB said the location is too close to the blind bend and cars would be on top of the crossing too fast as they come round. Could be moved further down, felt we have mentioned this to Highways before. TC suggested a bridge from the school to Lamb Park. JT asked why it can't just be moved to the section further down where the central area is in place already. Mr Cross felt if it is moved further down, the section of pavement is far too narrow for the amount of people coming out. TC asked FE if she could take this up with Cornwall Council? Parish Council also to write to Cornwall Council (FE to provde a contact name, possibly Children's Services, to the Clerk) and to cc Mr Oliver Jones at Highways. Mention that the school has raised this issue numerous times and the size and amount of children at the school has massively increased.

Planning Applications.

1. PA26/06982 12 October 2026 Certificate of Lawfulness Existing for the continued use of the property known as Rabbits Warren as a dwelling house for permanent residential occupation Location Applicant Grid Ref Rabbits Warren Houndapitt Farm Cottages Kilkhampton Bude Mr Antony Heard. RH reiterated that this was for a certificate of lawfulness and didn't feel there were any issues. Just a matter of applying for the certificate. RH proposed approval of this application and IH seconded. All in favour.

2. PA23/05974 Proposal: Your ref: West Street Kilkhampton Date: 21 October 2026 Reserved Matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline approval PA23/05927 dated 16/10/2026 for proposed residential development of land for the erection of up to 16 new dwellings Location: Applicant: Land South West Of Westboro West Street Kilkhampton Bude EX23 9QW. RH mentioned that this is all just the moving of houses around within the internal area they already have. Same amount, just different positions. Needed to notify. KO asked where these were and clarification on the dates used. Discussed. TC proposed approval of this application and LB seconded. All in favour.

Matters

1. Car park and toilets: £197.90 taken. No issues.

2. Open Space Funding: CV not here. RH and CV met with the gentleman who did the play area. They took measurements and are coming back with process and options for us. TC felt discussions should be held regarding the position of this proposed plan. Chairman is looking into it, per RH.

3. Parking for the school on Lamb Park: TC and CV reviewed this recently – it is already getting muddy. Do we need to look into making the car park larger? Could we stone half out etc? The section is currently not being used but has to be cut, using unnecessary time and petrol costs. TC felt we should be thinking about what to do. Keep on agenda for December meeting.

4. Footpath 25: IH stated he had received and email from Ms Katie Joyce at Cornwall Council saying they will be going ahead with the job. Part of the Tarka Trail footpath that has been overgrown for years.

5. Other matters arising from the minutes: None

Reports

Footpaths: IH said all cuts were in hand, questioned whether we should have some handrails on certain bridges. Could be dangerous. However if we, as a Parish Council, start installing and then there are issues with them that lead to an accident – we would be liable. FE said she could ask the question.

Playing fields and Lamb Park: The Vice Chairman mentioned a rent review letter had been received from Savilles with regards to Glebe Land. An increase to £553.25 annually for the next 3 years.

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School: Discussed crossing further. Nothing else to mention per LB.

Grenville Rooms: RH said that on Thursday the company will be coming to install the PA system. There are a few items extra to the original discussions. Should be getting a grant to cover the costs of this installation and equipment.

Month's work All Ok.

Members

LB, JT, - Nothing

KO – stated the new defibrillator has been received, hopefully sorting out installation next week.

IH – Asked about the Carol Service date. The Vice Chairman confirmed it will be on

16th December at 6.30pm at the church. Bude Metric Band performing also. IH to speak to the London Inn regarding soup. LB to check when the school's carol service is.

TC – Underhill at the bottom of West Street past the common has gully issues. Clerk to contact Highways. Checked on lamppost mentioned at last meeting. Clerk confirmed the relevant company has been contacted and informed. Asked about camera upgrades for Lamb Park, KO to speak to the company and ensure they will do everything we need them to. We had received a messaged from Mr Francis regarding wreaths. Discussed. Clerk to reply to Mr Francis accordingly.

RH – mentioned the Christmas trees we normally purchase from Merry Harriers. This year RH has spoken to another local company and they have quoted to supply two for £86 per tree, including delivery. Asking for permission to purchase these. All in favour. RH to order. Felt that we should be looking into all these sorts of purchases. IH felt that church and chapel representatives could possibly attend a meeting in the future.

MB – Stated that the manhole covers previously discussed are still in need to attention. FE to report them once again.

FE said the give way sign coming into the village has been knocked down by an HGV. Looking at replacing. The company that drove through is unknown.

Dog bins have been removed by Cornwall Council for different collection routes. Will not be replacing them, could possibly relocate one of the others.

FE has been told that Aldercombe Lane has been fixed with a new drain. MB mentioned he had been there – there is a pipe with both ends showing, with griddles. May need to see how it goes when we get some heavy rain.

Blackberry Lane – FE said they are moving forward with getting bits sorted. Will keep the Parish Council informed.

Correspondence None

Finance Read through by Vice Chairman. Invoices to be paid: £118.00 Alan Somerfield; £72.00 Stephen Gifford; £5.95 Talk Talk; £10.00 Bridgmans; £18.71 Bridgmans; £50.00 West Creative; £460.97 AP Cottle; £332.28 N M Technical Services; £550.00 Archies Garden Services. All in favour to be paid. Total balance before aforementioned payments: £29,948.42.

Remembrance Service: council members to meet for 10.30am Sunday 8th November.

Date of next regular meeting: 7th December 2026, 7.30pm. Grenville Rooms.

Thanks to all by the Vice Chairman. Declared the meeting closed.



Bude Metric Brass



Hello everyone, we would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and fantastic New Year

We have exciting times ahead under our new Musical Director Jim Vincent, after Colin decided to retire from the position and to play again after 23 years. Colin will still conduct some engagements when Jim is unavailable.

Our first Christmas engagement is at The Weir on the 27th Nov and then we are out somewhere most days.

Our dates local to Kilk around Christmas are:

5th Dec Kilkhampton Christmas Fayre

13th Dec Woodford Methodist Chapel

16th Dec Carols around the Christmas tree

24th Dec St James the Great Carol service

To keep up or to book us, check our website *www.budemetricbrass.org.uk*

Also we would like to bring your attention to the 19th year of our Band Together Charity Concerts which will take place at the Venue, Bude on 20th February. We still await our M.D.'s choices of music so hard work ahead for us we think.

Please continue to support us so that we can keep supporting local charities our collecting buckets will be out plus you can donate on the website

Once Again Happy Christmas

KILKHAMPTON JUNIOR AND INFANTS SCHOOL

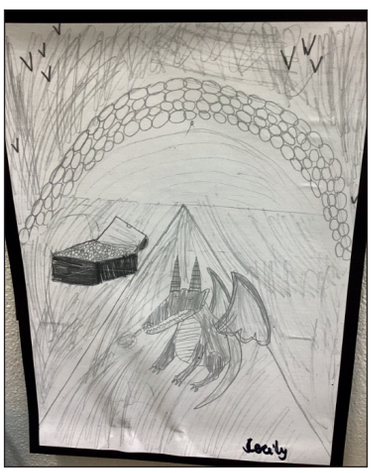
It is strange writing for the Christmas and New Year edition of the parish news in mid-November – although the shops are now looking more and more festive and the John Lewis advert has just aired!

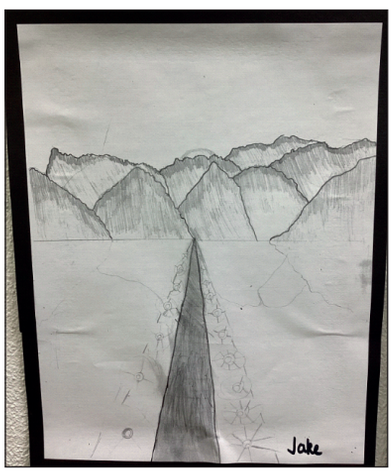
Over the last few weeks we held our harvest festival, with donations being sent to Bude Food Bank. We also held a very popular Halloween disco for the children on the last day of term in October. We have also visited the war memorial, church and war graves to mark Armistice Day and had a non-uniform day to raise money for BBC Children in Need.

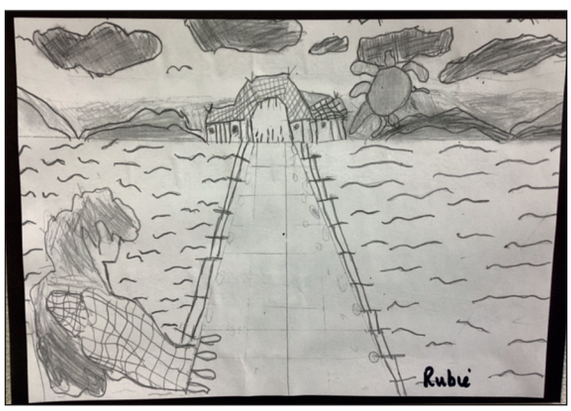
The children are starting to practise for their Christmas performances and I look forward to sharing pictures from these in the next edition of the parish news. The infants, Reception and Key Stage One are performing the 'Big Little Nativity,' Years Three and Four are performing 'The Fleece Fore,' whilst Years Five and Six will be performing 'No-one Wraps Like an Elf.'

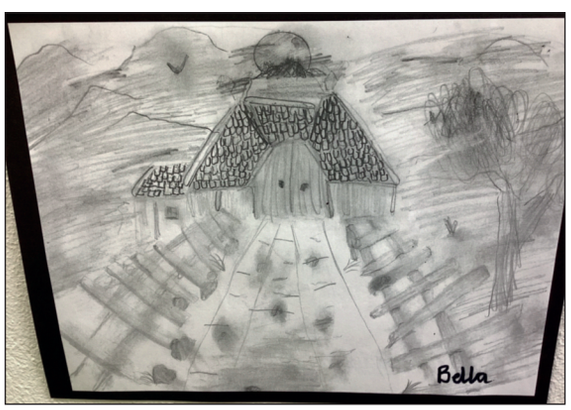


Children gathered at the War Memorial on Armistice Day









Above and right: Art from Crooklets class, inspired by Beowulf

In December we will be having our school Christmas dinner, cooked by our chef Debbie. The Christmas dinner is always a special moment for me as it is a chance for all of us, staff and children, to sit in the hall together and eat as a whole community. We will also have class parties and a visit to the church for a Christingle service.

Despite all of the work towards Christmas, the children have been working hard in their lessons. All the children in Key Stage Two have taken part in the BBC 500 Words short story competition. Key Stage Two have started learning about the ancient Egyptians in history, whilst Key Stage One have been learning about their local community. Meanwhile, children in Reception have been learning about celebrations, starting with Bonfire Night and the Hindu festival of Diwali, before culminating in learning about Christmas.

Christmas remains the most magical time of year in a primary school and the delight and wonder that children get from the season is infectious. I am looking forward as always to the building excitement as the big day approaches.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from me to all of you,

Michael

Michael Watson, Head Teacher