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*October 2024*

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## October Services

### Saturday 5

4.30pm Saturday Gathering – Ready, Set, GO at Holy Trinity Church,  
**Chrishall** SG8 8QU

### Sunday 6

9.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church **Little Chishill** SG8 8PA  
11.00am Family Café Church at **Chrishall Village Hall Chrishall** SG8 8QL  
6.00pm **URC** Harvest Service led by Revd Dr John Bradbury

### Sunday 13

9.00am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity **Heydon** SG8 8PW  
11.00am Family Worship at St Nicholas **Elmdon** CB11 4LT

### Saturday 19

6.00pm Choral Evensong with Chishill Voices at St Swithuns Church,  
**Great Chishill** SG8 8SS

### Sunday 20

9.00am Harvest Festival Holy Communion at Hamlet Church,  
**Duddenhoe End** CB11 4XN  
9.30am **URC** Morning Service led by Revd Sue Fender  
11.00am Family Worship at Holy Trinity, **Chrishall** SG8 8QU

### Sunday 27

9.00am Holy Communion at St Marys Church **Strethall** CB11 4XJ  
11.00am Family Worship with Holy Communion at St Swithuns,  
**Great Chishill** SG8 8SS

Note: Services subject to change.

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# All you need is Love

Not *another* pair of socks!

Every Christmas, a certain member of my family would unfailingly buy me socks. Gifts are not my love language, and even if they were, you can have too much of a good thing.

It's one thing knowing what makes you feel loved yourself - your love language. It is more difficult to discover another's love language, and then to love them in that manner.

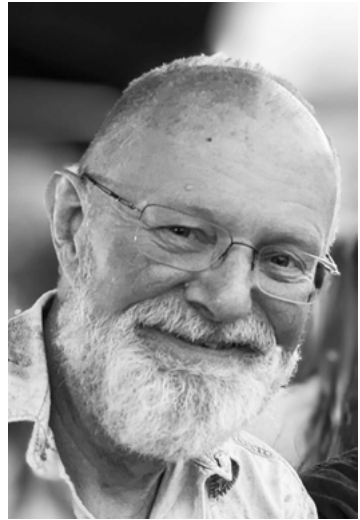
Every year, Debs and I run a marriage preparation course for upcoming wedding couples to establish some fundamental building blocks for a healthy relationship. One exercise in particular that invariably throws up a surprise or two, regardless of how long the couple have been together for, is learning about love languages. However familiar or unfamiliar you are with love languages, I'd encourage you to do the following exercise together with your spouse, partner or best friend.

Firstly, write down up to six specific occasions when you've particularly felt loved by them.

Then, considering those times, try to put the following five ways of showing love in order of importance for you.

1. Loving words
2. Quality time
3. Thoughtful presents
4. Physical affection
5. Kind actions

Then consider which order you'd put them in for your partner etc. When you have both finished, show each other what you have put – and discuss!



Tradition has it that the ‘disciple whom Jesus loved’, John, continued preaching even when so frail he had to be carried into church. Unable to preach at any length, one thing he’d always say was “My dear children, love one another.”

Wise words!

And indeed the topic of one of our recent Saturday gatherings. Do come to the next one on 5th October – see page 5 for details.

With love and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the text "With love and best wishes,".

## Harvest Festivals

Great Chishill. Harvest Festival will be held at the URC on **Sunday October 6th** at 6.00pm followed by supper. Please put the date in your diary and let Tess know you are planning on coming, for catering purposes (tessgent@gmail.com). It promises to be a very special evening with the Revd Dr John Bradbury, General Secretary of the URC, leading the service. Why not bring a friend or two? We will be collecting toiletries and dried food goods for Jimmy’s.

Heydon Harvest Festival is on **Sunday 13 October** and there will be a collection of donations for Uttlesford food bank

Hamlet Church will hold a Harvest Festival service on **Sunday 20 October**. Please check [www.icknieldwayparish.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.icknieldwayparish.blogspot.co.uk) for further information. Donations for Uttlesford Food Bank will be collected at this service.

## Choral Magic

Chishill Voices continues to thrive and the autumn season promises to be packed with wonderful musical experiences. Our **Great Chishill Singing Weekend** begins with a full service of Choral Evensong at St Swithun’s (**19th October**, 6pm) – with a brand new hymn composed

for the occasion. This is followed by a Songs of Praise service on **Sunday morning (20th)** at the URC chapel – rousing hymns loudly sung!

These services of celebration are open to all faiths and none, a chance for us all to get together and enjoy music and fellowship.

The choir will then briefly dip into solemn tones for our service on Remembrance Sunday - beginning at the village memorial and continuing in the URC Chapel – before we don our gay apparel, rehearsing for our annual service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which, this year, will take place at the URC, making full use of our exciting new organ! **Saturday 21st December** is the date for your diary!

And if that wasn't enough, our festive season will begin in style on **Friday 6th December** at St Swithun's. If you listen carefully, you can still just about hear the echoes of the extraordinary music many of us got to enjoy at the Mackenzie-Hall Wedding, so we've invited Jamie and his professional choir *Cor Meum* to return to the village for a concert packed to the gills with light-hearted Christmas classics.

There will be movie magic, there will be stars, and bells, and snow, and Charles Dickens himself may well put in an appearance! Above all, lots of favourite Christmas tunes for all to sing: bring along your jingle bells if you have them!!

Tickets will go on sale soon so look out for posters and book early to avoid disappointment!

## **Ready, Steady, GO!**

Our latest Saturday Gathering will be at Chrishall Church on **5th October** from **4.30** for refreshments.

Our special guest speaker has moved in the circles of elite athletes and is coming to share his knowledge of the world of elite sport. He will consider from direct examples whether there is 'Faith in the world of sport'?

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# What do Governors do?

When I joined the Chrishall School Governing Body I had no idea what it would involve but the Rector at the time, Andy Colebrooke, convinced me that it would be interesting. So 10 years later was he right?

At Chrishall the Governors are responsible for 3 main areas: overseeing the school's financial performance, planning the strategic direction of the school and maintaining and building on the school's reputation.

At this time of increasing costs much of our time is spent keeping a close eye on our budget. As a voluntary-aided school the Governors have the additional responsibility for all capital expenditure and finding the funds for at least 10% of any capital work required.

Over the summer we had new toilets installed for Key Stage 1 and 2 (5 – 9 year old) children and new pipework throughout the school causing much delight to the Governors and staff. This delight is due to the project taking 10 years of annually submitted bids to the Diocese and 9 years of rejections when other schools had more urgent needs. It has also meant years of careful budgeting to be able to pay for our 10%. A frustrating process, not to mention expensive, but these toilets are now much prized.

We also paid for the new fencing around the school as this was an Ofsted requirement, but the Diocese were unable to provide funding. It will come as no surprise, therefore, that you will be seeing more fundraising events taking place over the next few years! We hope that many of these events will be held in the villages and be enjoyed by the whole community.

When we are not poring over budgets, we also spend time thinking of the direction we would like the school to move in and three years ago we formed a collaboration with Rickling and Farnham schools as they were looking for a new Headteacher. We saw the benefits of knowledge sharing across the teaching staff, sharing materials for classwork and planning and career opportunities for staff.

The children of the three schools are able meet up for events such as

the annual pantomime, sports days and for collaborative working. The children's school councils share ideas for fundraising and improving their school experience and the combined school councils even had a trip to London for a tour of the Houses of Parliament which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

We also keep a close eye on our children's academic progression. We are very lucky to have an excellent team of experienced Teachers and Teaching Assistants who introduced new writing and phonics programmes two years ago. The staff have also implemented a new Religious Studies scheme of work which encourages children to discuss their learning as part of a big question at the end of the topic. And finally, the Governors also have a role to support the Headteacher, Tracey Bratley. The Headteacher role can be a lonely position and one with huge responsibility, not only for the school and the children but also for parents and staff. The Governors are a critical friend to the Head during the planning and forecasting for the school. Sometimes we are simply a friend.

Whilst there have been times that have been demanding or worrying, particularly during the Covid years, I feel privileged to be part of Chrishall School. Working with fantastic staff, fellow Governors and observing the children progress through the school after starting as tiny, muss-haired dots in pre-school or Reception. The children challenge themselves in ways that adults often stop doing. Then watching them leave excited about their next step on their educational journey. It's a joy. So, thank you Andy Colebrooke, you were right.

**Islay Dring** *Co-Chair of Governors*

## **An Enduring Gift**

*Annie Scripps left a gift in her will to Holy Trinity Church, Chrishall. A quarter of a century later, her act of kindness continues to support the church and benefit all who use it.*

Many of us need the Church at some time in our lives. For some, it is on a daily or weekly basis. For others, it is perhaps only very occasionally. We are grateful for its presence and support at that time.

In turn, the work of the Church, and the continued presence of our village

churches, are made possible by the generosity of donors. Some choose a regular donation. Others make occasional gifts. Many provide help whenever they contribute to the collection at a church service or attend an event in support of one of the seven churches. However you choose to help, thank you!

Annie Scripps (née Day) chose another way to support the work of the Church. She made a gift in her will, electing to leave a portion of her estate to Holy Trinity, Chrishall. Her gift has been of great importance over the past 25 years. It has contributed to, and continues to contribute to, both the upkeep of the church and to Chrishall's share of Parish costs.

Annie Day grew up in Phoenix Cottage on Crawley End in Chrishall. Her husband, William Scripps, hailed from Barley. They were married, at Holy Trinity, Chrishall, in 1940. Annie and William lived at Phoenix Cottage and later took over the smallholding of Annie's father, Ted Day. Annie died in March 1998 and is buried at the church alongside William, who passed away two years earlier.

In addition to members of her family, Mrs Scripps chose to remember four charities in her will. One of them was Holy Trinity, Chrishall. Her generosity has benefitted many people in the community over the ensuing years. Its impact will continue to be felt for years to come.

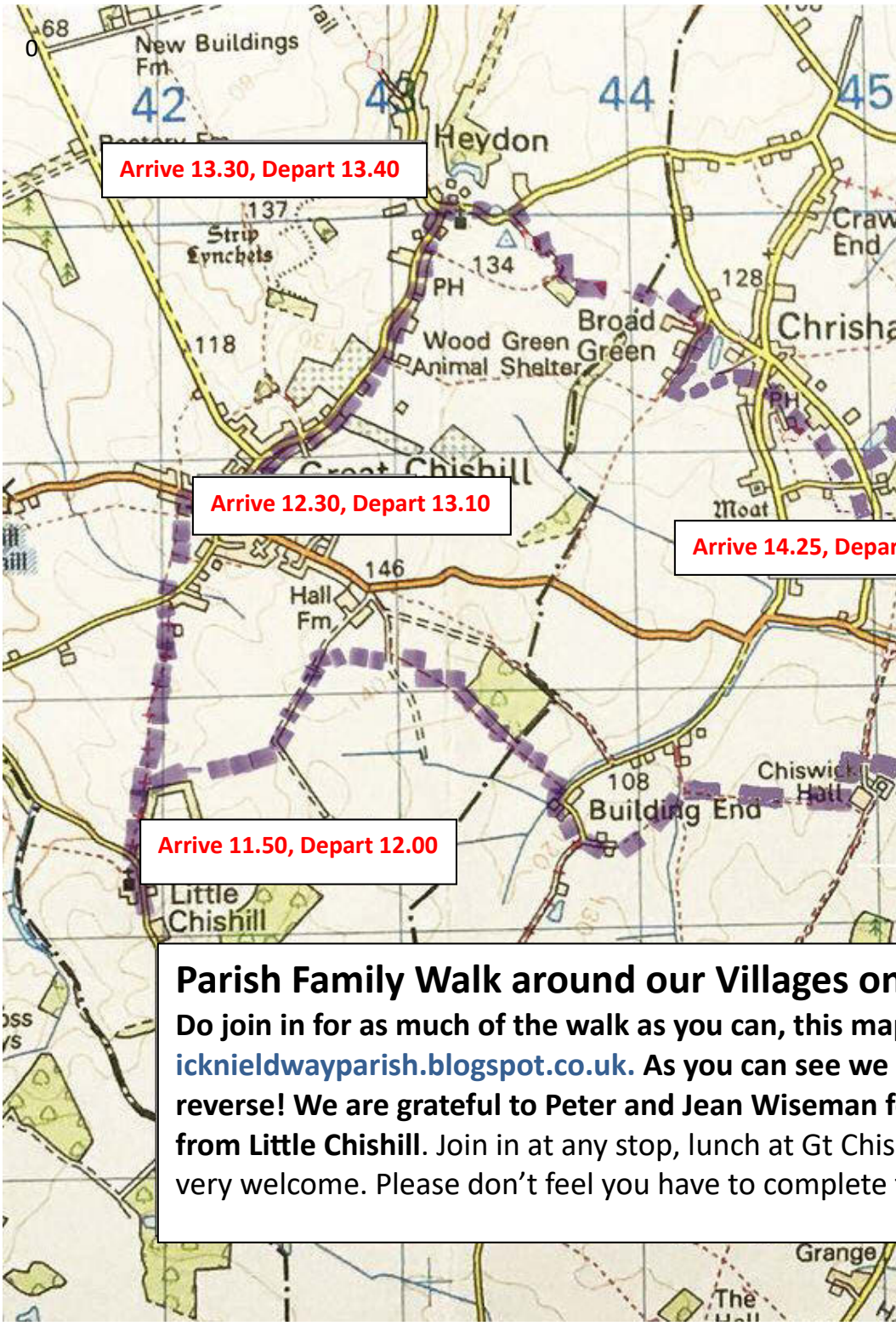
If the Church is important to you then please consider a gift in your will. Details of how to do so can be found on the Parish website ([icknielldwayparish.blogspot.com](http://icknielldwayparish.blogspot.com)) and will be included in the next Village Web.

**Guy Lawrenson Treasurer**, Chrishall District Church Council

*The author wishes to express his gratitude to Rosemarie Gant of the Chrishall Village Archive for her research in support of this article.*



Annie Scripps (right) with her family, outside Phoenix Cottage, in the 1930s.  
*Courtesy of the Rogers family.*



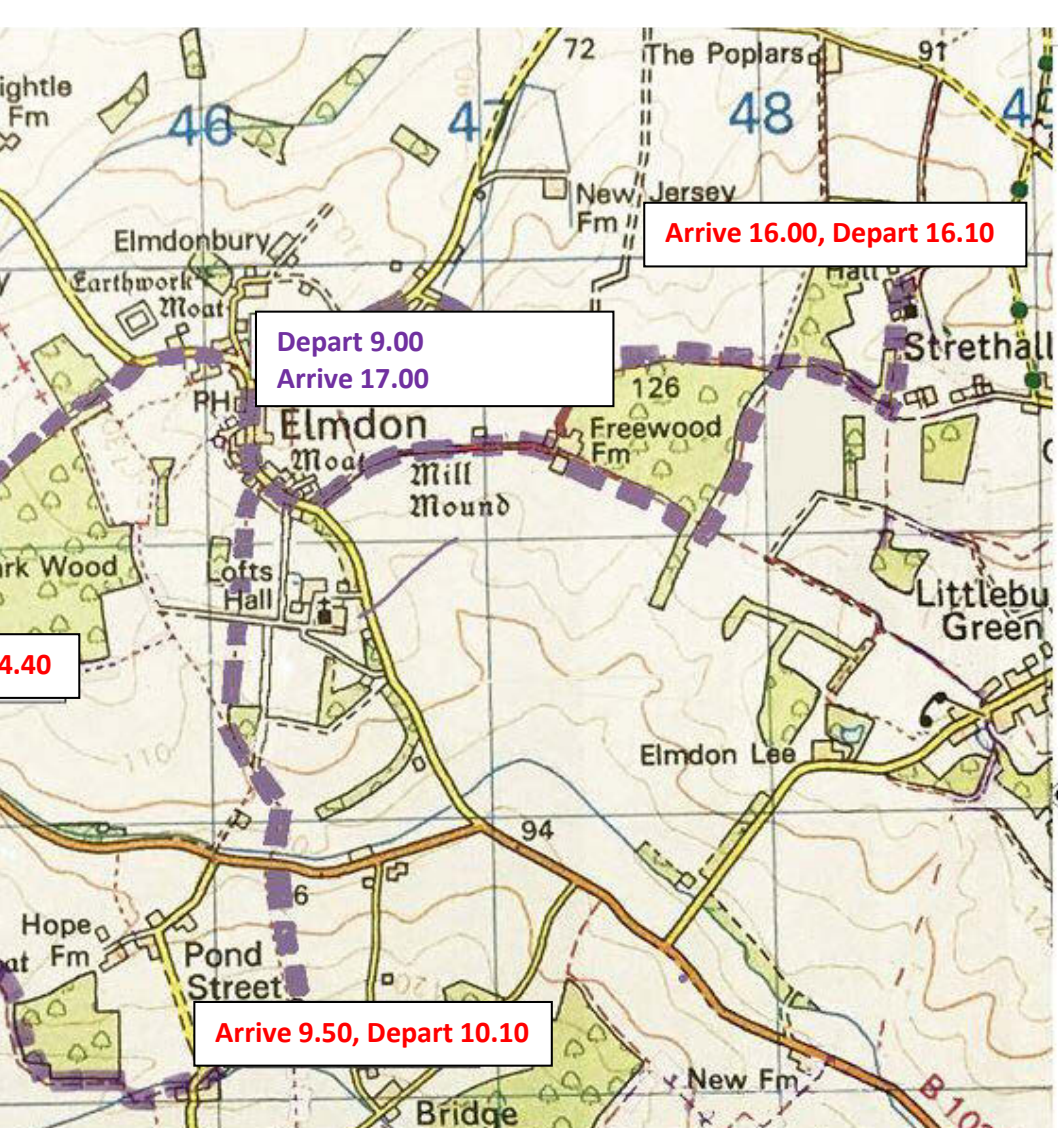
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Arrive 11.50, Depart 12.00

**Parish Family Walk around our Villages on**  
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[icknielldwayparish.blogspot.co.uk](http://icknielldwayparish.blogspot.co.uk). As you can see we  
reverse! We are grateful to Peter and Jean Wiseman for  
from Little Chishill. Join in at any stop, lunch at Gt Chishill  
very welcome. Please don't feel you have to complete the



Arrive 16.00, Depart 16.10

Depart 9.00  
Arrive 17.00

4.40

Arrive 9.50, Depart 10.10

**Saturday 12 OCTOBER**  
is also on the parish website:  
I'll be taking the same route this year but in  
their kind permission to walk across their fields  
and afternoon tea at Chrishall. Dogs and children  
the whole walk, do join for any part.

# Treasure Island Tracks



Our guest en route to our desert island has selected their favourite musical tracks, together with a book on top of their copy of The Bible and the works of Shakespeare. Can you work out who they are?

## **Treasured Tracks**

### **Uptown Girl - Billy Joel**

My second favourite song of all time, which just happens to have been number one in the UK charts at the time of my birth!

### **Another Day in Paradise - Phil Collins**

My earliest musical memory is from a family holiday, at around the age of 6, when I somehow - without my parents knowing until the moment it happened - arranged to perform with a live band called Legs Akimbo on an Ibiza beach. This was my chosen song!

### **Inspector Morse (Main Theme) - Barrington Phelouge**

I began picking out tunes at an early age on any instrument I could lay my hands on, and this became a favourite on the guitar. Incidentally, I once failed to meet John Thor - who had turned up unexpectedly in my uncle's pub - because I had earlier fallen into a river and been sent to bed without supper.

### **Boy For Sale (from Oliver) - Lionel Bart**

A problem child - and a chunky one too - I was kettled into school shows by a well-meaning teacher who cast me as Mr Bumble in Oliver. Harry Secombe's incomparable big screen performance was my earliest encounter with anything like a classical voice.

### **Music of the Night - Andrew Lloyd Webber**

As a socially awkward teenager I felt such an affinity with the character of The Phantom and sang along to Michael Crawford's recording until the cassette tape disintegrated. This song got my voice noticed at school, it got me

into university, and it might very well be responsible for my marriage, it being the first song my wife and I sang together.

**O Nata Lux - Thomas Tallis**

It wasn't until I arrived at university that I encountered choral music. This was the first choral piece I ever sang, and from that moment I was hooked.

**Noye's Fludde - Benjamin Britten**

Of all the performances I've ever been involved with, playing the title role of Noah in this wonderful piece alongside, my actual childhood singing hero, Michael Crawford, is without doubt the highlight.

**The One and Only - Chesney Hawkes**

My darling wife will tell you this is my favourite song. It isn't!

**Treasured Book**

**Ferney - James Long**

I'm an old romantic at heart, and this story of two souls whose love survives through the ages and across multiple lifetimes really ticks my boxes.

**Treasured Luxury**

All I need is a piano.

Have you managed to solve the mystery of this guest contributor?

See Page 19 to check if you were correct.



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# Mens Group

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Meets on **Wednesday 2 October** at 8pm in the Red Cow, Chrishall.

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# What's in a Field Name?

What's in a name? Well maybe more than first appears.

Field names might describe the size or type of field – the ten acre, the six acre, ploughed pigtle, Well field. They might describe who owned the field at some point – Brands, Roberts Bit. But who were these people and why did they call their fields what they did?

For example in 1808 Chrishall fields came under the enclosure act and the land was measured and re-organised among the landowners to bring strips of land together and make the land plots more cohesive. If you look at the enclosure map you will see the name of the Honourable Thomas Brand written across a lot of the fields, but who was he? Did he live in the village?

These are just some of the questions I started to ask when looking at the field names. I didn't realise just how long it would take and how many stories would be unearthed (excuse the pun!). After a year's research I am giving a talk on what I have found. Is it all the answers? No. It's a contribution to the local knowledge, but a trawl through the Archives has brought up what I think are some great stories which I would love to tell you.

Please come along to Chrishall Village Hall, Friday 11th October. Doors open at 7pm with the talk at 8pm. There will be refreshments, a small display and a raffle. For tickets see local posters or email [tickets@chrishallessex.co.uk](mailto:tickets@chrishallessex.co.uk). It would be lovely to see you there.

**Rosemarie Gant**

*Chrishall Archive*



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# A great time

to be a pre-school child in the Icknield Way



Are you at home with little ones on Wednesdays?

Why not come to **Heydon Hedgehogs** on the first Wednesday of the month? It's in Heydon Church where you'll find a warm welcome, friends to relax with, toys for your children to enjoy and, of course, lovely refreshments - all completely free! Singalongs are so important for pre school children and Ley will be there to lead it on her ukulele. You can get in touch with Bex, if you're interested, on 07776424592.

## **WATCH THIS SPACE**

If you have little ones at home and would like to come and relax with other parents or grandparents at a similar sort or group, get in touch with Debs Webster on 07969019921 because the churches of Icknield Way are starting a new group to complement Heydon Hedgehogs in the new year.

*Our special castaway this month is of course Jamie W. Hall, a British baritone, composer, conductor and vocal coach. Jamie is in his fifteenth year as a member of the world-famous BBC Singers. Jamie founded, trains and leads the Chishill Voices and continues to work as conductor and coach to choral groups of all kinds, up and down the country.*

## **From The Registers**

### **Marriage**

Lucy Stott and Jonathan Hutchison  
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