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Front Cover

Thank you to Parkfields School and Isaac for providing this editions cover image, well done! Below is a message from the school.

“At Parkfields, we believe that every child’s creativity deserves to shine—and this festive issue is no exception. We are especially proud that this beautiful Christmas cover was created by one of our very own talented Y7 students - Isaac. His artwork perfectly captures the spirit of the season and is a wonderful showcase of how our young artists flourish, learn, and grow when given the chance to express themselves. We hope this cover brings a little extra Christmas joy to our school community—because at Parkfields, creativity continues to be one of our greatest gifts.”

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear readers

2025 is nearly at an end – how quickly did that go!!! Your magazine has gone from strength to strength this year, and it is thanks to our contributors who send in their reports and news and to the many businesses that advertise that we are able to continue. It's great that each edition is getting bigger and better.

It's not only the magazine that is growing. As our village grows, we welcome new residents, and we hope that they benefit from the news and information they find within the pages. Toddington has such a wide variety of clubs and organisations that there is something for everyone, so let us know what your group is up to in the New Year.

A special Thank You to the 'team' who deliver the magazine to every household in Toddington, come rain or shine, it arrives through the letterbox as if by magic!! THANK YOU.

The Toddington Magazine Committee wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Peaceful 2026

New Year, New You?

It's that time of year again — and for some (this editor included!) the change of calendars often comes with a promise to do something different, or to make a change that sets us up the 'right way' as we face — or look forward to — the next twelve months!

Some resolutions are temporary challenges — Dry January or perhaps Veganuary are popular among certain generations. Two years ago, I started taking a one-minute cold shower each morning. I only intended to do it for a month, but two years later it's become part of my routine — a great (if slightly shocking!) way to start the day.

Now, we're not suggesting the whole village takes up that particular habit, but we thought this would be a great time to highlight the many sporting and health activities and clubs that take place right here in the village. Perhaps something might inspire you to try something new in 2026!

Good luck — and please do write in to let us know what you tried! We'd love to share some of your stories in the February edition.

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Letter from the churches

What is your favourite Christmas carol?

By the time you are reading this you will have been bombarded with Christmas songs in every shop or public space you have visited but you might not have actually heard a Christmas carol yet.

At this time of year, we wonder at the Christmas lights, the window displays in the shops and the beauty of the merchandise designed to tempt us. The music that accompanies us throughout the season might create an air of festivity or simply be a source of irritation as we push through the Christmas shopping crush.

Christmas carols though are different, aren't they? For many of us they summon up childhood memories, songs sung in schools, churches and in the street – a time when Christmas seemed a whole lot more ... Christmassy.

Some Christmas carols tell the story of Christ's birth and the events that surrounded it, while others create for us an image of simpler times when winters were cold and snow covered and all were of good cheer!

Have you thought of your favourite yet?

My memories do not come from church attendance, my family were not believers, but it was at school that I learnt the real meaning of Christmas, and in the singing of those traditional carols.

How times have changed. Many schools do not sing together – even at Christmas and our young people don't learn Christmas carols. If you are not a churchgoer your only opportunity to hear an occasional Christmas carol might be at the shops or on the radio.

If, like me, your Christmas memories include Carol-singing alongside friends and family, why not consider popping along to one of the many carol services and community events in the village this year – you might get to sing your favourite.

I have many favourite carols, but the one that sums up the true meaning of Christmas best for me is 'Love came down at Christmas' which is based on a poem by Christina Rossetti.

*Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and Angels gave the sign.*

...

This Christmas may we each experience true joy and happiness in the wonder of God's gift of love – His Son.

Toddington Methodist Church

www.toddingtonmethodist.org.uk



Minister: Rev Seung-Wook Jung
Tel: 01525 372289

Services

Our services are at 1045.

December

- 7th ZOOM service – Fion Arscott-Smith
- 14th Café Carols in the Wesley Hall-see poster.
- 21st Revd. Patrjck Kandeh
Holy Communion in church-
followed by Christmas lunch in
the Wesley Hall
- 25th Christmas Day service in church
– Tania Stanford
- 28th NO SERVICE

January

- 4th ZOOM service – Andrea Als-McClean
- 11th Covenant service - Revd. Patrjck Kandeh with Holy Communion in church – refreshments in hall.
- 18th All -age service – see poster
- 25th Richard Armiger in the hall

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS: Held on the 1st Saturday of each month from 10:30am – 12 in the Wesley Hall.

GUILD & GAMES: Meetings are held in the Wesley Hall on the second Tuesday of the month from 2-3.30pm.

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BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Meets Mondays from 2-3.30pm. All are welcome to join us as we learn together, and share a time of fellowship with refreshments.

CREATIVE SPACE: A crafting and social group who meet on the second Sunday of the month from 2.30-5.00pm.

PUDDING CLUBS: for children and adults.



Christmas Coffee Morning

run by the **Pudding Clubs** with
carol singing led by the

Toddington MusicMakers.

Saturday 20th December
1030-1200

*Come along and enjoy the festive fun and
refreshments.
Crafts and activities for all*

Contacts: for further information about any of our activities, or a ZOOM link, then please contact Tania (07957 941481) or Wendy (873871) or email toddingtonmethodist@yahoo.com



‘Café Carols’

Sunday December 14th 10.45am
at Toddington Methodist Church
Doors open at 10.30am

Crafty Christmas Fun for
all ages.

With Festive
Refreshments, Carols
and more besides!



‘My Best Life’

‘Aim high in 2026’

Join us for our All-Age
Service with something for
everyone!

Sunday 18th January from
10.30am – 12 noon



Toddington Music Society

Registered Charity Number 276904

with

St. George of England Parish Church



Christmas Concert

Saturday 6th December 2025

2.30pm

St. George of England Parish Church
Toddington

Admission by programme
on the door

Adults £10 Children £1
(Cash please)

Seasonal refreshments



Toddington

Parish Council



Toddington Parish Council's Mission Statement

Is to represent and serve the local Community by preserving the village's character, supporting sustainable development, and enhancing Toddington Community life for our residents

The Parish Office is located in **Toddington Village Hall** and is open weekdays **9.30am to 11.30am (but closed on Wednesdays)**.

(Please ring the door bell if the front door is locked)

Parish Clerk – Nicola Evans, Assistant Clerk – Annie Wilson

01525 874312 / info@toddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk / www.toddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Councillors in Toddington

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Agendas are published on notice boards around the village seven days prior to a meeting and are also on our **Website**. **Notice boards** are situated outside Toddington Village Hall, by the Alms Houses (*opposite St Georges Church*), Bradford Road and on the Village Green. We do have a 10 minute public participation time at each meeting.

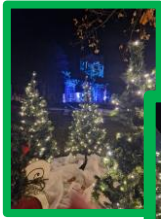
Meetings Dates for 2025/2026 - Meetings held on the **second Tuesday of each month** in Toddington Village Hall (*Lounge*) and **start at 7:30pm**.

Dates are:- 9th December 2025, 13th January 2026, 10th February, 10th March, 14th April (Annual Assembly), 12th May (Annual Meeting).





Toddington Parish Council
would like to wish you all a very
Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year
and hope you enjoyed the
Toddington Christmas Event
on the Village Green



Reminder! - it's that time of year to remind groups and organisations within the Parish that they can apply for a Grant from the Parish Council. *(Last April £9,450 was awarded to local groups/organisations in Toddington in Grant Awards).*

Grant Applications - The Parish Council will be issuing Grants to groups/organisations based in the parish for projects or equipment that will benefit the local community.

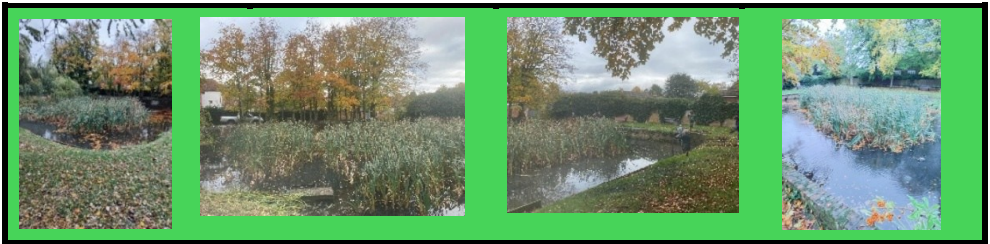
Application forms can be obtained from the Parish Office or the website and the closing date for applications is 31st January 2026.

Recognition Awards - The Parish Council will once again be awarding Recognition Awards to deserving individuals, young people or organisations who give their time without payment or personal gain to help the local community, together with the Pride of Toddington Award.

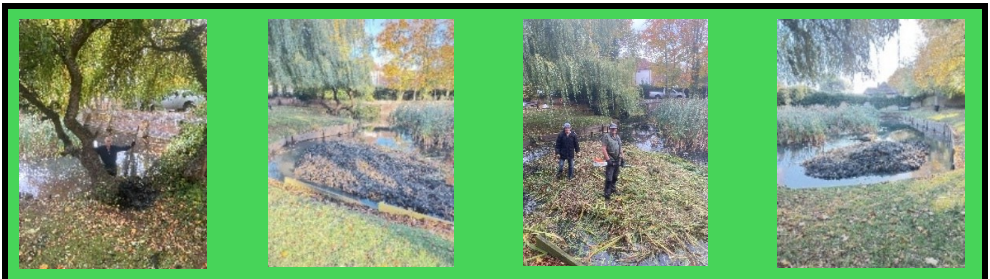
Nomination forms can be obtained from the Parish Office or the website and the closing date for applications is 31st January 2026.



Toddington's Memorial Garden



On Saturday 25th October 2025 we held our
Pond Clearing Day
for volunteers to come and help clear the pond



'Thank You' to all those who came along and volunteered 😊

TODDINGTON ALLOTMENTS

If you are a Toddington resident and that would be interested in having an allotment plot, please contact the Parish Office for more information and to be added to the Allotment Waiting List.

Email: info@toddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Understanding the Role of the Parish Council



Toddington
Parish Council

Where does a Parish Council fit in government?

Parish Councils are the first tier of local government, they represent the communities closest to the people and operate below Unitary Authorities.

TODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL's Roles and Responsibilities?

Toddington Parish Council's focus is on local services and representation, such as:

-  **Commenting on planning applications**
-  **Managing village greens, open spaces and allotments**
-  **Providing and maintaining play areas and Memorial Garden**
-  **Installing and caring for benches, bins, planters and noticeboards**
-  **Advocating for local Transport and Highway improvements**
-  **Raising funds through a Council Tax precept**
-  **Funding local groups and running Community Events**
-  **Cemetery**

Website Address: www.Toddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Telephone Number: 01525-874312 Email: info@Toddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Central Bedfordshire Council's Responsibilities

- **Planning Applications**
- **Highways, roads and pavements** – Responsible for maintenance, potholes, Rights of Way, footpaths, fly-tipping
- **Waste & Recycling**
- **Street Lighting**
- **Public Transport** – Manages Services
- **Social Care, Education, Housing**
- **Council Tax** – Collects and manages benefits
- **Parking**

Customer Services/Main Switchboard:

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customer.services@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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Toddington
Parish Council

Mission Statement

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Toddington Table Tennis Club

at Methodist Church Hall

*We are a Friendly Club meeting on
most **Wednesdays**
from **October to end of May**
at **7:30PM till 9:30 PM.***

*We meet in the Methodist church hall , and have two
tables, for sociable singles and doubles.*

*We welcome new players along to join us. Dust your
bat and come and try us out for a free taster session.*

*For details and start date contact
Bryan Roberts on **01525 872295***



Toddington Library

It's been a busy year!

We began 2025 with all our regular monthly activities for adults. We had book groups and discussion groups as well as the weekly walk4health group and of course not forgetting our twice weekly Knitting and Jigsaw group. Our Cuppa and Company on a Wednesday has really taken off with lots of people coming in for a hot drink and a chat. Then into November, we had a sell-out event where we spent a great afternoon with a local 'Scene of Crimes Officer' who came to chat about forensics and crime scene examination. Our coffee mornings, on the 3rd Saturday each month, were also really well attended.

With children in mind we held our crafts sessions every half term. The school holidays saw the Summer Reading Challenge return. We had an uptake of children taking part while earning lots of goodies for reading just six books. We also ran our Lego Club and Board Games club every Saturday. All the events (with a few exceptions) at our Library are **FREE**. You just have to turn up!

The library was pleased to welcome our local PCO's for drop-in visits where they were happy to talk to our villagers on matters of security and safety.

What's happening now?

This is the time of year that we hold our annual Christmas Hamper raffle. Raffle tickets are £3 each or 2 for £5 (cash only). The winner will be drawn and notified on December 19th. All proceeds this year will be donated to Toddington Rovers FC.

On Wednesday the 31st December from 2pm-4pm, we are inviting villagers into the library for a mince pie and a hot drink. All are welcome.

To our valued customers, thank you for being a part of our journey this year. We would like to wish all a very Happy Christmas and New Year from Carol, Debbie, Lisa, Paige and Mary

Don't forget... The library is free to join and to use, it only takes a few minutes to sign up and get your own library card.

Christmas Opening Hours

We are open as normal over the Christmas period with the exception of..

Wed 24th - Closed

Thurs 25th - Closed

Fri 26th - Closed

Wed 31st - 2-5pm

Thur 1st Jan - Closed



Remembrance Sunday

Photos from 09/11/25



Toddington Tennis Club

Toddington Tennis Club has been established for over 50 years and is located behind the conifers at the rear of the Recreation Ground, Luton Road in Toddington. We currently have 3 carpet, floodlit courts which were fully renovated in December 2017 and one hard court, plus a clubhouse with a kitchen, lounge area and toilets/showers. We are lucky enough to have a very skilled LTA Level 4 coach, Paul Hobday, who provides Junior coaching for all abilities on Wednesdays after school, during school holidays and is available for individual coaching for both junior and adult. Adult group coaching is also available subject to demand. Further details are available on our website:- <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ToddingtonTennisClub>

We are always looking to welcome new members into our club and our rates are very reasonable. There is a special introductory rate of £115 for the year for new adult members, £65 p.a. for juniors/students in further education (free for 9 year olds and under) and only £80 p.a. for weekday adult members. We run adult social play tennis on Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 7pm and on Sunday Mornings from 10am and also enter Mens, Ladies and Mixed teams into the South Bedfordshire league.

If you are not a member of the club, but would still like to play tennis occasionally, you can book a court at £10 per hour during daylight hours. Courts 1-3 (carpet courts) have restrictions to cater for usage by our club members (social sessions, league & tournament matches and for coaching sessions) but court 4 (hard surface) is available to book throughout the week and weekend (48 hours notice needed). Please email us on tennis_club@hotmail.com for further details.

Pickleball has also recently been introduced and is ran by **Trex Pickleball** on our 4th court on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Anyone can play so if you would like more information, please email trexpickleball@hotmail.com

We look forward to welcoming you to our club!

All Saints Church Chalgrave Article

Welcome to my first Toddington Magazine page as Rector of this benefice – It is a real privilege to be here, back in the communities of my childhood and life before ordination. Hopefully by the time you read this page Christine and I should be living in the Rectory, although you will probably find me more often than not, encamped in the office at the Wilkinson Hall or out and about within the Parishes. My normal days of availability for “Parish duties” will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday with services on Sundays of course; but I will be as accommodating as possible for any pastoral or life event occasions that arise. My intention is to be as visible and available within the parishes as possible whilst remembering that I am still only part time.

The month of November has been extremely busy for the good people of All Saints Church, Chalgrave with our “meeting the new Rector” event, followed on the Sunday by our Patronal Festival with Remembered with Love services on the same day; These in turn being followed by the Christmas Craft Fair and Remembrance Sunday across the weekend of 8th & 9th November. For a small parish this is unbelievably busy, and we thank those who have helped at or supported these events in any way.

There is no slowing down though with the seasons of Advent and Christmas in the next month or so - I have included a table of services and events for All Saints’ Chalgrave for this period which all are welcome to join us.

Our schedule of services will change slightly from December when we include Evening Prayer at All Saints each Thursday afternoon at 4:00pm and we will try changing our “usual “ 9:30am communion service on the second Sunday in the month to a Family Service at 10:30am – This is just a trial but developing family worship is an initiative we are keen to explore – Those who would prefer a communion service on that day will be welcome at Toddington – Let’s see how it goes!

Services & Events in December

Day	Date	Service / Event	Time	Venue
Sun	30 th Nov	Parish Communion	09:30	Church
Weds	3 rd Dec	Advent Course	14:00	Memorial Hall
Sun	7 th Dec	Parish Communion	09:30	Church
Weds	10 th Dec	Pop-Up Tea Room Advent Course	11:00 14:00	Both at Memorial Hall
Sun	14 th Dec	Family Service	10:30	Church
Weds	17 th Dec	Advent Course	14:00	Memorial Hall
Sat	20 th Dec	Carols by Candlelight	19:00	Church
Sun	21 st Dec	Parish Communion	09:30	Church
Weds	24 th Dec	Crib Service Midnight Mass	14:30 23:15	Both at Church
Thurs	25 th Dec	Benefice Christmas Communion	10:00	St George’s Toddington
Sun	28 th Dec	Family Communion	09:30	Church

The PCC and congregation of All Saints wish each one of you a happy, healthy and blessed Christmas – Rev Ian

Understanding Our Surveys

Building the Evidence for Toddington's Future



In recent editions of the Toddington Village Magazine, we've been keeping you up to date with the progress of the Toddington Neighbourhood Plan (TNP) – the community-led project helping to shape how our village evolves in the years ahead. As part of this work, two important surveys have now been completed: the Housing Needs Survey and the Green Infrastructure Survey.

Both surveys play a really important role in helping us understand what matters most to residents and what Toddington truly needs.

The Housing Needs Survey, which went out in mid-October and closed in early November, will enable a clearer picture of the types of homes our community requires – from starter homes and family houses to downsizing options for older residents. This information will help make sure that future development genuinely meets local needs rather than being shaped only by wider market pressures.

The Green Infrastructure Survey, carried out in mid-November, focused on the green spaces that make Toddington special – our parks, play areas, footpaths, green verges, woodlands and open countryside. It helps highlight which areas bring the most value for recreation, nature, wellbeing, and local character. This work also ties in closely with Central Bedfordshire Council's consultation on Local Green Spaces, where residents can help identify and protect the areas that deserve special recognition in planning policy.

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the surveys and share your views. Your feedback is vital in helping us make sure the Neighbourhood Plan reflects what's really important to the people who live here.

The results from both surveys will be published in early 2026 and will form a key part of the evidence base for the draft Neighbourhood Plan. They'll directly inform policies on housing, the environment, and sustainable growth – helping us shape a plan that truly represents Toddington's future.

If you'd like to get involved or volunteer with the next stages of the Neighbourhood Plan, we'd love to hear from you – please visit the Toddington Neighbourhood Plan website for more information.

Remember: YOUR VILLAGE. YOUR VOICE. YOUR FUTURE.

Thank you for your continued support.

20 Visit: www.toddingtonplan.co.uk Email: info@toddingtonplan.co.uk

An update from your local Member of Parliament

BLAKE STEPHENSON MP



Since my last column, a lot has been going on in Mid Bedfordshire and down in Westminster. I've been taking as many opportunities as possible to speak in the House of Commons to make sure our voices are heard, speaking on issues including scrapping Stamp Duty to support young people buy their first homes and older people to downsize if they choose, encouraging the Government to axe the Family Farm Tax which is hurting our local farmers, and calling for more to be done to put victims at the heart of our criminal justice system – and much more.

I've also been spending time in Toddington meeting local people, whether that's the incredibly friendly local horse owner community, to support the local 'pass wide and slow' campaign and to chat about the many benefits of horse riding, or popping into one of our fantastic local cafes, such as Soper & Co., to support our great local businesses. It was also lovely to meet the wonderful residents volunteering for the Royal British Legion at the Methodist Church Hall, selling poppies ahead of Remembrance Day and enjoying a lovely cuppa and a slice of homemade cake.

In my last column I mentioned the ongoing work to finally rebuild the footbridge at the train station in nearby Harlington. I know that many people in Toddington regularly use the station and that the lack of step-free access is incredibly frustrating. I have been told that provisions have been made to retro-ft step-free access if funding becomes available. It's frustrating that it wasn't all rolled into this single project, but I will continue to push for step-free access to be delivered as soon as possible. The current construction work is expected to be completed by May.

And finally...as this is the December edition, I would like to wish everybody in Toddington a very happy and relaxing Christmas.



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St Georges's Church Article

Hello – I write this first article for the magazine within days of being installed as the new Rector of this benefice so my apologies for any vagueness, I will get better as I acclimatise to life back here in Toddington where so much happens each month. It is a real privilege to be back in the communities of my childhood and my life before ordination, and I have already met up with some familiar faces and look forward to meeting with and talking to many more of you over the coming few weeks. Hopefully by the time you read this page Christine and I should be living in the Rectory, although I intend to spend most of my time either encamped in the office at the Wilkinson Hall or out and about within the Parishes. My normal days of availability for “Parish duties” will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday with services on Sundays of course; but I will be as accommodating as possible for any pastoral or life event occasions that arise. I am keen to develop the relationship between the “Church” and the community it serves, so I intend to be as visible and available within the parishes as possible; whilst remembering that I am still only part time.

Having just enjoyed my first scarecrow festival, admiring the skill and the imagination behind each exhibit, I prepare myself to be amazed again when the Christmas Tree Festival takes place in mid-December. This is a “Friends” event so the monies raised will be held by them and used to help restore and improve our church which has stood proud in the village for over 800 years. It has been several years since I have been

able to visit this event so I am really looking forward to it and (if rumour is correct), enjoying the seasonal refreshments that will be available too!

With the seasons of Advent and Christmas nearly upon us it is going to be a busy time for the Parish and the community, so I have included a table of services and events at St George of England for this period to which all are welcome to join us.

Services & Events in December

Day	Date	Service / Event	Time
Sun	30 th Nov	Parish Communion	11:00
Sun	7 th Dec	Parish Communion	11:00
Mon	8 th Dec	Brownie Carols	17:30
Fri	12 th Dec	Scout Carol Service	19:00
Sat	13 th Dec	Christmas Tree Festival	13:00-17:00
Sun	14 th Dec	Parish Communion Christmas Tree Festival	11:00 13:00-17:00
Wed	17 th Dec	Parkfields Carol Service	10:00
Thurs	18 th Dec	Christmas time with Harlington Choir	
Fri	19 th Dec	St Georges School Carol Service	10:00
Sat	20 th Dec	Toddington Band Concert	15:00
Sun	21 st Dec	Parish Communion Lessons & Carols	11:00 18:00
Weds	24 th Dec	Crib Service Midnight Mass	16:00 22:00
Thurs	25 th Dec	Benefice Christmas Communion	10:00
Sun	28 th Dec	Family Service	11:00

Finally, on behalf of the PCC and congregation of St George of England;, can I wish you and your families a happy, healthy and blessed Christmas – Rev Ian

Toddington Memory Group



1st Wednesday of the month 2pm-3.30pm



**Village Hall
Leighton Road
Toddington, Beds
LU5 6AN**



**For those with dementia, cognitive
impairment and age-related
memory problems
(diagnosed or undiagnosed)**

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All welcome and no formal diagnosis needed

Suggested donation of £4 per person (if affordable)

For more information, please contact Louise Evans:

louise.evans@tibbsdementia.co.uk / 07483 951733

TODDINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

We are a small church set back from the road in Station Road not far from The Griffin pub. We are a warm and welcoming church and invite anyone to come along to our services. We have a lay leadership team and are blessed by the commitment of several visiting preachers who give up their time to speak to us, along with our own members who also bring us God's word regularly.

SUNDAY SERVICES

10.30am – All age worship followed by coffee and tea in the lounge.

ROCKABYE BABY MUSIC GROUP

A fun group for 0-5 year olds based around music with time to sing, dance, bounce, jump, clap march, count and play.

Mondays 10am – 11am (term time and some school holidays)

For more details please contact – Becky Boddey – 07725090186

HURLY BURLY

A friendly group for 0-5 year old children with their parents or carers. We have lots of play opportunities and every week there is a different craft for the children to try. At around 10.45 the toys are packed away and the children all join in with singing and rhymes led by Doreen. Refreshments are freely available. A fun time is had by all.

Time: Wednesdays 9.00am – 11.00am (Term Time only) £2 per family

Please contact Doreen Maskell for more information – 07593 355971

OPEN DOOR

Our amazing cook and band of helpers provide a warm lunchtime meal for senior citizens.

Every third Tuesday of the month - 11.45 – 1.00pm approximately (no meal during August)

There is no set fee but donations are greatly appreciated. It is essential to book your space.

Please contact Doreen Maskell for more information – 07593 355971

Toddington Baptist Church is committed to helping the community and regularly donate to food banks and Noah Enterprises.

Church Secretary – Colin Maskell – 07742 163294 Leaders – Sue Yirrell – 07725 030718

Kathy Jarvis – 07752 211596



Curious about Toddington Singing Café? Not sure if it's right for you and your loved one with dementia? Read what our participants say.

Warm welcome

Quote 1: "We joined Singing Cafe over a year ago and what struck us immediately was the warmth of the welcome we received, and the love and friendship that abounded by everyone there. We sing, we laugh, we even cry sometimes. We chat and occasionally we even dance, yes dance! It is never too late to Rock 'n Roll, boogie or hand-jive!! The volunteers are wonderful and serve up refreshments to keep us going!! There is never a dull moment! If it's the quiet life you seek, don't come here, we enjoy life to the full!"

Quote 2: "I love Singing Café. What's not to like? Good company, good food, lots of fun and friendship"



Music, laughter and joy

Quote 3: "We love Singing Café. It's a morning we can escape the stress of everyday life singing, playing instruments and being a bit silly with very friendly people and a group of great volunteers; not to forget the endless tea, coffee and cake. It's great!"

Quote 4: "Ten months ago, I was feeling lonely and a friend suggested, I join her and go along to the Singing Café in the Village Hall on a Thursday morning, and I am so pleased that I did just that. What fun we have, singing all the songs we sang when we were young, and of course we learn new ones too! The banging of drums, the shaking of bells and blowing of whistles, fills the Hall with joyful sounds. Together we have much fun and laughter. We are a group that meet together each week and everyone gets support, care and much love. How pleased I am that I became a member of the Singing Café!"



Volunteers & refreshments

Quote 5: "We always have a fun time at Singing Café. It is the highlight of the week for Mum and Dad. It's nice to see happy, smiling faces while we're singing and playing instruments. Tea, coffee, biscuits, cakes—our favourite café!"

Quote 6: "Fun, uplifting, all inclusive. Great cake!"



For carers & impact

Quote 7: "Brilliant group. My husband doesn't communicate but does sing when we attend this group. This is wonderful to hear and we both appreciate the time and work put into running the café."

Quote 8: "We love coming here every Thursday morning. My client with dementia thoroughly enjoys it and it really stimulates him. He is always smiling singing the familiar songs he has grown up to. A massive well done to all the volunteers who make this happen for the elderly and vulnerable."

Uplifting

Quote 9: "Friendly and helpful helpers. Very rewarding. An hour and a half of companionship, singing and actions. We have a laugh and a good time and enjoy the refreshments too. Long may it continue!"



Could this be what you are looking for? Come along to Toddington Village Hall on a Thursday morning—music, friendship, fun, and a warm cuppa await!

u3a – learn, laugh, live

What is Toddington u3a?

- A local organisation whose aim is to provide the opportunity for those no longer in work to come together and learn for fun, which is affiliated to the Third Age Trust, a national charity.

Is it for me?

- Come along to one of our monthly meetings and learn more about us. We have a varied programme of talks delivered by guest speakers, after which tea or coffee is available and you can stay and chat. These are held in Toddington Village Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month. **Our next Open Meeting is on Monday 19 January, doors open at 1.45 pm and your first visit is free.**

Where can I find more information?

- Visit our website to discover who the speakers will be at our upcoming meetings and find out about our many group activities – these include Art Appreciation, Book Groups, Bridge, Craft, Cryptic Crosswords, Coach Trips, Discussion, Family History, Meet and Eat, Music Appreciation, Photography, Poetry and Strollers.



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STOLLEN

AN ENRICHED FRUIT LOAF FOR CHRISTMAS

You can buy stollen but a freshly made one (thanks to Delia) is a whole different Christmas treat. Traditionally it has a thick roll of marzipan running through the middle but I like small squares of marzipan scattered throughout like the fruit. We even made bun sized stollens at Messy church with the children choosing which dried fruits they wanted -or not. The recipe takes a lot of time but not much effort.

Ingredients

- 350g white flour (strong preferably)
- 2 level tps easy yeast
- pinch salt
- 50g white sugar
- 150ml milk
- 110g butter
- 1 egg beaten
- 100gms mixed dried fruit
- 40gms dried apricots chopped
- 25gms glace cherries/dried cranberries
- grated zest of 1 lemon
- 25 gms almonds chopped (I skip these)
- 150 gms marzipan

Icing

- 110 gms icing sugar,
- 1 tablespoons lemon juice



PREP TIME
15 MIN



COOK TIME
40 MIN



SERVINGS
6 - 8 SLICES

Instructions

Mix flour, yeast, sugar and salt in a bowl. Gently warm milk and butter (on stove or microwave) until the butter is melted, cool until tepid add beaten egg and mix with flour (if too wet add more flour). Flour the table knead the dough and then add fruit and knead until "springy and elastic". Put it back in the bowl cover with cling film or plastic bag and put it in a warm (but not hot) place until doubled in size (usually about 2 hours)

Make the marzipan into a sausage or chop into squares. Turn out the risen dough, gently flatten, put the marzipan sausage in the middle (or scatter the squares), shape into one or two loaves. Put on a lined baking sheet, cover again, put it to rise again, heat the oven to 190 or gas 5. When the dough is again light and springy (30 -60 minutes) bake for 35- 40 minutes. You can test by tapping the bottom of the loaf, a hollow sound means its cooked.

Make the icing by mixing icing sugar and lemon juice, let the stollen cool a bit before spreading the icing. It may drip !! Delicious drips !!

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

If you are thinking of entering jam or chutney for next year's Summer Fete I recommend Preserves by Pam Corbin as an interesting book with some good basic recipes and some unexpected ones too.

Toddington Old Boys' Association

To Summon Up Remembrance Of Things Past

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At our October luncheon, at the Toddington Social and Services Club, due to a recent change in our constitution, we added three new members to the Association. All were warmly welcomed.

Plans to replace our 'Reg Neale' memorial bench situated on the green are well under way with Toddington Parish Council. The new bench will have three memorial plaques on the top rear bench rail. These are in memory of William Hyde M.A. C.B.E. J.P., founder Chairman 1943 – 1945, Reg Neale, founder member and Hon Secretary 1943 – 1960, and John Bryant, Chairman 2007 – 2009.

The Association intends, as in previous years, to assist the Royal British Legion at the Remembrance Sunday Service, on the Green, with the collection buckets. This year it is on the 9th November. The Association will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph.

On the 6th December our Association will host a Christmas Social for the Toddington Old Scholars Association. It will be a Horse race evening, with a raffle and prizes, plus a buffet. This Christmas Social is an annual event, and 2026 will be hosted by the Old Scholars.

The Association will decorate a Christmas tree inside the Toddington Church one again this year.

The Association currently has 22 widows of our members who have passed away. Each year we send a Christmas card and a gift to the Widows.

The Constitution has been amended, to allow a male person who has lived in the village for more than 10 years, and over the age of 35, to be proposed for membership.
IF YOU QUALIFY – COME AND JOIN US

If you wish for further information, please contact the Secretary, Hugh Elliott,
Email, toba.secretary@yahoo.com

The ROTARY CLUB of Dunstable Downs is actively seeking new members

So if you are friendly, enjoy social events, the company of like minded people, and are willing to join in and assist with the Club's charitable aims and support for local and international causes

**then why not see if
ROTARY is
the right organisation for YOU.**

We meet at Tilsworth Golf Centre on Thursday evenings from 18:45 for a meal, usually followed by an interesting speaker.

Recent topics have included
The Pinkerton Detective Agency
Boat Surveying
Codebreaking.

To find out more and/or arrange possible date(s) to attend call

Karen Baldwin
074 84 203307

Or

Tony Tucker
0788 201 6471

Rotary



ROTARYCLUB of DUNSTABLEDOWNS

serves Toddington and the surrounding area and villages in a number of ways, by providing an opportunity to be involved in local projects and community activities as well as International charitable work on the grand scale... all whilst benefitting from involvement in an enjoyable social life.

In recent months the club has helped support St George CofE school by sponsoring their successful Sensory Garden project, and more recently enabled HI pupils to enjoy extra curricular activities arranged by the school as shown here.



This Christmas our club members, aided by their singing Santa Bear, will be out and about collecting at various stores in the area to raise funds for charitable causes both at home and abroad. So if you see us please give generously and thank you for your support.



NOTICE BOARD

New social group for those living with dementia opens in Toddington

A new group for those affected by dementia/cognitive impairment has recently opened in Toddington. Tibbs Dementia Foundation launched the group on the 6 August at the village hall. Tibbs are a Bedfordshire dementia charity with a 13-year proven track record of offering fun, welcoming and stimulating social activities to those living with all types of dementia/cognitive impairment and their family members. They also provide regular in-person and online support groups to family who care for someone affected. No formal diagnosis is required, and they support all types of dementia diagnoses, including early-onset and dementia with Parkinson's Disease.

The group offers people the opportunity to meet and socialise with others in a similar situation and keep alive meaningful connections with their local community. They can chat over a cuppa, whilst also engaging in some fun games and activities to keep the mind active and stimulated.

The group runs the first Wednesday afternoon of the month from 2pm-3.30pm and is held in the small lounge area next to the main hall. A small donation of £4 would be welcome to help the charity with the group's overheads. No booking is necessary. Come along as and when you please. For more information about the group, please contact Louise Evans on 07483 951733 or at louise.evans@tibbsdementia.co.uk.

Local MP Blake Stephenson out supporting the 'Pass Wide & Slow' campaign.

Conservative MP for Mid Bedfordshire, Blake Stephenson was out with riders and walkers on Sunday the 16th of September to support the, 'Pass Wide & Slow' campaign which aims to raise awareness and educate the public on the importance of safe and respectful driving around horses, carriages, cyclists, walkers, and motorbikers to prevent accidents and ensure mutual safety.



Toddington Police Community Engagements

Our local community officers will be at Toddington Library on the below dates at stated times, please visit us to inform us of any local concerns you may have or just to come and say hi!

- Wednesday 17th December 15:00 - 16:00
- Wednesday 21st January 15:00 - 16:00

Do you have a local event or activity you would like to write / report to readers about?

Feel free to email us at toddnews@outlook.com

TODDINGTON COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Every Saturday morning at Wilkinson Hall

We're Toddington Community Fridge, a friendly, volunteer-led project helping to stop good food from going to waste. Our doors are open to everyone. While we're not a food bank, we do aim to lend a hand to local people, particularly working families feeling the impact of the cost of living.

Every Saturday morning, we share around 150 kg of surplus food, including fruit, vegetables, bread, cakes, and a small selection of dry goods. Our food is kindly donated by local supermarkets and distribution partners, so what's available varies each week. Follow us on social media for the latest updates.

All of our food is free to take, but running the fridge costs money. Your donations help us cover essentials like insurance, fuel, hall hire, and food safety training. Every penny goes straight back into keeping the fridge running and supporting our community.



What's on offer and how does it work?

- ✓ Everyone is welcome to visit and select up to 3kg of food per household in a single bag.
- ✓ Some items are one or two per household, please note the signage.
- ✓ We'll weigh your food as you're leaving; the only data we collect is your postcode.

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As we start to approach the end of the year it's a time to look back and remember 2025.

This year we held events to mark the 80th anniversaries of VE day and VJ day, along with our coffee morning in October to mark the start of the 2025-2026 Poppy Appeal.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the people of Toddington, and the surrounding villages, the local businesses, and volunteers that help make these events a success.

Thank you to all of you who attended our Remembrance Services on Sunday 9th November and Tuesday 11th November, to remember those that have served and currently are serving in our armed forces.

It takes a great deal of effort by our Poppy Appeal Organiser, Melanie, to make sure the Poppy Appeal is a success, without your support we would not be able to help raise the funds that help so many service and ex-service personnel and their families, Thank You!

[Toddington Royal British Legion.](#)

PUZZLES

A Christmas Carol

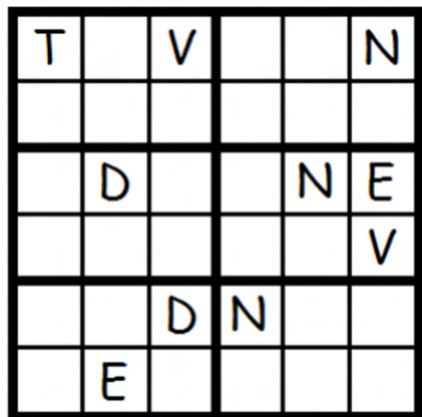
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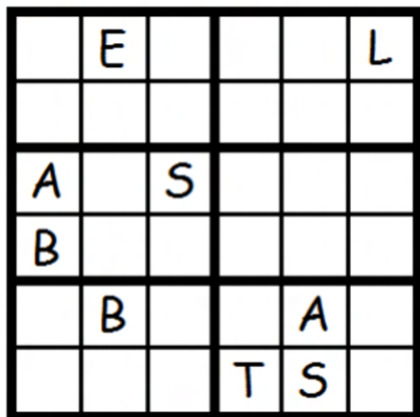
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Sudoku #1487 (Easy)

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Sudoku #1487 (Hard)

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Sudoku #1488 (Easy)

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Sudoku #1488 (Hard)

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Solution can be found here with the #ref number <https://www.puzzles.ca/sudoku/>

TODDINGTON ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB



A YEAR TO REMEMBER!

AS 2025 DRAWS TO A CLOSE, TODDINGTON ROVERS FC WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR PLAYERS, PARENTS, COACHES AND SUPPORTERS FOR ANOTHER FANTASTIC YEAR OF GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL IN THE VILLAGE.

FROM OUR YOUNGEST MINI-ROVERS TAKING THEIR FIRST KICKS, TO OUR OLDER AGE GROUPS SHOWING GREAT TEAMWORK AND SPORTSMANSHIP ACROSS LOCAL LEAGUES, IT'S BEEN A BRILLIANT YEAR OF DEVELOPMENT, FRIENDSHIP AND FUN.

WE'VE WELCOMED NEW FACES, CELEBRATED PERSONAL MILESTONES, AND SEEN PLENTY OF GOALS (AND MUDDY BOOTS!) ALONG THE WAY.

THE ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM FROM EVERYONE INVOLVED TRULY REFLECTS WHAT COMMUNITY FOOTBALL IS ALL ABOUT. A HUGE THANK YOU GOES TO OUR VOLUNTEER COACHES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO GIVE UP THEIR TIME EACH WEEK TO MAKE IT ALL POSSIBLE – YOUR DEDICATION KEEPS THE CLUB THRIVING.

AS WE HEAD INTO THE FESTIVE BREAK, WE WISH EVERYONE IN TODDINGTON A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. WE CAN'T WAIT TO GET BACK ON THE PITCH IN 2026 FOR MORE EXCITING MATCHES, NEW CHALLENGES AND CONTINUED GROWTH.



**SUNDAY MORNING FOOTBALL
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“

I LOVE PLAYING FOOTBALL, I GET TO TRAIN AND PLAY MATCHES WITH MY FRIENDS AND ALL THE COACHES ARE GREAT. I ENJOYED WATCHING THE ADULT TEAM WIN THE CUP LAST SEASON AND WANT THE LIONS TO DO THE SAME WHEN WE GROW UP'

ALEXANDER, TRFC U9 LIONS

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#GRASSROOTS



#COMMUNITYSPIRIT



“

I LOVE TRAINING AND PLAYING FOR TRFC BECAUSE EVERYONE CHEERS FOR EACH OTHER AND NOBODY GETS LEFT OUT PLUS OUR COACHES MAKE FOOTBALL FUN.

REUBEN, TRFC U8 VIPERS

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Christmas Tree Festival

Photos from last year 2024



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL at ST GEORGE OF ENGLAND CHURCH, TODDINGTON



Saturday, 13th December 2025, 11.00 am to 5.00 pm &
Sunday, 14th December 2025, 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm ending with carols among the trees
Entrance £2.50, children free

Refreshments, Stalls and Tombola in the Wilkinson Hall

Anyone can enter a tree into the festival. You just need to provide the tree and decorations and give it a name. If you would like to enter a tree, please contact Dee on 01525 872649 for more information.



Mumday Funday

Things to do in Herts, Beds, Bucks, and beyond

Happy festive season! In this issue I've shared a few seasonal events and a couple of other ideas too.

Lap of Lights

Towcester, NN12 8TN

Travel time from Toddington: 55 mins

Cost: Varies by time/date from £60 per car
Selected dates Dec-Jan. A Christmas light trail with a difference as you get to drive on the Silverstone Grand Prix circuit to see the lights from the comfort of your car. You can also stop off for festive food/drink and ice skating.



Hickory's Smokehouse

Milton Keynes, MK7 8HP

Travel time from Toddington: around 20 mins

Cost: Free parking, cost of meal varies

A family friendly American restaurant with free popcorn, a free cinema room, and a kids ice cream station. One of the deserts is a marshmallow toasting sharer and you get a free donut for celebrating a special occasion. Plus it's at Caldecotte lake which is a lovely walk with a play area, and there is the miniature train on Sundays too. Make sure to book a table in advance as it's very popular.





Castle Ashby

Northampton, NN7 1LF

Travel time from Toddington: around 40 mins

Cost: £8.38 per adult, £3.99 per child, under 5s free during winter season.

Free parking, ticket includes access to the gardens and menagerie which has meerkats, marmosets and other animals. Plus there is a play area.

The Secret Farm

Bedford, MK44 3RA

Travel time from Toddington: around 30 mins

Cost: TBC, usually around £3pp.

Selected dates in December. Christmas market, light trail, snow machine, bouncy castles, outdoor play area, indoor games and crafts, photo ops, Christmas trees, barrel tractor rides, synthetic ice skating, and various other activities.



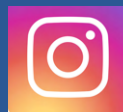
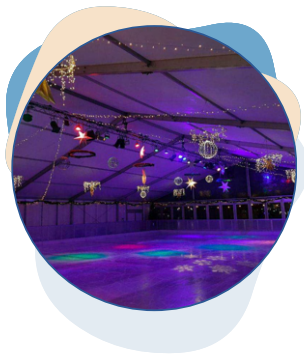
Willen On Ice

Milton Keynes, MK15 0DS

Travel time from Toddington: around 25 mins

Cost: From £9.90 kids, £12.40 adults, plus parking charges

Seasonal ice skating rink, with an apres ski bar, snowfall in each session, food stalls, and funfair. There's also a play area, mini golf, and many other activities at Willen Lake.

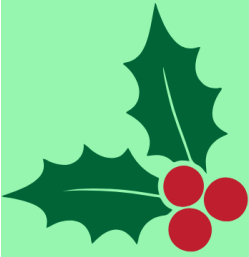


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A Gift Between the Pages

At Christmastime, there's so much joy,
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With games to play and food to share,
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You can snuggle up to read a book or two.
Lots of adventures in the pages to share,
With stories that can take you anywhere.

A new book might be what you need,
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And here's an adventure just for you...

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Inside a book, just waiting there.
So, choose a book and look inside,
Did you find the hidden surprise?

A chance to win one of my books for free,
A Christmas gift for under your tree.
But please make sure the books are read,
No shaking pages or skipping ahead!

Goodluck

*May your Christmas break be full of fun.
I can't wait to see who has won!*



**By Children's Author
Trudy Davidson**



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Weekly events and activities

Day	Event Name	Time	Location
Monday	Bible study group	2:00pm – 3:30pm	Methodist Wesley Hall
Monday	Children's Dance	3:30pm – 7:30pm	St George's School
Monday	Rockabye Baby: Baby & u5's	10:00am – 11:00am	Toddington Baptist Church
Monday	Rainbows	5:00pm – 5:45pm	Guide Building
Monday	Brownies	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Guide Building
Monday	Beavers	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Scout Hut
Monday	Carpet Bowling club	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Village Hall
Tuesday	Toddington Tots: Baby & u5's	9:30am – 11:00am	Village Hall
Tuesday	Pilates & Stretch	9:30am – 10.30am	Methodist Wesley Hall
Tuesday	Knitting group	10:30am	Wilkinson Hall
Tuesday	Cubs	6:15pm – 7:45pm	Scout Hut
Tuesday	Well-being Walks	10:15am – 11:30am	Toddington Library
Tuesday	Yoga – Marina Antoinette	7:30pm	Village Hall
Wednesday	Hurly Burly: Baby & u5's	9:00am – 11:00am	Toddington Baptist Church
Wednesday	Slimming World	7:00pm	Parkfields Middle School
Wednesday	Carpet Bowls Club	2:00pm – 5:00pm	Village Hall
Thursday	Children's Dance	3.30pm – 6.00pm	St George's School
Thursday	Pilates & Stretch	6:30pm – 7:30pm	St George's School
Thursday	Toddington Singing Café	10:30am – 11:45am	Village Hall
Friday	Pilates & Stretch	9:00am – 10:00am	Methodist Wesley Hall
Friday	Painting for pleasure	10:30am	Wilkinson Hall
Friday	Toddington Music Makers	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Methodist Wesley Hall
Friday	Scouts	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Scout Hut
Saturday	Community Fridge	9:30am – 11:00am	Wilkinson Hall

Monthly events and activities

Day	Event Name	Time	Location
1 st Sunday	Muddy Church	10:00am	Methodist Wesley Hall
2 nd Sunday	Creative Space	2:00pm - 3.30pm	Methodist Wesley Hall
3 rd Monday	U3A Open Meeting	2.00pm	Village Hall
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1 st Wednesday	Pudding Club	7:00pm	Methodist Wesley Hall
1 st Wedne	Toddington Memory Group	2:00pm – 3:30pm	Village Hall
1 st Thursday	Ploughman's Lunch	12:00pm	Wilkinson Hall
2 nd Thursday	Time with Friends	2:00pm	Wilkinson Hall
3 rd Thursday	St George's Fellowship	2:00pm	Wilkinson Hall
4 th Friday	Messy Church	3:30pm	Wilkinson Hall
1 st Saturday	Coffee Morning	10:30 – 12:00am	Methodist Wesley Hall
2 nd Saturday	Coffee Morning	10:00am	Wilkinson Hall

December & January Events

Date	Event Name	Details	Location
Sat 6 th Dec: 2:30pm	Music Society - Christmas Concert (See page 10)		St Georges Church
Sat 13 th / Sun 14 th Dec	Christmas Tree Festival - Saturday: 11:00 – 5:00pm & Sunday: 1:00 – 5:00 (See page 41)		St Georges Church
Saturday 20 th Dec:	10:30am to 12:00pm – Christmas Coffee Morning		Methodist Church
Wed 31 st Dec	2:00pm – 4:00pm Mince Pie's and Hot Drinks in the Library		Toddington Library

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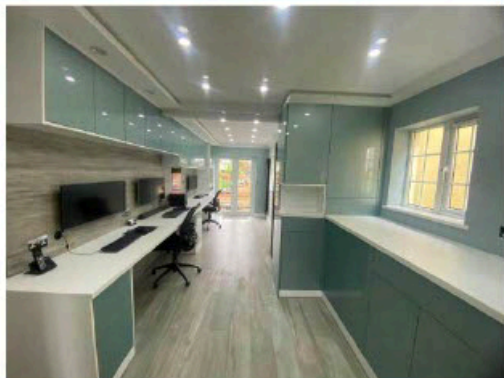
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