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WITH
ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, LEIGH WOODS

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Mondays 10-11am: Exercise Class for the older adult. www.exercisewithlailibrooks.com
Wednesdays 12.10-12.55: Exercise Class
Thursdays 10am-12.30: Art Group
 6.30-8.30pm: Yoga

Monthly events

1st Tuesday: Men's Social Group, The George 5-7pm
2nd Tuesday: WI 7.30-9.30pm, Village Hall

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From our vicar, the Reverend Rosemary Radcliffe

Remembering and giving thanks

October begins and ends in Thanksgiving. On the first Sunday in October, we hold our annual Harvest Festival, when everyone is invited to bring physical offerings of food, to be blessed and redistributed to those in greatest need.

At the end of October, the beginning of November, we will hold a service of remembrance, giving thanks for the lives of those we have loved, and who have died. Remembering and giving thanks is an important part of our well-being.

There is a spiritual practice that, at the end of the day, you recall three things that you wish to give thanks for and write them down. It helps you to focus on the positive, and can be really beneficial; it can also be quite challenging. At times, when life isn't easy and nice, finding something to give thanks for is hard. Giving thanks for positive things is easy; but it's in working out how to give thanks for the difficulties of the day that the practice becomes more powerful. Sometimes those difficulties challenge us and make us grow as a person. Other times they just plain hurt. How do we give thanks on those days when life has challenged us, and we don't feel grateful for anything?

There is a well-known psalm, number 137 (famously used by Boney M, By the Rivers of Babylon): How can we sing songs of Zion in the midst of this pain and suffering? Well, sometimes we can't. Sometimes we need to express our anger and grief. Several of the psalms show us it's OK to shout at God! To protest. God can handle it. And it might be the very thing that enables us to make a stand about an injustice. How do we move from accepting what "just is" to working for justice?

There are food bank collection points in and around our communities: in the porches at St Mary's Church and at Holy Trinity; in the entrance to The George pub. We are encouraged to leave our offerings: dried pasta, tinned soup, beans, toiletries. We do this and perhaps we walk away, thinking we're done. But we need to do more so that existing social structures are changed and food banks aren't needed any more; because proper provision is made earlier. So that, this winter, people aren't forced to make a choice between food on the table and heating the house.

Thanksgiving isn't just a Harvest Festival. We need to learn to become aware of when what we are grateful for is at the expense of someone else. Thinking globally about our consumption of material goods: the impact we have on others, the difference we can make by buying fair trade, reducing our consumption and by giving generously of ourselves. Just as Jesus did, when he died for us on the cross and in rising brought us closer to unity; to wholeness; to love.

Reverend Rosemary



Harvest Thanksgiving Service Holy Trinity Church Sunday 4th October 2026 10:30am

Donations of tinned, dried or other
non-perishable food for
Bristol North West Foodbank welcomed.

If you can't get to the shops or to church
then consider buying directly for them via
their website:

<https://www.bristolnorthwestfoodbank.org.uk/donate-food>



Most needed items: tinned fruit, meat, fish, rice, long-life milk, biscuits, instant coffee, long-life fruit juice, peanut butter/jam, crisps/nibbles, custard. If you can't get to the shops or to church then consider buying directly for them via their website:
www.bristolnorthwestfoodbank.org.uk/donate-food

Thank you, Rev Rosemary



Michael Lunts

Tongue In Cheek

Michael Lunts, who was so brilliant last year with his evening of Flanders and Swann, is returning by public demand for a concert on November 20 at St Mary's Church, Leigh Woods. Called 'Tongue in Cheek', it features the works of Tom Lehrer and Gilbert & Sullivan. Make a note in your diaries: November 20, 7pm for 7.30pm, £15 entry, including a glass of wine and canapes. E mail michaelbothamley@hotmail.com to book seats Payment by Bacs to UPALANLW 30-90-90 47859168 Ref Nov 20

St Mary's Church Gardening

Come and help to keep the churchyard looking good for all to enjoy. On Saturday, October 17, 10am-noon, join us to rake up autumn leaves. Please bring gloves and a leaf rake if you have one. All welcome.



Sanctum – Spiritual Direction Formation & Training

The closing date for applications for Sanctum, the Diocese of Bristol's new formation and training course in spiritual direction, is **Friday, October 2**. For further details see page 5 of the September Link or contact mmsupport@bristoldiocese.org

CHURCH CONTACTS

PARISH ADMIN: Contact Abi Kirby for enquiries about weddings, funerals or baptisms. Email: alandlwchurches@gmail.com Tel: 07587 649391 For inquiries about Holy Trinity or St Mary's please contact Michael Bothamley (Churchwarden) Email: michaelbothamley@hotmail.com Tel: 07747101752

If you have information about those who are ill, at home or in hospital, who would like to be visited, please contact our Pastoral Team co-ordinator Alan Shellard, tel: 0117 974 1494 alanshellard@gmail.com

Websites: Leigh Woods leighwoods.org - St Mary's, BS8 3PG
Abbots Leigh www.abbotsleighparish.gov.uk - Holy Trinity, BS8 3QU
United Parish website: www.theparishchurch.com

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL WEBSITE: www.theparishchurch.com
Keep up-to-date on the events and highlights of our united parish.

Abbots Leigh churchwardens

Deputies:

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NEWS FROM ABBOTS LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Highways update

Speeding on Manor Lane: Because of safety concerns about the speed of traffic using Manor Lane as a short cut, the overriding majority of the residents of Manor Lane are in favour of applying for a road closure of the bottom end of the lane to motorised traffic, with the result that the bottom very narrow section would only be accessible to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

The Parish Council will consider making this request for a Traffic Regulation Order to North Somerset Council.

Village Hall charges

The cost of hiring the Village Hall has remained the same for several years. The solar panels have reduced the running costs of the hall.

However during winter, with fewer hours of sunshine, the cost of heating the hall is £4 per hour.

The Parish Council is considering increasing the hire cost for the main hall by £2 per hour between October and March to help offset those costs.



Community Payback Team

The Payback team has cleared the cyclepath alongside the A369 beyond the old cattery as far as the crossing beyond Blackmoor Road. More clearance is planned alongside Clifton College Sportsground and between Beggarbush Lane and Ashton Court Entrance.

Parish Council: Planning applications

Application	Site	Proposal	PC Comment	NSC Outcome
26/P/1587/ FUL	Hollyoaks Pill Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3RG	Proposed demolition of existing detached bungalow and garage and construction of replacement four-bedroom dwelling and detached garage together with associated landscaping, access and external works.	Not considered at time of going to print	Registered
26/P/1313/ LDE	Whiteoaks Manor Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3RT	Certificate of lawfulness for the use of land which historically formed part of the residential curtilage of Tree Tops, first as a garden and later as hardstanding/parking incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house.	Object: The land in question was never curtilage and the parking was never used for the enjoyment used as hardstanding/parking incidental to the enjoyment of the Treetops dwelling house.	Refuse
26/P/0409/ FUL	Mere Green Glen Avenue Abbots Leigh BS8 3SD	Proposed replacement dwelling and associated landscaping.	No objections, this is a replacement of a previously approved extension to an existing property with similar proportions 23/P/2527/FUH	Registered Additional Ecological information provided
25/P/2595/ FUL	Bristol and Clifton Golf Club Land west of Weir Lane Failand	Proposed academy golf facility and creation of irrigation ponds	Object. The importation of 326,135 tonnes of fill resulting in an average of one 8 wheeler lorry movement every six minutes on Weir lane	Registered Further information requested

Abbots Pool aeration

Initial survey work has been carried out using a rowing boat to get to the island and initial partial clearance carried out in preparation for the solar panels and air pump. The Parish Council has been working with North Somerset Council, the Wildlife Group and the Abbots Pool volunteers to find a more sustainable solution to aerating Abbots Pool, rather than relying on the intermittent use of a petrol-driven pump.

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Digital support for Heywood Surgery patients

If you are over 50 years of age and need help in setting up the NHS app and/or getting prescriptions delivered, Community Connect is offering one-to-one support. Book your personal 30-minute session by calling the Heywood Surgery on 01275 372105. Sessions are held on the first Thursday morning of the month and bookings are now being taken for Thursday, November 6.

Parish Council meetings

Residents are very welcome to attend Parish Council meetings, usually held on the second Monday of each month. If you would like to discuss a parish matter at the beginning of the meeting, contact Nic Rice, Clerk to the Parish Council, in advance.

Our next meeting is on **Monday, October 12 at 7pm** in the John Butler Room in the village hall. The agenda and minutes are available on the village website.

Meet the Parish Councillors

Surgeries are held on the second Saturday of the month, 9.30am-10.30am in the Bike Shed Café, when at least two parish councillors are available to chat with residents about village matters.

The next surgery is scheduled for Saturday, October 10. Dates of surgeries are also on the website www.abbotsleighparish.gov.uk/

Parish Councillors

Simon Talbot-Ponsonby (Chair) Planning, Village Hall, Old School Field, Skittle Alley

Kamala Das (Vice-chair) Highways, Cycle Network, Verges

Ros Delany Community Groups, Civic Society Liaison, Link Contributions, Village Green, Abbots Leigh Charities

Jenna Ho Marris (also North Somerset Councillor) Liaison with District Council, Recycling and Rubbish (including litter pick), Community Innovation

Martin Walker Finance, Abbots Pool, Public Footpaths, Website

Nic Rice Clerk to the Council who works out of the Resource Centre in Pill. Secretariat, Insurance, Police Coordination, Village Orderly

If you have a concern or query, contact the relevant councillor via email.

The Parish website is now abbotsleighparish.gov.uk and parish email addresses are now:

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ros@abbotsleighparish.gov.uk

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villagehall@abbotsleighparish.gov.uk

Contact the Parish Clerk on parishclerk@abbotsleighparish.gov.uk or phone 01275 374442



Message from Pill Ward Councillor Jenna Ho Marris

New red recycling bags on the way

Thank you for bearing with the current batch of red recycling bags - ours at least has entirely disintegrated. After investigating, NSC was able to confidently claim that the supplier delivered a defective batch different from the sample batch (which Leigh Woods were lucky to test and keep).

After negotiations, the supplier finally agreed to replace all the bags at their own cost. Red bag replacement has already started across the district which should be complete by spring 2027 at latest. In the meantime, if your red bag is beyond repair, please just use any other bag or box; don't worry, the crew will collect as usual.

Why do my bins get missed? Thank you for letting me know about the repeat missed collections around Fishponds Lane and Sandy Lane, which must be incredibly frustrating - not to mention unpleasant over this very hot summer. We have some excellent officers whose job is to investigate and resolve these issues. The crews have a handheld device to input which houses have been done, which were missed and why, and which bins were not left out. The vehicles also have trackers to show where they have actually visited. In both cases, the collection data did not match up with the tracker (meaning the vehicle never made it to those addresses). The crews have been warned!

Underlying this is the staffing situation at North Somerset Environment Company (NSEC), which is NSC's arms-length company set up in 2020 to take on the waste and recycling collection work. I was surprised to learn from officers that NSEC staff turnover can be something like one or two months for recycling crews, although drivers stay longer. This means new crews, who are usually based in Weston around the waste depot, have to learn unfamiliar streets afresh all the time. I wonder what they think when they get to our lovely part of the district, with unmarked lanes hidden by hedges, and only house names not numbers... Abbots Leigh is one of the furthest places from the waste depot in Weston. If the vehicles fill up, the crew have to make a second trip. Somehow I don't think we are the favourite route.

None of this is an excuse, of course, but hopefully this explains why. Missed bins, once reported, are meant to be collected within 48 hours. If not, please let me know, I would be delighted to chase up.

Get in touch If you need to contact me please email jenna.homarris@n-somerset.gov.uk or jenna@abbotsleighparish.gov.uk or call 07385 010 137 (leave a message). Abbots Leigh Parish Councillor surgery is every 2nd Saturday of the month, 9:30-10ish at the Bike Shed or find me afterwards at Pill Repair Cafe, 10:30-12:30.

Village Agent For Abbots Leigh & Leigh Woods

Janet Tyler is the new Village Agent for Abbots Leigh and Leigh Woods.

Janet's role is to connect people living in rural areas with advice and support services that help them maintain independent living. She provides a friendly, free and confidential service for anyone aged 50 and over.

She can help on issues such as: living at home; care and support services; details of local social groups and activities. Call 07985 017655 or email janet@wern.org.uk.

ABBOTS POOL CELEBRATION

On Saturday, October 3, an exhibition will be held in the Village Hall 10am-4pm. There will be displays showing Abbots Pool developing over the past 20 years. In 2006 the pool gained a Heritage Lottery Grant for £28,500, the following year it was awarded its first Green Flag and then for every year since. The volunteers and Wildlife Group have improved the pool area during these two decades.



Working Party

The Abbots Pool Working Party holds volunteer sessions on the second Sunday of each month from 10am to noon, meeting at the Abbots Pool car park.

If you would like to join the working party, please pop along or send a message on 07989 514048 to be added to the WhatsApp group.

ABBOTS LEIGH CIVIC SOCIETY

Village Bonfire & Fireworks Night Thursday, November 5

- Gates open: 6pm ● Bonfire lighting: 6:15pm ● Fireworks: 6:45pm



This is a fantastic village event and one of the highlights of the year. Be prepared for the award-winning Abbots Leigh mulled cider, phenomenal fireworks, delicious hotdogs, popcorn and sweets and a well-stocked bar.

Remember remember: it's CASH only on the day

What do we need: **your help!**

- Before the event: collecting tables from village hall, setting up gazebos, setting up the bar and barbecues between 3-5pm if you're free.
- During the event: bar work, handing out hotdogs, marshalling
- After the event: clear-up, recycling distribution, return tables to village hall
- The next day: If you have some spare time on the Friday morning please join a team of litter pickers in the village field, who will be rewarded with a drink and pastry at the Bike Shed for their efforts.

Please get in touch by email: abbotsleighcivicsociety@gmail.com

Please also make a note of the date in your diary if you need to make any special provisions for pets, livestock or family in anticipation of this event.

*Henry, Eleni, Neil, Rosie, Jon, Adri and Rachael
(Abbots Leigh Civic Society Committee)*



Abbots Leigh Wildlife Group

The Wildlife Group will host a talk at Abbots Leigh Village Hall on Wednesday, October 7, at 7.30pm, titled 'Orchids - sex & lies', given by Steve Nicholls. Charge £8.

News from Leigh Woods Residents Group



Leigh Woods Safari Supper

Five years on, regular Safariers are meeting new neighbours and more neighbours are joining. We had great fun, good food and dry weather - if you want to do it all again next year please let Lynne know asap to book your slot as there are limited places and she needs to know if you are all still keen and, indeed, if there are any new neighbours who want to join.

Next year's event will be on Thursday, August 19, so save the date! To get in touch email lynne.bothamley@btinternet.com

LWRG Christmas Party

The LWRG Christmas Party is on Saturday, December 5, 4.30-7pm. Santa will be visiting with gifts for children under 11. Wine, beer, soft drinks and finger food will be provided. Save the date!

Full information will come through all doors during October when tickets will become available. It will also be on our database and the Facebook page.

Neighbourhood Watch & Speedwatch

Anyone wishing to receive e-mails from the police about current scam warnings and local crime please email Anne Lowson, who is the neighbourhood coordinator for Leigh Woods, on: ann@lowson.net

The Speedwatch team has been operating in Bridge Road.

Parish council

Items completed:

- Sign at entrance to St Mary's Road installed
- New village sign installed

In progress with North Somerset Council:

- Bus improvement plans
- Install a vehicle-activated sign on Rownham Hill
- The feasibility of installing cameras at the entrance to North Road from Abbots Leigh Road.
- Paint white line at the junction of St Mary's Road and Church Road
- Resurface Bannerleigh Road

Leigh Woods Parish Councillors:

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Jenny Stoodley cllr.jstoodley@longashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Emma Burgh cllr.eburgh@longashtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Get in touch: For general information email: leighwoodsrg@gmail.com
Facebook: 'Leigh Woods Residents Group' Website: www.leighwoods.org

Nature Notes

Rare treasures of the Living Limestone

Leigh Woods is formed from the same limestone plateau as Clifton Down on the Bristol side, cut through by the Avon Gorge and the river running through it. The disused quarries and natural slopes on both sides hold important populations of many rare and scarce species. The Avon Gorge & Downs Wildlife project, along with its partner organisations Bristol City Council, the National Trust and University of Bristol Botanic Garden, has recently won a bid for funding through Natural England's Species Recovery Programme to help protect these species and their habitats. The aim of this Living Limestone project is 'to halt and reverse the decline of England's most threatened native species'. Surveying has already begun and habitat works contractors are being commissioned.

Most of the rare species are found on the steep carboniferous limestone slopes going down to the river. These include the nationally rare Bristol rockcress (*Arabis scabra*) which only grows wild in the UK in the Avon Gorge; the now threatened Basil thyme (*Clinopodium acinos*), and the scarce Fly orchid (*Ophrys insectifera*) known for its dark, fly-like flowers and its unique pollination strategy that mimics female insect pheromones to attract male digger wasps.



Leigh Woods also hosts many rare whitebeam trees, and this project will focus on the conservation of White's whitebeam (*Sorbus whiteana*) – it is believed there are only 76 in the world and 33 of them are found in the gorge! The project will also seek to enhance the habitat for the nationally rare Silky wave moth (*Idaea dilutaria*), which is only found in the Avon Gorge and two sites in Wales.

The aim of the Living Limestones project is to improve the conditions for these, through targeted scrub clearance, including non-native invasive species such as cotoneaster and the Holm oak, which shade out the less vigorous limestone plants and the habitat of the silky wave moth. The conservation work undertaken will benefit many other species as well, along with the surveys which help to monitor species' populations over time.

Although the steep slopes and quarries are largely inaccessible to walkers, you can look out for the whitebeams as you walk through the woods, particularly in the wood pasture and on the paths by the edge of the gorge. Their leaves vary between species but are oval and irregularly toothed, the underneath covered in white, felt-like hair, which fade to a rich russet colour in autumn, along with clusters of scarlet berries which the birds adore.

Beatrice Comins, Biodiversity Engagement Officer Bristol Zoological Society

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Leigh Woods National Trust News

Mid-September and the NT is focused on grassland management, before making a start on serious woodland work. Recent rain has reinvigorated the grass on the meadow at Leigh Woods and elsewhere. This is good news for the cattle but less so for those managing grassland.

The NT has lots of grassland duties across the six sites run from Leigh Woods. We have now cut the verges on North Road and taken care to avoid, where possible, the wild cyclamen that flowered following the rain.

This year's ash dieback surveys found lots of hazardous trees across the site. Some will be tackled by contractors due to the need for climbing and roadside works, as well as plenty of chainsaw work for in-house NT staff helped by volunteers.

Potential exciting news on archaeology: a visitor correctly handed in what appears to be half a ceremonial polished stone axe head, found under a fallen tree root. The conjecture is that such axe heads were deliberately broken in two as part of a ritual and then buried. As far as I know, no expert has verified that the item is genuine. To my untrained eye the polished finish looked a bit too perfect for something from over two millennia ago. Hope I'm wrong and that 'Digging For Britain' has missed a trick!

Haydn Davies, NT Volunteer



Made In Dagenham

When: Wednesday, October 28

Where: St Mary's Church, Leigh Woods

Time: Doors open at 6.45pm. Film starts at 7.30pm. A complimentary glass of wine or soft drink included in your ticket price.

Tickets: New season tickets for 2026-2027 available for £40 or £6 cash each showing, payable on the door. Please have correct change if possible.

A dramatisation of the 1968 strike at the Ford Dagenham car plant, where female workers walked out in protest against sexual discrimination. Many of us will remember the fight for equality in the workplace in the late 60s. An inspiring comedy/drama and a standout performance by Miranda Richardson as Barbara Castle.

Nominated for four BAFTAs

Stars: Sally Hawkins, Bob Hoskins, Geraldine James, Rosamond Pike.

Director: Nigel Cole BBFC rating 15 UK2010 113 mins

All films shown with sub-titles. For information contact angelaprobryn@gmail.com.

You are welcome to invite friends and neighbours.



News from The George

Hi everyone: We had a great summer here at The George Inn! Having enjoyed multiple events, including the garden party and backyard BBQ at which, despite the rain, we had live music in the pub garden and a smashing turnout.

It has been a pleasure to host celebrations with our friends in the village including a number of birthdays, pub quizzes and live music events. As well as this, our relatively new chef, Michael, has been working on exciting new additions to the menu and is already making a start on our Christmas specials. We are taking bookings now!

This summer has also seen the start of our monthly steak & lobster night, which has proven really popular, along with our other themed nights. So make sure to book in and come along for one of these evenings if they spark your interest!

With love, the Team at The George
The George Inn, Manor Road, 01275 376 985



ABBOTS LEIGH WI

At the meeting on Tuesday, October 13, our guest speaker will be Roger Mellors, who will give us a virtual tour of the Botanic Gardens.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm in Abbots Leigh Village Hall. Visitors are always very welcome.

Louise Wall louiseaw@aol.com



TEA TIME SPECIAL

Monday, October 19: Our speaker will be Henry Shellard, who will tell us about his work with the King's Trust and the wonderful that work they do. £2.50 to include tea and cakes. All welcome. Please do come along.

Are you free on a Monday afternoon? Come for a chat, a cup of tea and delicious cake. We meet in the vestry at St Mary's Church, Leigh Woods, at 2.30pm on the third Monday of each month.

alanshellard@gmail.com



WEST OF ENGLAND HERB GROUP

Tuesday, October 20, 7.30pm at Abbots Leigh Village Hall: 'Herbal Reality' - a tool to learn about herbs, with herbalist Sebastian Pole. All welcome. Visitors £7 per meeting.

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Church services

	CHURCH	SERVICE	READERS	READINGS
4 Oct	Trinity 18	Green		
9.00am	Holy Trinity	BCP Communion	TBA	TBA
10.30am	Holy Trinity	Harvest Thanksgiving Service	Wraith family	Luke 12: 16-30
11 Oct	Trinity 19	Green		
10.30am	St Mary's	Parish Communion	David Linstead	Phil. 4: 1-9
			John Viney	Matt. 22: 1-14
18 Oct	Trinity 20	Green		
10.30am	Holy Trinity	Family Communion	Talbot family	Matt. 22: 15-22
25 Oct	Trinity Last Sunday	Green		
10.30am	St Mary's	Parish Communion	Gill Millar	Col. 3: 12-17
			Alan Shellard	Matt. 24: 30-35
6.30pm	St Mary's	Taizé	TBA	TBA
1 Nov	All Saints	White		
10.30am	Holy Trinity	Parish Communion	Heather Wraith	1 John 3: 1-3
			David Wraith	Matt. 5: 1-12
6.00pm	Holy Trinity	All Souls Service*	Pastoral Team	TBA

*Service preceded by refreshments at 5.15pm, all welcome.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Coming visits by the Mobile Library:

Oct 8 & 22 (Thursdays): Leigh Woods, Church Road, 1.30-2pm;
Abbots Leigh, Church Road, 2.10-3.10pm.

November 5 & 19, December 3 & 17

Please note stops and timings may be subject to change.

For more information call 01275 888 864 or email mobile.library@n-somerset.gov.uk.

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ANTIQUÉ, VINTAGE & COLLECTABLES FAIR,

Sunday 4th October – 10am-3.30pm. Ashton Court Mansion House, BS41 9JN.

Fine jewellery, gold and silver, china, militaria, books, prints, paintings, vinyl, vintage clothing and accessories, furniture, watches, toys and lots more. Over 40 stalls all inside mansion house, Café serving teas, coffees, cakes. **£2.50 entry, under-16s free**



PIANO TUITION John Talbot, experienced professional teacher, organist & choirmaster of the United Parish, currently has vacancies for pupils of all ages and levels at his Westbury Park practice. Tel. 0117 942 8344

City of Bristol Choir - A Sparkling New Season

Choral Fireworks - Saturday 7 November 7.30pm at St George's - With Brandon Hill Chamber Orchestra and stunning soloists, experience Vivaldi's Dixit Dominus RV 807 (Bristol Premiere), Handel's Te Deum for the Peace of Utrecht and Music for the Royal Fireworks, and Vasks' The Fruit of Silence: joyful, triumphant and moving pieces to celebrate peace.

Christmas Spectacular - Thursday 17 December 7.30pm at St George's

Festive Fiesta - Saturday 19 December 7.30pm at St George's

Exquisite Christmas music with Bristol Ensemble, readings, audience carols and much merrymaking. Tickets from www.cityofbristolchoir.org.uk E: tickets@cityofbristolchoir.org.uk or St George's with a charge www.stgeorgesbristol.co.uk or T: 0117 9294929