



THE COLDRIDGE CALENDAR

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AND OUR **"WHAT'S ON IN COLDRIDGE,
DEVON (WOICD)"** FACEBOOK PAGE AT:
www.facebook.com/groups/coldridge

VILLAGE HALL 'REGULARS':

TAI CHI: CLASSES RUN FROM
4.00pm, EVERY MONDAY

PILATES & CHAIR PILATES: EVERY
TUESDAY, FROM 5.30PM

Monday, 1st

2.30pm: CHURCH: CHURCH CAFÉ

Wednesday, 3rd

SUNSHINE SINGING ON TOUR: Performing at
NT Killerton

Thursday, 4th:

7.30pm: HALL: ADULT TABLE TENNIS

Friday, 5th

7.00 for 7.30pm: HALL SOCIAL/FILM NIGHT:
Film: *Where the façade of a picture-perfect
couple dissolves when the husband's
professional dreams come crashing down.* (Cert
15/2025)

Saturday, 6th:

7 for 7.30pm: HALL: COLDRIDGE QUIZ NIGHT

Sunday, 7th:

4.00pm: CHURCH: BCP ADVENT EVENSONG

Wednesday, 10th

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: MEMBERS ONLY.....
FESTIVE FOOD, with Sue Hosegood

Thursday, 11th:

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: **NB: SOLD OUT!**

Friday, 12th

6.30pm: GREEN: CAROLS ROUND THE TREE
7:00pm: HALL THE COLDRIDGE ARMS

Sunday, 14th

10.30am: CHURCH: MORNING PRAYER

Monday, 15th

COLDRIDGE QUILTERS: Members Only Day Out

Sunday, 21st

5.00pm: CHURCH: FAMILY NATIVITY

Wednesday, 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

9.00pm: CHURCH: MIDNIGHT MASS

Thursday, 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

11am-1.00pm: HALL: CHRISTMAS LUNCHTIME
DRINKS

Thank you all for your Notices, News and
Events for this issue and during 2025.

***Please Note*:** The copy deadline for our
JANUARY issue is ***WEDNESDAY, 10th
DECEMBER***. This is a bit early, but I will
not be available to edit it over Christmas.
Please may I have all your items, in WORD
or JPEG format, no later than then.
Many thanks; John W Smith (Editor)
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NEWS FROM ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH:

WORSHIP, SERVICES & EVENTS:

We are looking forward to another celebration
of Advent and Christmas this month. We want to
make you all welcome in the Church, whether for
the Café (see below) and for our four different
services.

We start with a very ancient traditional service
of EVENSONG at 4.00pm on Sunday, 7th which is
according to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
It includes Hymns, Prayers and Readings
appropriate to the season of Advent. Led by Rev.
Peter Rapsey.

Our lay-led Morning Prayer Service is on Sunday
14th at 10.30am.

A very special FAMILY NATIVITY celebration is on
Sunday 21st at 5.00pm, where we enjoy the
involvement of children and their families in our
Christmas worship. Everyone is especially
welcome at this event.

Finally, there will be our 'Midnight Mass' Holy
Communion Service at 9.00pm on Christmas
Eve. Again, kindly led by Peter Rapsey.

We usually manage to offer REFRESHMENTS
after our services, to which everyone is always
very welcome to stay.

CHURCH CAFÉ:

The Cafe, this month, is on Monday 1st
December starting at 2.30pm. Everyone is very
welcome to join us in the Church for Tea/Coffee,
Cakes and Biscuits and, as usual, some very
cheerful conversation.

John Smith & Andrew Green (Churchwardens)

CAROLS ROUND THE TREE:

In what is rapidly becoming a Coldridge
tradition, we will be gathering, once again, to
sing Carols around the Christmas Tree on the
village green.

We start promptly at 6.30pm and Carol Sheets
will be provided. Wrap up warmly and bring a
torch or a lantern.

We finish at 7.00pm and adjourn to The
Coldridge Arms for hot chocolate and treats. The
Bar will, of course, be open!

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To book a trip or to join the team (we
urgently need to recruit new volunteer
drivers) please contact:

John Smith on 01363 83436 or
email: biggles1047@gmail.com

*Thank you to all our wonderful team
of drivers for helping to provide this
essential and much-appreciated
parish service. Happy Christmas! JS*

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2025:

 Thank You to everyone in the parishes of Coldridge and Nymet Rowland who contributed so generously to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

£584.82 was collected and has been sent to the Royal British Legion for the continuance of their valuable support to the serving and retired members of our Armed Forces and their families.

Marion Born

 And 'Thank You' from the wider RBL Collection Area, including Lapford:

"The final total collected for Lapford, Nymet Rowland and Coldridge amounted to an amazing **£2067.79**. Thank you all for your continued support.

Caroline Noon

LIGHTS ON @ ST. MATTHEW'S:

Here's your chance to contribute to one of the most beautiful and meaningful sights Coldridge has to offer. **Lights On@St Matthew's** is a new initiative from the PCC whereby you can sponsor the illumination of the church tower.

Whether you want to remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, buy a gift for the person who has everything, or you just love seeing the tower on your way home; whatever the reason, for as little as £10 per week you can sponsor the illumination of St. Matthew's Church tower to be enjoyed by the whole community over those long winter nights.

If you would like to sponsor the church tower illumination or want more information, please email lightson@stmatthewscoldridge.church.

Sponsorship is **£10 per week** and covers electricity and maintenance. Any surplus will be added to St. Matthew's Church Fabric Fund; any shortfall will be made up by St. Matthew's.



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@STMATTHEW'S

*****SAVE THE DATE: Friday 20th February 2026 as "Side by Side" are coming to Coldridge Village Hall!**

If you loved **Opera Lele** back in June 2025 then save the date for the welcome return of the duo of George and Mandi as they re-group and perform as **'Side by Side'** for our village

community, entertaining us with a collection of jazz classics and re-imagined pop-hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s. Something for everyone as they say!

Watch out in the coming days/weeks for further information about our plans for the night, details of event pricing and how to go about securing your tickets. Meantime, make sure you mark it in your 2026 Social Calendar!! Thanks.

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COLDRIDGE GARDENING CLUB:

November's meeting was almost a full turnout and we were treated to the knowledge and experience of plantsman, Alan French. He came with plenty of beautiful, top quality plants to sell, as well as inspiration and advice. Many members went home with another addition to their plot! His talks are always very popular and we are lucky to have him as a regular visitor.

December is the club's Christmas Lunch and we will celebrate together at the London Inn at Mordard Bishop in the first week of the month. This event is one of the only ones that is member's only and is always eagerly anticipated. We look forward to a delicious (and plentiful!) plate of festive fare and may well raise a glass to the holiday to come.

If you are not (yet!) a member of the Coldridge Gardening Club, and would like to see what it's all about, please drop us a line on coldridgegardeningclub@ecomail.uk for more details.

Tracy

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:

The Village Hall became a second home to Coldridge WI in November as we hosted our 'Breakfast is Served...' event on 8th November and our regular monthly meeting on the 12th.

The breakfast was a very busy and successful event for us and thank you to the army of helpers who served, cooked, washed up, made cakes and donated raffle prizes, as well as the customers who came and underpinned our efforts. It means the world when everyone comes out to enjoy an event as it means community groups are able to carry on providing friendship, interest and entertainment to parishioners, especially in rural areas.

After a couple of sleeps we were all back at the Hall to enjoy an evening of festive paper-crafting hosted by WI member, Andrea. Some were



wondering how you start with a magazine and end up with a Christmas tree, but all was revealed under Andrea's expert guidance.

Much folding and inky fingers later, we had some very pretty and festive creations. Thank you Andrea for bringing supplies and plenty of patience.

We get a change of scenery for our next meeting in December as we're all off for a cookery demonstration and sampling of Christmas canapes and treats. This is a Members Only event, but to be honest, there are no spaces left for this much anticipated event.

So, if you're visiting a friend or neighbour's

house this holiday season, do comment on the creative decorations and next-level party nibbles! It's been a productive few weeks.

New members are always welcome or to come as a guest (£3). Meetings are held (with the odd exception) on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Subjects range from charities and local interest groups, cookery demonstrations and craft workshops to the arts and wellbeing. Look out for more information on the village socials. Hope to see you soon.

Lyn Green (WI Secretary)

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 **Christmas Session** 

Thurs 4th December
 7.30 – 10pm
 Coldridge Village Hall

FREE – ALL ARE WELCOME

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year.
 Sessions will return on **Thursday 15th January**

Coldridge Village Hall

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

COME ALONG AND JOIN US TO SING SOME CHRISTMAS FAVOURITES

Friday, 12th at 6.30pm
 Wrap up well and bring a Torch or a Lantern

Followed by **HOT CHOCOLATE & TREATS** in
The Coldridge Arms
 Bar Open!

COLDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL GROUP PRESENTS

SOCIAL NIGHT

  **FREE ENTRY**

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER **DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR A 7.30PM START**

COLDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

THIS MONTH'S MAIN FEATURE...

A tinderbox of resentment and competition behind the façade of a picture-perfect couple is ignited when the husband's professional dreams come crashing down.

"Th_ R_s_s" (3,5)

Starring: Olivia Colman Benedict Cumberbatch Kate McKinnon

Cert. 15 Comedy/Drama Release 2025

LICENCED BAR, SNACKS AND ICE CREAMS AVAILABLE

Coldridge Village Hall Social Group

The Coldridge Arms

Christmas Day Special

11 am – 1 pm
Thurs 25th Dec

Coldridge Village Hall EX17 6AX

All are welcome

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The Coldridge Arms

Friday 12th December

7 pm – 11 pm

Coldridge Village Hall EX17 6AX

Bar Refreshments & Snacks Available

Pop-in anytime on the night for a drink and a friendly chat

Coldridge Village Hall

Coldridge Village Hall Social Group presents

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 6th December
 Coldridge Village Hall
 7pm for 7.30pm start

- > Teams of up to 4 people *
- > £7.50 per head, includes Quiz Entry and a Hot Pasty Supper
- > Licenced Bar available - cash & card accepted
- > Prize Raffle

Don't Delay - Register your team today!

To register contact Suzanne Taylor (07488 703847) with details of your team's name & numbers

* If you would like to take part but can't make up a team don't worry - we can help out on the night

Join us for a

FAMILY NATIVITY Celebration

Come and join the community of St. Matthew's for a celebration of the Christmas story brought to life through music, storytelling and a beautiful reenactment of the Holy Night performed by our wonderful children.

21 DEC | 5.00 PM
 St. Matthew's Church, Coldridge



Warming festive drinks and treats will be served after the event.
 All are welcome to join us as this most special time of the year.