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Mon 1 Dec 11am

Pendean Visit

Pendean House

Mon 1 Dec. 6.30 p.m.

Cocking Parish Council

Cocking Village Hall

Weds 3, 10, 17 Dec. & p.m.

Cocking Christmas Talks

St Catherine's

Tues 9 Dec 11am

Nicene Creed: Resurrection

Cocking Rectory

Tues 9 Dec 7.30pm

200 Club Draw

Blue Bell

Thurs 11 Dec 10.30am

Coffee Morning

Blue Bell

Sat 13 Dec 5pm

Carol Singing

Begins at the church

Weds 17 Dec

Community Christmas Lunch

Blue Bell

Sat 20 Dec 7pm.

Christmas Party

Blue Bell

Bar & Shop

Mon
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Tues
4pm-10pm

Weds-Sat
12pm-10pm

Sun
12pm-5pm

Kitchen

Mon
CLOSED

Tues
5.30pm-8pm

Weds-Sat
Lunch: 12pm-2.30pm
Dinner: 5.30pm-8.30pm

Sun
12pm-4pm

Christmas
in Cocking with West Lavington

30 Nov, 3pm

*Advent Carol Service

13 Dec, 5pm

Carolling in Cocking

24th Dec, 4pm

Crib Service

24th Dec, 9pm

Midnight Mass

Did you know you can now book online?

<https://thebluebellatcocking.co.uk/>

St Catherine of Siena

Sun 9.30 am Sung Mass

Wed, Fri 9.30 am Morning Prayer

Thur Fr Jonathan's day off

Last Weds of Month 9.30am

Requiem Mass

UPDATES

Post Box is Re-open! The post box is available again following the intervention of Andrew Griffith MP. It now accepts small parcels and tracked items (using the Royal Mail app), as well as standard letters.



THE LAUNDRY ROOM

Proposed Water Mains. Southern Water have submitted proposals to renew the water mains running through Cocking, up Bell Lane and on through Bepton to Didling. This will inevitably cause an amount of disruption to the village. Full details of the proposal—and opportunity to comment— can be found on <https://planningpublicaccess.southdowns.gov.uk/online-applications/> by searching on the reference SDNP/25/04457/SCREEN.

200 Club. The winning number drawn for the November 200 Club draw was 27 which belongs to Beverley Waite. Congratulations to Bev who is now £200 richer! The Cocking 200 club for 2026 is now open to join. For the whole of next year there will be three winning numbers drawn each month!
1st prize - 25% of the pot (up to £500)
2nd prize - 15% of the pot (up to £300)
3rd prize - 10% of the pot (up to £200)





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Cancer Fundraising. Susie Burgess would like to say a massive thank you to Emma at *Emma O'Malley's Hair and Beauty* in Midhurst for cutting off her hair for Cancer Research UK. Thanks also to everyone who has sponsored and supported her in anyway. The giving page will remain open until the end of December, so far the online have

raised £1695.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/susies-giving-page-329>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pendean Nursing Home. The next service is at 11am, **Mon 1 Dec**. Do join us there, or let Fr Jonathan know if anyone would like a visit.

Parish Council Meeting. The next meeting is 6.30pm on **Mon 1 Dec**, at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Parish Council would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Christmas Cocking Talks is back with another trio of Christmas-themed talks at St Catherine's, served with mulled wine and mince pies. See poster for details.
7pm, **Weds Dec 3, 10, 17**. Free entry—donations kindly received.

Cocking Christmas Talks

Wednesdays, 7pm
St Catherine of Siena Church
Mill Ln, Cocking, GU29 0HJ

Dec 3
Nico Dekker
A life and career in railways

Dec 10
Darron Carver
4 Miracles, 4 Saints, 2 Cathedrals, 1 Church, and a Poem

Dec 17
Jonathan Lewis-Jong
Nativity Scenes: A History

Entry by Donation
Hot Chocolate, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies Available

Nicene Creed Discussion Group. The discussion group on the Nicene Creed continues 11am, **Tue 9 Dec** at Cocking Rectory. This session will be on **What It Means to Believe**. No prior knowledge is assumed. Sign up: <https://underthedowns.co.uk/creed/>

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Village Coffee Morning. The village coffee morning will be held on **Thurs 11 December** at 10:30am. Come along for coffee and mince pies! Please note this is earlier in the month due to the Christmas festivities. There is no need to book—just come along, and feel free to bring a friend. **If you have any donations for the Food Bank, please bring these along too, which we will deposit in the collection area at the church.**

Carolling in Cocking. Sat 13 Dec, beginning 5pm at the church, followed by stops in Church Lane and the Croft/Cherry Close, ending up at the Blue Bell (see poster). The Friends of the Blue Bell will be offering mulled wine and mince pies outside the pub. Please come along and join in!



COCKING CAROLS

Advent Carol Service	Village Carolling
30 th Nov, 3pm	13 th Dec
St Catherine of Siena Church	5pm Church & Church Lane
Mince pies & mulled wine after	then The Croft & Cherry Close
	615pm Blue Bell

Cocking Community Luncheon. On **Weds 17 Dec**, the Community Christmas Lunch will take place in the Blue Bell (by personal

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invitation). If you know someone who is on their own and would like to attend, please let the Friends Committee know at cockingvillage.events@gmail.com.

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Blue Bell Christmas Party. Sat 20 Dec, 7pm. December. £18pp inc festive buffet, mulled cider on arrival and entertainment—Christmas hits & more. Booking advised.

Christmas@St Catherine's. Christmas services include the Crib Service (**4pm, 24 Dec**)—kids' costumes provided, and Midnight Mass (**9pm, 24 Dec**). There is no service on Christmas Day. All are encouraged to attend services at Bepton (9am) or Heyshott (1030am).

Monthly Requiem. There is no monthly requiem in December—prayers for those who died in the month of December will be offered at our November Requiem Mass.

Embrace Yoga at Cocking Village Hall
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Weds 6pm

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Chair Yoga & Cake. Free Chair Yoga & Cake is taking a break in August, to resume as usual at 3-4.30pm on the following Thursdays at the Village Hall: **4 Dec; 18 Dec.** For details, please contact Portia Charles (portiacharles100@gmail.com).



WEEKLY PILATES CLASSES
Cocking Village Hall
Mondays 10.30am-11.30am

All are welcome, no experience necessary.
Please contact me to book your space.

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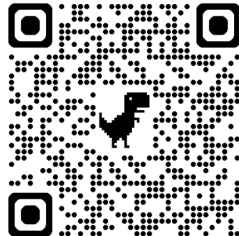
Church Band & Choir. Do you play a musical instrument and/or sing? If so, then the church would love you to join our band or choir. Band plays once a month, and the choir is assembled for special services, e.g., Christmas. Please contact Naomi Dekker (ndekker@hotmail.com) if you're interested!

Food Bank. The church serves as a drop-off point for the Food Bank. This month, we are especially collecting **Tinned Meat, Fish, and Veg.** For other suggestions, see also <https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



This year's Christmas Appeal is for the Foodbank and Stonepillow, in recognition of how difficult the persistent cost-of-living crisis has been.

Please make your donation at this website.
Thank you for your generosity.



Crib Service
Bepton & Cocking with West Lavington
4pm, 24th December 2025
St Catherine of Siena Church



Come and experience the Christmas story again in word and song. Everyone—young and old!—are encouraged to dress up in your nativity costumes—or you can try on some of ours.
Free entry. Mulled wine and hot chocolate by donation.



Heyshott Christmas Bazaar

Sat 6 Dec
2pm-4.30pm
Cobden Hall

In aid of St James's Church