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July/August 2024



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Church Services in the Vale of Pewsey for July 2024

Date	7th July 6th Sunday after Trinity	14th July 7th Sunday after Trinity	21st July 8th Sunday after Trinity	28th July 9th Sunday after Trinity
Readings	2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 Mark 6: 1-13	2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19 Ephesians 1: 3-14 Mark 6: 14-29	2 Samuel 7: 1-14 Ephesians 2: 11-end Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end	2 Samuel 11: 1-15 Ephesians 3: 14-end John 6: 1-21
St John the Baptist Pewsey *#	9.30am Parish Communion 6.00 pm Sunday @ 6	9.30am Morning Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	4pm Muddy Church -
St Mary, Alton Barnes	11am Parish Communion		11am Parish Communion	
St Stephen Beechingstole	11am Break fast Church		9.30am Parish Communion	
All Saints *# Stanton St Bernard				11am Parish Communion
St James * North Newnton	11am Café Church	11am Morning Prayer		
St Peter Manningford Bruce		9.30 am Morning Prayer		9.30am Holy Communion
St Mary Magdalene # Woodborough	8am Holy Communion		11am Morning Prayer	
St Nicholas Huish		6.00 pm Songs of Praise		8am Holy Communion
Holy Trinity Oare	11am Parish Communion			
Holy Cross Wilcot		11.00 am Parish Communion		6pm Evensong
St Peter *# Milton Lilbourne	4pm Family Service	9.30 am Holy Communion bcp	11am Morning Worship	
Holy Trinity Easton Royal		11.00 am Morning Worship		11am Parish Communion
St Andrew Wootton Rivers	9.30am Parish Communion		9.30 am Morning Prayer	
St Peter Charlton St Peter		6pm Evensong		6pm Parish Communion
St Matthew Rushall		11 am Holy Communion bcp	11am Parish Communion	11am Matins
St Mary # Upavon	9.30 am Informal Worship	9.30 am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	
	* Access for Wheelchairs # Loop system for the hard of hearing BCP Book of Common Prayer All other services Common Worship			

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Church Services in the Vale of Pewsey for August 2024

Date	4th August 10th Sunday after Trinity	11th August 11th Sunday after Trinity	18th August 12th Sunday after Trinity	25th August 13th Sunday after Trinity
Readings	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13 Ephesians 4: 1-16 John 6: 24-35	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Ephesians 4: 25-5:2 John 6: 35, 41-51	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3: 3-14 Ephesians 5: 15-20 John 6: 51-58	1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41 -43 Ephesians 6: 10-20 John 6: 56-69
St John the Baptist Pewsey *#	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	
St Mary, Alton Barnes	11am Parish Communion		11am Parish Communion	
St Stephen Beechingstoke			9.30 am Parish Communion	
All Saints *# Stanton St Bernard				11.00 am Eco Service with Picnic @Alton Priors
St James * North Newton				
St Peter Manningford Bruce		9.30 am Morning Prayer		9.30 am Holy Communion
St Mary Magdalene # Woodborough	8.00 am Holy Communion BCP			
St Nicholas Huish				8.00 am Holy Communion BCP
Holy Trinity Oare	11.00 am Parish Communion			
Holy Cross Wilcot				
St Peter *# Milton Lilbourne		9.30 am Holy Communion BCP	11.00am Morning Praise	
Holy Trinity Easton Royal		11.00 am Morning Worship		11.00 am Parish Communion
St Andrew Wootton Rivers	9.30 am Parish Communion		9.30 am Morning Prayer	
St Peter Charlton St Peter				6pm Parish Communion
St Matthew Rushall		11 am Holy Communion BCP	11 am Parish Communion	11 am / Matins BCP
St Mary # Upavon	9.30 am Informal Worship	9.30 am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion BCP	

Minister's Letter

Dear friends,

July is a bumper month, as we welcome two new clergy to the Vale of Pewsey team. They both introduce themselves in this issue. It has been a long time since we had full complement of stipendiary (i.e. paid) clergy, but Hazel Davis' arrival completes our team. The long wait allowed us to discern where God is leading us next. Thus, we are consciously releasing Hazel from parish administration and many other aspects of ministry to focus on building new relationships and developing safe spaces where the curious can explore the Christian faith and encounter Jesus Christ.

Matthew Haynes will be a bonus, joining us to serve his curacy (i.e. his apprenticeship) here. As such, he, like our wonderful, retired clergy and lay ministers, is a gift to us. None of them is part of a standard complement of ministers that the Diocese allocates. We are very fortunate and blessed to have all of them, to enrich the mission, pastoral and worshipping life of our parishes. Having worked with Matthew, in my previous role in the Parish of Whitton, I know that he will be a real blessing to us all.

Please pray for Hazel and Matthew as they get to know us and settle into their new ministries to which we believe God has called them. Canon Rhona Floate, Team Rector

From Hazel Davis, Half-time Team Vicar for Outreach and Mission

I am so looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all. I pray that as we worship, listen to God, and grow in faith that He will show us how we can together bless our community and demonstrate God's love in word and action.

I became a Christian when I was 21, after receiving a letter from home whilst serving in the first Gulf War. When I returned from the Gulf, I read the Bible from beginning to end within three months and had a spiritual encounter with God which changed my perspective and purpose for life. After leaving the armed forces I married Laurence my childhood sweetheart. We lived in Nienberg, Germany with our two children Faye and Jacob until we were posted back to the UK in 1995. I joined Cambridge Community Church (C3), grew in my faith and realised my passion for youthwork. We fostered for a time, then had our third child, Lorena.



My husband left the forces and we moved to the Cotswolds, joining a Baptist church where we ran home groups, started and led several youth groups, town and youth festivals, and worked with local councils and committees. We were also founding and running multiple businesses including a busy risk management consultancy with employees and associates across the country. We closed one of our companies in 2010, freeing me to begin studying for my BA(Hons) in Youth & Community Work and Practical Theology at Bristol Baptist College.

In 2016 we moved to Swindon and I started my MA in Christian Spirituality at Sarum College in order to gain a wider perspective and knowledge of Christianity and my place as a woman in leadership within the church.

It was through my MA that I began to feel a growing sense of calling to ordination. Over the next few years, I explored the call to ordination in the CofE, which meant joining the local Anglican church, St Mary's Church, Lydiard Tregoze in Swindon. It was a wonderful, affirming experience and from there I went on to ordination training at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. I served my curacy in St Chad's Burton and St Mary's Stretton in Staffordshire. I also continued my studies from MPhil to a PhD part time on *Uncovering a Female Theology of Leadership of Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) and Joan of Arc (1412-1431) through Critical Leadership Studies*. My curacy was a deeply profound period of personal and spiritual growth where I grew in confidence and continued to build on my experience and passion for outreach and mission.

As the new half-time Team Vicar for Community Outreach and Mission, my heart is to look for positive ways to bring people together, to encourage existing links and create new ones between schools, churches, and local community groups. My approach will include relationship-building, supporting and empowering others to grow in confidence to develop their gifts, and fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for all. I hope to bring a blend of creativity, administrative skills, and a deep passion for community engagement. My goal is to lead by example, encouraging and supporting our teams to share God's love both practically and spiritually. I am thrilled to join the Vale of Pewsey team and look forward to making Jesus known and helping to make our churches a beacon of hope and service within their communities.

From Matthew Haynes, Assistant Curate

Hello everyone! I am very excited about joining the Vale of Pewsey benefice as curate at the end of June. I am particularly looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible and getting to know the benefice as quickly as I can. My family and I will continue to live in Ramsbury, where we have been for over twenty years now.

Having studied part-time at Sarum College in Salisbury for three years, I was ordained as a deacon on 30 June in Salisbury Cathedral. All ordained ministers, including bishops, are deacons first and always. The name comes from the Greek word 'diakonia', meaning ministry, service and support. So it is a ministry focused on service to others, to the community and to God. I look forward to living this out in the benefice. I will continue with my job in education during the week, although I am reducing my hours from September. I am also a hospital chaplain.



My hope is that I will be able to support and help others in whatever way that they need. The philosopher Blaise Pascal once said that there is a 'God-shaped hole in every human heart'. I think this means that, whatever our specific beliefs, it is part of being human to seek love, hope and acceptance. We might have a sense of wanting to belong. We search for a sense of peace, perhaps. Helping people to find even just a little of these things is really important to me, because the world has a whole range of ways we can fill our hearts with things that are not so good. Working as a hospital chaplain is teaching me a lot. Most of the people that I meet are facing big challenges. Uncertainty often fills their lives. Some are coming towards the end of life. I also meet a lot of staff too, as you might imagine, all of whom work so hard and with such incredible dedication, care and expertise. I am finding that often the most powerful

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

Charles Reiss Funeral at St Mary's Church, Alton Barnes on 17th May 2024

Francis Holloway Funeral at St Mary's Church, Upavon on 23rd May 2024

Rev Richard Hicks Funeral at St. John's Church, Crosby-on-Eden on 24 June 2024

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Pewsey Methodist Church, **Sunday Services 10.30am**

Catholic Parish Priest: Father John Blacker 01672 513267

Regular Services at Holy Family, Broadfields:

Weekday Mass, 12.00 pm Friday Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm Saturday.

Baptist Services Contact: Mary Jarvis 07876 193640

Upavon Chapel **2nd Sunday of each month at 3.30 p.m**

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Contact The Messenger, newmessenger.pewsey@hotmail.com cut-off date 15th of month

For adverts contact Peter Hughes at msgr.ad@valeofpewsey.org, 01980 630023

Donated food is available at: Upavon Church Porch, 9 -4 every day

and Pewsey Methodist Hall, Monday, Thursday and Saturday, 10 – 11

Many thanks to all who donate or help with these.

Upavon also has basic toiletries and cleaning products.

What's On in July

Tuesday 2nd Carer's café: Wesley Hall, 10.30-12

Wednesday 3rd Coffee Morning: Woodborough Parish Hall, 10.30

Saturday 6th Milton Lilbourne Fete and Dog show: 1pm

Health and Well Being: St. Peter's Marlborough, 10-3

Coffee Morning: Coronation Hall, Alton Barnes, 10-12

Coffee Morning: Rushall & Charlton St. Peter Village Hall, 10 -12

Car Treasure Hunt: Manningford Village Hall 3.30pm

Sunday 7th Open Day: Woodborough Social Club 11-3pm

Tuesday 9th Blue Bus: Upavon, 6-8pm

Come and Sing: Wilcot Village Hall, 6 – 7.30pm

Railway Society: Woodborough Social Club 19.30

Wednesday 10th Burgers & Brew: Rushall Hall, 7 -10.30pm

Saturday 13th Coffee Morning: Wilsford Village Hall, 10.30 – 12

Sunday 14th Summer Lunch : Stanton St. Bernard Church Framhouse 12.30pm

Songs of Praise: St Nicholas, Huish, 6pm

Monday 15th St. Swithun's Day

Wednesday 17th Good Companions: Woodborough Parish Hall, 2pm

Monday 22nd Contemplative Prayer: Manor Court, 2pm

Wednesday 24th WI: 7pm at Rushall Village Hall

Saturday 27th Music for Awhile 2024: Alton Priors 7pm

Join us
for a wander
and a wonder
28th July 4pm

Muddy
Church



Usually starting from
**St. John's Pewsey - check
and more details at:**



www.valeofpewsey.org/muddy-church

What's on in August

Saturday 3rd Coffee Morning: Rushall & Charlton St. Peter Village Hall, 10 -12

Coffee Morning: Coronation Hall, Alton Barnes, 10-12

Tuesday 6th Carer's café: Wesley Hall, 10.30-12

Wednesday 7th Coffee Morning: Woodborough Parish Hall, 10.30

Friday 9th "Paris Olympics": U3A, Bouverie Hall

Saturday 10th Coffee Morning: Wilsford Village Hall, 10.30 - 12

Monday 12th -Thursday 15th Holiday Club: St. John's Pewsey

Tuesday 13th Come and Sing: Wilcot Village Hall, 6 – 7.30pm

Railway Society: Woodborough Social Club 19.30

Wednesday 15th D'Ska Assassins and Illingworth: Bouverie Hall 7pm for 8pm

Saturday 17th Proms & Cream Tea: Rushall Village hall, 2-4.30pm

D'Ska Assassins and Illingworth: Bouverie Hall 7pm for 8pm

Wednesday 21st Good Companions: Woodborough Parish Hall, 2pm

Monday 26th Contemplative Prayer: Manor Court, 2pm

Wednesday 28th WI: 7pm at Rushall Village Hall

Saturday 31st Upavon Fete and Dog Show 12.30 – 3.30

15th July St Swithun (or Swithin) - saint for a rainy day

St Swithun is apparently the saint you can blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15th July, it will then rain for 40 days after that. It all began when Swithun was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 by King Ethelwulf of Wessex. It was an important posting: Winchester was the capital of Wessex, and during the 10 years Swithun was there, Wessex became the most important kingdom of England.

During his life, instead of washing out people's summer holidays, and damping down their spirits, Swithun seems to have done a lot of good. He was famous for his charitable gifts and for his energy in getting churches built. When he was dying in 862, he asked that he be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door.

If he had been left there in peace, who knows how many rainy summers the English may have been spared over the last 1000 years. But, no, it was decided to move Swithun. By now, the 960s, Winchester had become the first monastic cathedral chapter in England, and the newly installed monks wanted Swithun in the cathedral with them. So finally, on 15 July 971, his bones were dug up and Swithun was translated into the cathedral.

That same day many people claimed to have had miraculous cures. Certainly everyone got wet, for the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and on the days following, was attributed to the power of St Swithun. Swithun was moved again in 1093, into the new Winchester cathedral. His shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the middle ages. The shrine was destroyed during the Reformation and restored in 1962. There are 58 ancient dedications to Swithun in England.

Fellowship Of Contemplative Prayer

Our local contemplative prayer group meets monthly in Manor Court at 2.00pm for our one hour exercise of guided silent prayer based on first person Biblical quotes of either God, through His prophets, or Jesus, in the Gospels. Example- "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS" MATT 28:20

The three-fold method practised by the fellowship (FCP) involves-

MIND- Why was the word spoken, **context**.

HEART- What does it mean to us, **revelation**.

WILL- Using our WILLS sending the Word to the objects of our concerns, or **Intersessions**.

Each exercise (as we refer to our session) opens with a settling down 2 minutes repeating the phrase "Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest" Matthew 11.28

Followed by an introduction to the first silence i.e. of the Mind- followed by 10 minutes or so of silence repeating our Word in our minds in context of the introduction, in time with our breathing.

We then move on to an introduction to the second silence i.e. of the Heart- followed by 10 minutes or so of silence repeating our Word in our minds in context of the introduction, in time with our breathing.

Finally using our Wills to send our Word to the objects of our concerns e.g. "To those suffering homelessness our Lord says- **"I am with you always" Matthew 28:20**

We close sharing the Grace followed by tea and cake/biscuits

All are welcome, if you would like to explore whether this is for you contact Mike Mason 01672 564024

Dates remaining for 2024 are- JUL 22nd , AUG 26th , SEP 23rd , OCT 28th , NOV 25th

THE ST TIMOTHY FOUNDATION

Dear All

Thank you to all of you who have supported St Timothy's through May and June at the Tea Rooms, Plant Sales, Afternoon Tea, Coffee Mornings, and by visiting The St Timothy Foundation table at Beechingstoke Fete and buying marmalade and honey! It has been a very busy couple of months! Thank you to everyone who is helping us to provide the finance to support the people of Nzara and Yambio in this especially difficult time for them all. Every penny counts and goes towards supporting life in Nzara and Yambio.

The website will be updated as more events are added for the second half of the year. And, do come and look for us at future parish fayres and fetes to find out more, have a chat or to just peruse and buy candles, marmalade and honey! With all good wishes for a relaxing, sunny summer!

Ann (Chair) The St Timothy Foundation 01980 630256 reverendanmassey@outlook.com

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OPEN DAY

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Venue: Woodborough Club
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Get to know your community

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Music for Awhile 2024 - the 28th Summer Festival
All Saints' Alton Priors



July 27 7.00 pm
Cubaroque – Purcell, Monteverdi & South America
with Nicholas Mulroy, (tenor)

All-time favourites Purcell and Monteverdi are paired with 20th century songs from across South America - song-writing traditions that enhance and complement each other. Separated by time and distance, they share a common concern with love, loss and longing. Dramatic instrumental music surrounds the songs.

Purcell including: *Music for Awhile, Now the Night* (from Fairy Queen), *An Evening Hymn*,
Monteverdi *Tempo la Cetra*
Biagio Marini *Sonata in echo*
Songs by Víctor Jara, Tomás Méndez, Silvio Rodríguez, Ariel Ramírez

"the sheer expressivity of (Mulroy's) singing was a thing of wonder here. Every phrase, every word was turned over carefully so as to heighten the storytelling." The Times

July 28 4.00 pm
Bach Arias and Inventions
with Rebecca Leggett (mezzo soprano)

A current Rising Star of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment Rebecca is already in great demand as a soloist in the UK and abroad. Around some of Bach's most sublime and well-known arias, we weave his Three-Part Inventions in new arrangements created for this concert, taking us on a musical odyssey to lift the spirits. Sponsored by the Cecil King Memorial Foundation.

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Saget, saget mit geschwinde from the Easter Oratorio
Ach, bleibe doch (BWV11) *Ein ungefärbt Gemüte* (BWV24) *Hochgelobter Gottesohn* (BWV6)

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The official opening of the Pump Track took place on May 27th and was very well attended. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying the new facilities.

We have planted an American Oak in the Grove to commemorate the D-Day Landings, and thank you to Charlie Bowerman for arranging the beacon.

The path to the railway crossing and round to Hollybush Lane will have an all-weather surface before the winter. It is a much-used path and has previously been very muddy.

The Youth Café continues to be very successful, with sports coaches attending sessions.

With our new flood plan being tested very early last winter, this has been updated and a committee of Parish Councillors and other members of the public is looking into flood protection for the future.

We have seen many complaints about the state of our roads, potholes etc. Please, please, report these on the MyWilts App. <https://orlo.uk/4Z12D> If they are not reported they cannot be repaired, and compensation may not be paid

The Council is currently looking to fill 5 vacancies by co-option, don't hesitate to get in touch with the Clerk for further information, or come along on a Tuesday morning for a chat with some of our councillors and the Clerk. The public can attend any Full Council meetings to raise any issues of importance. They are held on every 2nd Tuesday from 7.00pm. Agendas, minutes, and dates of meetings can be found on our website.

All enquiries to the Parish Clerk, Parish Office, Bouverie Hall, Goddard Road, Pewsey. SN9 5EQ.
Tel: 01672 562014. Email: the.clerk@pewsey-pc.gov.uk.

Follow us on our Facebook page, or go to our website www.pewsey-pc.gov.uk

Bouverie Hall, Pewsey

Saturday 17th August D'Ska Assassins and Illingworth live in The Bouverie Hall.

Doors open 7.00pm performance starts at 8.00pm

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Our regular weekly events are: Monday evening Kick Boxing for Ladies.

Tuesday Café in the small hall 9am to Noon.

Tuesday Yoga with Cindy 9.45am to 11.45 Two Sessions. Email: info@cindylinyoga.com

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At Wilcot Village Hall, SN9 5NN
Tuesdays 9 July and 13 August 2024
6 - 7.30 pm

Bring a drink if you wish Singers of all abilities welcome

Please tell your friends

PCC PEWSEY 100 CLUB 2023-2024

The winners of the June draw were: Numbers: 33 A Foxtan; 25 B Haddock; 50 L Jepson.

We're often asked when the subscriptions for the next year are due, the answer is not quite yet! When the next edition of the Messenger is ready at the beginning of September there will be a major plea for you to renew or join for the first time. (Though you can of course join at any time.) Half the subscription money from the PCC 100 Club goes to the Church funds, the other half is used for the prizes throughout the year.

If you have any thoughts on the 100 Club and how we can get more participants, please contact me or Libby Newman. With very best wishes to you all. Liz Whitebread Tel: 07789517370

D Day Remembered at Rushall Village Hall

The Rushall and Charlton Village Hall Committee was recently delighted to extend a warm welcome to a new member, John Winskill. A retired Infantry Major, John is an accomplished military historian with a particular interest in the events of 6th June 1944. Who better to provide a presentation to the local residents to mark this notorious occasion.

On Saturday 8th June the hall was prepared with a screen and appropriately shaped green carpet to show the layout of the famous Normandy coast and beaches with relevant villages, bridges and areas highlighted. Having only returned from Normandy a few hours before, John, fully dressed and made up for the part, provided a comprehensive commentary with actual photos and film of the day while his children helped by pointing out the relevant places and showing some of the actual weapons and equipment carried.

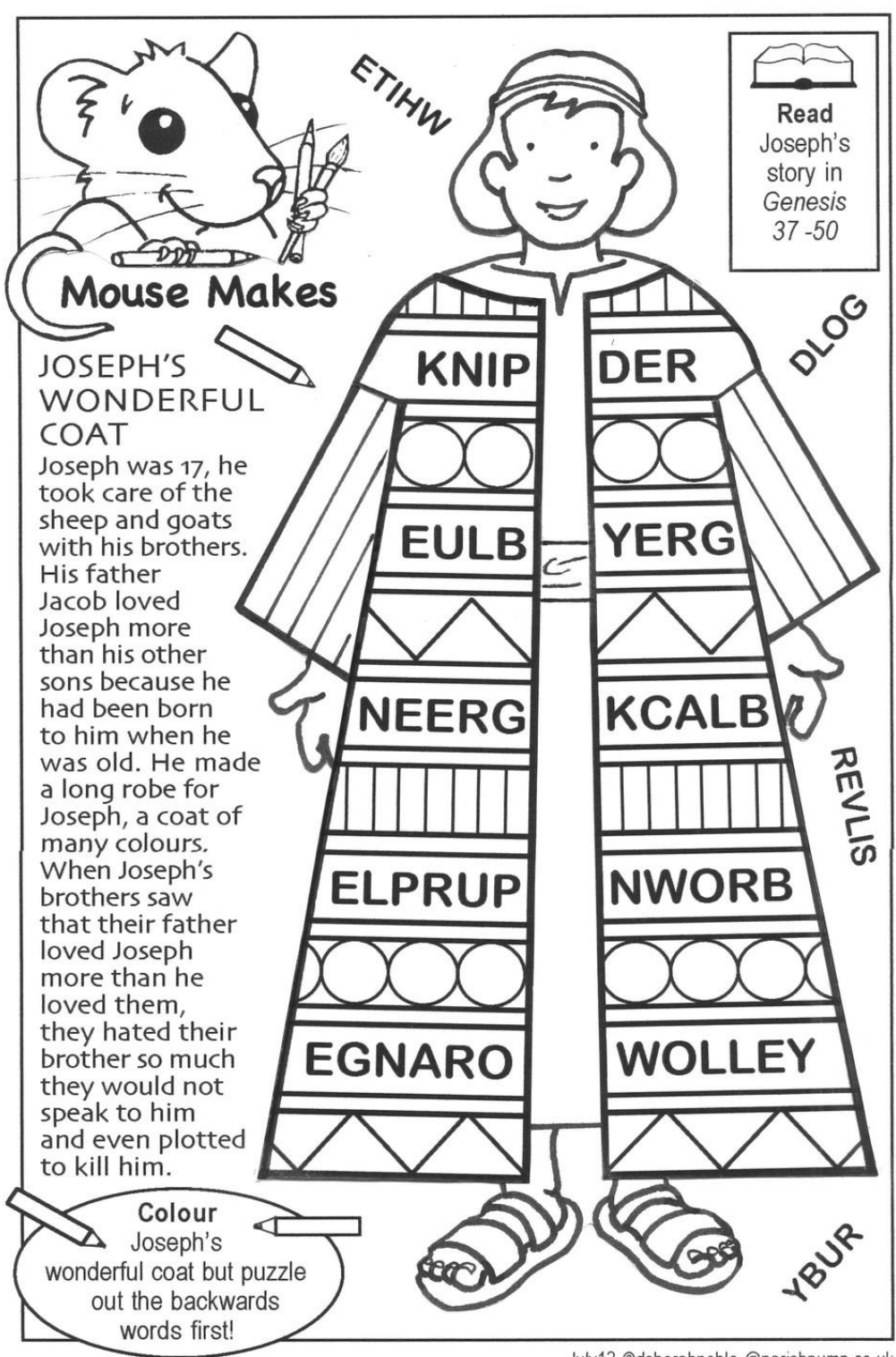
John and his family kindly provided their excellent presentation twice. The first during the afternoon, mainly intended for the younger audience and again during the evening for the adults. Both events were well attended and the audience participation went down well with them making and launching paper aeroplanes to represent the glider-borne landings and mini-parachutes to represent the airborne assault.

The presentation first highlighted the events and decisions leading up to Hitler's conquest of most of mainland Europe, then the isolation of the British Isles and Winston Churchill's leadership in preparing the country and the rest of the free world for the battles to come. Finally, John demonstrated his vast subject knowledge by taking the audience through the sequence of events during the biggest ever invasion ever likely in the history of the world.

A thoroughly enjoyable and enlightening presentation enjoyed by all who attended.

Pewsey Community Land Trust

The directors of the CLT would like to thank everyone who attended the AGM. If anyone would like a full update on the past year that was given at the AGM held on June 6th the Minutes can be emailed on request to cltpewsey18@gmail.com Meanwhile the Board is responding to outstanding matters following latest reports from Wiltshire Council officers concerning ecology, nutrient neutrality and design. So the story continues. Further updates during the summer will be available on the website at www.pewseyclt.org



Mouse Makes

JOSEPH'S WONDERFUL COAT

Joseph was 17, he took care of the sheep and goats with his brothers. His father Jacob loved Joseph more than his other sons because he had been born to him when he was old. He made a long robe for Joseph, a coat of many colours. When Joseph's brothers saw that their father loved Joseph more than he loved them, they hated their brother so much they would not speak to him and even plotted to kill him.

Colour Joseph's wonderful coat but puzzle out the backwards words first!

Read Joseph's story in Genesis 37-50

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Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage.



THE VALE OF PEWSEY TEAM – YOUTH EVENTS



The Youth Group enjoyed sharing some of our fun activities at **Sunday@6** including a dramatic reading [<< Emmaus Road], videos - Christian Aid Paper Bag Game, Youth for Christ, and a badly flooded village facing poverty & danger from snakes & crocodiles.

We had great feedback from everyone – especially some modern songs – **My Lighthouse** – and young people serving **Ice Cream before & after!**

We also enjoyed joining Muddy Church and a trip to go Bowling >>



Youth Group is open to **all young people (secondary school age)** and from April to July **anyone in top year of Primary School**. Our planned events are sent in a monthly email with updates posted on our WhatsApp group. We'll be helping at **Holiday Club 12-15 August**



- youth@valeofpewsey.org
- WhatsApp / text message us 'Youth' on +44 7941 388 852
- << use the QR code to **sign up for events emails**
- **Please display this page and our new poster in your school, church, village hall**

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- God
- Faith
- Maths...!
- Anything at all!

FOR MORE INFO:

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PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

**Upavon Church Fete
Photographic Competition 31st August 2024**

Don't be shy, do enter. Help us to make a really exciting show and raise money for our church

There are 3 categories for entries:

Nature: covers such subjects as plants, animals and landscapes.

Art and Architecture: includes buildings, sculpture, machines, anything man-made.

People: includes portraits, groups and street scenes.

6 simple rules:

1. Please enter up to 3 photographs in each category.
2. The photographs have to have been taken by you and not entered in our competition before.
3. The maximum size for any photograph is A5 (150x210mm).
4. The photographs should not be in frames as we will be pinning or sticking them onto display boards. Please don't write your details on the back either.
5. The entry cost per photograph is £1.
6. Please return all photographs with an entry form (below) and your payment to Joanna Goulson at 7 Devizes Rd, Upavon (joanna@goulson.net tel. 07970 795237) by midday on Wednesday 28th August.

Please leave your photographs on display until the fete finishes and then collect them. Thank you.

**Upavon Church Fete
Photographic Competition 31st August 2024**

Entry Form

Name	
Address	
Phone No. & Email	
Number of photographs entered	Nature Art & Architecture People
Signed	
Paid	£

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A dramatist employed to write stories from the Bible in radio form was astonished at the end of a broadcast to hear the announcer say, 'Will Cain kill Abel? Tune in at the same time tomorrow and find out!' - Albert R Perkins, Vogue Magazine 1943



Tuesday 9th July 19.30 "How the North Warwickshire Line was Saved" Fraser Pithie
 Tuesday 13th August 19.30 "GWR Gas Turbine Locomotives" Steve Davies, and Photographic Competition
 Tuesday 10th September 19.30 "A Scottish Film Miscellany from the Jim Clemens Archive" Michael Clemens

Meetings in Woodborough Social Club SN9 5PL
 Admission £3, non-members welcome!

Pewsey Vale u3a

Our thriving u3a is continuing to attract new members. It was a pity more members didn't come to the Social meeting on Tuesday 21st May – we were treated to a really excellent talk about the SS Great Britain at Bristol Dock. We hope to organise a trip for our members there, later this year.



We will be having an evening on Friday 9th August to celebrate the Paris Olympics. We plan to have a very different event with fun for everyone – no, there will not be a high jump competition! The details are being finalised, but put this date in your diaries.

The u3a is a charity, and throughout the country (and some countries abroad) members volunteer to help run them and provide groups of wide appeal. Membership is only £15 /year and there is plenty on offer for that. (Membership is open to those no longer in full-time employment.) Look on our website (www.pewseyu3asite.uk) to find out more, but if there is a group you would like that is missing, why not contact the committee who will help you set up the group. The u3a is run by members, for the benefit of members. Contact us on our website: pewsey.u3asite.uk or phone 07434 710161.

MANNINGFORD

St Peter's Church We were delighted to have a packed church for the concert given by the Sharcott Chamber Group at the start of June. The mixed programme of music literally raised the roof and raised some much-needed funds at the same time. We're very grateful to Rachel McCorry and the choir and to everyone who supported the event so generously. We were blessed with a sunny evening too!

Services over the next two months will be as below, all at 9.30am followed by coffee and biscuits:

14 July Morning Prayer and 28 July Holy Communion

11 August Morning Prayer and 25 August Holy Communion

A pet service is being planned for 8 September.

Village Hall

Saturday 6 July - Car Treasure Hunt (£10 per car) starting at 3.30 pm from the Village Hall. There will be a prize for the winning car! This will be followed by a BBQ (using local farm meats) at the hall starting at 6pm. If you would like to come along to either or both then it would be helpful to

have an idea of numbers. Please contact Sue on 07990 548852 or Victoria on 07736 450540 to book your place or find out any further information.



Please get in touch with Victoria Marshall at victoria73marshall@gmail.com or on 01672 569077 / 07736 450540 if you would like to hire the Village Hall or find out more about the wide range of regular classes held there.

RUSHALL & CHARLTON ST PETER Village Hall

We have a most comfortable hall with under-floor heating, a large fitted kitchen, off-street parking and Wi-fi. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions are available to book so please get in touch.
6th July Coffee Morning - 10am - 12pm.

19th July Burgers and Brew social evening - 7pm - 10.30pm - tickets £7.50 (which covers your first burger and drink) available through our hall website or at Upavon Shop.

3rd August Coffee Morning - 10am - 12pm.

17th August Proms Music with Cream Teas and prosecco 2pm - 4.30pm - tickets as above.



Coffee Morning, 10am - 12pm, 6th July and 3rd August

Why not come and see us at one of our Hall Fund Raising Events?

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HUISH with OARE

We were saddened to hear that The Reverend Richard Hicks, Vicar of Huish and Oare from 1982-1986, has recently died. Our thoughts and prayers go his widow Irene and their children Peter, David and Sarah. Rest Eternal grant unto him O Lord.

St Nicholas Church, Huish

As this month is a double issue of the Messenger, please find details of all our services for July and August printed below:

Sunday 14th July – Trinity VII (Proper 10) – 6 pm Songs of Praise

Sunday 28th July – Trinity IX (Proper 12) – 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 11th August - Trinity XI (Proper 14) – **No Evensong Service this month**

Sunday 25th August – Trinity XIII (Proper 16) – 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)



Once again, we will be holding the popular Songs of Praise service on Sunday 14th July 2024 at which you will be able to choose your favourite hymn. Just let the Churchwarden, Diane Strong know which hymn you would like sung by telephone 01672 563371 or email dianemstrong@aol.com by the 8th of July. As there will be only a limited number of hymns that can be sung, the choice will be based on a case of first come, first served. Light refreshments will also be served after this service.

Another popular service we draw your attention to is the Harvest Festival Evensong being held at 6 pm on Sunday 8th September 2024 at which the traditional harvest hymns will be sung.

As always, we look forward to seeing you at any of the above services at which you will be very welcome.

Holy Trinity Church, Oare

As this month is a double issue of the Messenger, please find details of all our services for July and August printed below:

Sunday 7th July – Trinity VI (Proper 9) – 11 am Parish Eucharist

Friday 19th July at 9.30am End of School Year Service – Oare Primary School in Holy Trinity Church, Oare

Sunday 4th August – Trinity X (Proper 13) – 11 am Parish Eucharist

As always, we look forward to seeing you at any of the above services at which you will be very welcome.



New Chapter Begins for Oare C.E. Primary School with New Executive Principal



Oare, Wiltshire — As the Principal at Great Bedwyn C.E. School, I'm excited to take on the additional role of Executive Principal at Oare C.E. Primary School. Both schools are nestled in beautiful rural areas, which provide a nurturing and inspiring environment for children to learn, grow, and thrive.

Oare C.E. Primary School has an intimate and supportive environment, and boasts a well-resourced outdoor space that provides children with opportunities for both learning and play. The newly refurbished early years classroom and outdoor space offers a stimulating environment for learning through play, ensuring that the youngest children have the best possible conditions to thrive. In addition, plans are already underway to develop a design hub for the older children which will inspire them to further develop their knowledge and understanding of science, sustainability, and technology.

In my new dual role at both Oare and Great Bedwyn schools, I'll be able to help foster a greater sense of community and collaboration among the children and staff. At Great Bedwyn, my leadership has always focused on excellence and high aspirations for everyone. I'm excited to bring these same qualities to Oare.

Looking ahead, I'm eager to build on the strong foundation already in place at Oare, and plan to work closely with the dedicated team, governors, and parents to continue enhancing the school's educational offerings and ensure every child receives a high-quality education.

My arrival marks a new chapter for the school, one filled with promise and the potential for great achievements. I'm keen to share Oare's learning journey with you, so if you would like to visit or volunteer at our school, please contact the school and arrange a visit.

New families are always welcome. [We Care - Oare Church of England Primary School \(excalibur.org.uk\)](http://excalibur.org.uk)



Michelle Perrett, Executive Principal



NORTH NEWNTON, HILCOTT & BOTTLESFORD

Warm messages of appreciation were shared at a special service and lunch to thank William Wilks who has retired as Churchwarden. The Reverend Colin Fox, past rector, gave the sermon and shared amusing anecdotes from times past in Pewsey. Rob Marsh has been elected as Churchwarden to serve alongside Jennifer Brisker. He lives at North Newnton with Anne and Orwell (guide dog in training!). He brings a wealth of varied life experience including strong faith journey.



The Pewsey Team of 16 churches has recently welcomed Hazel and Matthew to the clergy team. If you need support, a visit, a special prayer please contact either of your churchwardens:

Jennifer jbrisker1@aol.com Rob rob.j.marsh.5@gmail.com

'Tower Treasure Trove' bazaar & Fun Dog Show, Hog Roast, and full range of other refreshments available or bring a picnic! In aid of Church Tower Appeal. In and around the church on **Saturday 14th September** 10am - 5pm. Dog Show 1pm Pre-loved items of good quality welcomed; donated or 'for sale' on a 50/50 basis (seller gets 50% and church appeal 50%)



All you need to know can be found on **the parish website; NNPC.org.uk.**

Contact: Jennifer at jbrisker1@aol.com

Community Coffee Morning

Coffee mornings take place on 2nd Saturday of the month 13th July and 10th August from 10.30 to Noon at Wilsford Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. We always have delicious cake and a raffle.



Hilcott Village Hall Trust

At the time of writing, our Cheese and Wine evening is scheduled for 14 June, and we hope it will be a success as an awareness raising on our plans for Barnard Meadow, as well as a fundraising opportunity.

We will also have a stand at the Woodborough Club event on Sunday 7 July, from 11am - 3pm, to show the wider public and neighbouring parishes our plans. Hope you can come along.

Thanks to all for your continued support for our community project.

PARISH COUNCIL It was good to see parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting and great for the Council to hear their thoughts and opinions. One area that is always highlighted as a concern is road safety. The parish council is going to have the broken Hilcott village sign replaced and will be contributing funds towards increased signage across the area to try to warn drivers of potential obstacles and slow their speed down. If you have any thoughts or ideas about road safety, or any other issues then please email the council at clerk@nnpc.org.uk. The next parish council meeting will be held on Monday 9th September, 7pm at The Seven Stars in Bottlesford.

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ALTON PRIORS, ALTON BARNES and HONEYSTREET

Music for Awhile 2024 - the 28th Summer Festival

All Saints' Alton Priors

July 27 7.00 pm

Cubaroque – Purcell, Monteverdi & South America with Nicholas Mulroy, (tenor)

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July 28 4.00 pm

Bach Arias and Inventions with Rebecca Leggett (mezzo soprano)

A current Rising Star of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment Rebecca is already in great demand as a soloist in the UK and abroad. Around some of Bach's most sublime and well-known arias, we weave his Three-Part Inventions in new arrangements created for this concert, taking us on a musical odyssey to lift the spirits. Sponsored by the Cecil King Memorial Foundation.

Tickets £25, including a programme and refreshments

(under 18s & students free, but require tickets) email maggiefaultless@gmail.com

St Mary's Church, Alton Barnes:

Sunday 7th July 2024, Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 21st July 2024, Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 4th August 2024, Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 18th August 2024, Holy Communion at 11am

A walk in the Vale of Pewsey countryside - St Mary's Church is partly Saxon and was built in the 10th century. This tiny church is now considered to be a place of priceless history and beauty. It is listed Grade 1 by Historic England as a building of outstanding architectural and historic interest -and is still a functioning church and place of worship. During restoration work fragments of mediaeval wall paintings were revealed that were covered over in the 1550s -a significant discovery of national importance. Feeling the need to enjoy the Summer weather and a walk in the countryside ,why not visit St Mary's Church; and then possibly the famous Alton Barnes White Horse. Followed by perhaps a drink at The Barge Inn in Honeystreet or at the HoneyStreet cafe. Enjoy your walk!

Coronation Hall , Alton Barnes

Monthly Coffee Morning - join us on the first Saturday of each month, 10am to 12pm.

A warm space and a place to meet friends and make friends!

Bring and buy - produce, homemade items, anything you want to sell! Coffee,tea and delicious cakes. Everyone is very welcome!!

Need a suitable venue for your meetings, coffee mornings, workshops, community and or family events, then why not hire the well equipped hall. Wifi available and parking for 25 cars.

Please contact Richard Heacock for further details and to book the hall (richardheacock@mac.com).



MILTON LILBOURNE

Details of services at St Peter's in July and August can be found at the front of The Messenger. Of particular note is the family service on Sunday, 7 July when we shall be considering creation and building bug hotels which will be placed in the churchyard. Please note that this service will start at the slightly earlier time of 3:30 pm. We very much hope that you will join us as we learn more about our local environment and how we can help care for it.



At the Milton Lilbourne Village Fete & Dog Show on Saturday 6 July, St Peter's Church is running the cake and home bakes stall and a plant stall. Donations of cakes, home bakes and plants will be very welcome. Please bring your donations along on the day, or contact Jane Kirkbride on (01672) 564971 if you require any further information.

There will be something for everyone at the Fete with a large number of craft and market stalls, fairground rides, face painting, beer, gin and Pimms and BBQ. The Fete starts at 1pm so come and join this family event supporting the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

We hope that you will enjoy the summer and your holiday if you are going away.

PEWSEY, ST JOHN'S

Welcome to the Rev Hazel Davis as Team Vicar for Community Outreach & Mission

A welcome service is planned for **Sunday July 7th at 6pm**. A time when we shall also meet Matthew, the new curate, to the Team. (Hazel's licensing service will have taken place on June 25th and Matthew's ordination on June 30th)

Christian Aid Big Brekkie Once again to mark Christian Aid week a wonderful breakfast was available to raise money for the charity. Thanks to all who supported this event.

Sunday@6. This monthly informal service was led by the Youth Group and their leaders in June. It was great to welcome the new Wiltshire Youth for Christ worker – Kirsty – who will return to visit us later in the year.

Sunday June 30th 2pm The Pewsey musicians - led by Ali Kent and Barbara Dalton - are returning for another fund raising concert in the church. This time money raised will be shared between the church's new kitchen fund and the Pewsey Heritage Centre.

Holiday Club August 12th – 15th The annual holiday club will be held in the church for Primary School aged children – for details see Poster on Page 12

BEECHINGSTOKE

Well, what an amazing success the Fete and Fun Dog Show was. Well done to everybody as a record sum being raised for our church. I have to say that I have never seen so many people there, the barbeque ran out of food and the beer tent was out of beer really early, and that was despite the fact that it wasn't the greatest weather.

I am not going to list everybody who worked so hard to make it happen as the Editor of the Messenger will not be pleased with me because of the length of the entry! However, a few people need a shout out- Lorna for the sheer hard work you put in to bring it off- a brilliant effort; Elizabeth for helping organise; Mark for sorting out the finances including counting it all up at the end; Veronica, without whom the dog-show simply would not happen; and every single stall holder, contributor of cakes, books, raffle prizes etc. A very special thank you to Jonathan and Marilyn for hosting it and all their generosity that sits behind it.

A thank you also to Stick & Stones, The Millstream, The Kings Arms, Honeystreet Barges and Equilibrium who all donated raffle prizes and to The Severn Stars for the barrel of beer. If I have missed anybody off, I apologise but I am always so busy running the plants that I don't get to wander around the event itself.

If there is anything you would like to be included in this entry please let me (Sally Banham) know by 10th of the month as the entry needs to be in by 15th for the following month. My details are- 07778 038963 or sally.banham4@gmail.com

UPAVON

Food Bank

The Food Bank continues to be well-used. Upavon 500 Club has recently made a very generous donation following the closure of the club. The PCC thank all who donate food or toiletries or who make a financial contribution.

Fun with Flowers !

If, like me, you love to have flowers in the home, but feel your flower arranging skills could be improved; would you be interested in attending a short course which we hope to offer in the autumn if there is sufficient interest? Informal tuition would be provided by one of the highly experienced members of our Flower Team – tea, coffee and cake free. There would be a small charge per session to cover the cost of materials. Course expected to last about 4 weeks. Days and times to be arranged.

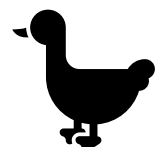


If interested, please contact : Jan Coker PCC Member. jancoker47@btinternet.com or 07881 540338

Grateful thanks from the PCC for the donation of carpet for the church porch.



And don't forget our ever popular Fete and Dog Show Saturday 31st August. 12.30 to 3.30 Entry Form for Photographic Competition on Page 18



And buy your Yellow Duck for the **Duck Race in the River!**

WOODBOROUGH Church and Parish Rooms

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

(Cecil Frances Alexander)



The Parish Room Coffee Mornings will be held on Wednesday July 3rd and Wednesday August 7th, meet and greet regulars and newcomers, who are always most welcome, while enjoying the delightful cakes and coffee! There is a charge of £3/person which is a contribution to the on-going maintenance of the Parish Room. The Woodborough Parish Room is available for rent/hire. Maximum capacity of 60, and ideal for Birthdays, Exercise Classes and Informal/Formal meetings. Please enquire via woodboroughpr@gmail.com



Good Companions meets on Wednesday July 17th and Wednesday August 21st, in the Woodborough Parish Room from 2pm. This is a group for semi retired/retired persons, offering an opportunity to meet others from Woodborough and surrounding villages, and join in with an activity. For further details please contact -

Brenda Geard 07738053850 or email wvverndanceband@btinternet.com



STANTON ST. BERNARD

What's on in July

14st July – Stanton St Bernard Church Summer Lunch. Details in Village news

Village News – Stanton St. Bernard

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Village Hall barbecue held on the 18th May and music fund-raiser and to all those who helped before, during and after the evening. It was much appreciated. A very enjoyable evening.



On the 6th June we commemorated the D Day landings by ringing the church bells at 6.30pm and lighting the beacon on Milk Hill at 9.15pm. Prior to the lighting prayers were said led by Rev Mark Windsor, followed by the reading of reminisces of D Day itself and the International Tribute. The last post was then played and 2 minutes silence kept. A collection was taken for the Royal British Legion, and the sum of £233.85 was raised. About 100 people attended.

On the 30th June a fund raising event was held to raise money to buy a memorial bench in Joyce Hale's memory. Joyce was a stalwart of the Village Hall. This event included an afternoon tea, raffle, bingo and some light Prosecco bubbles.

Forthcoming events

The annual Village Summer Lunch is to be held in the garden of Church Farmhouse, Stanton St Bernard, courtesy of the Coxon Family, on Sunday 14th July from 12.30pm onwards. To aid catering, tickets must be purchased in advance from Kay Newman 07894 532998. Save the date – this is a fun gathering !

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
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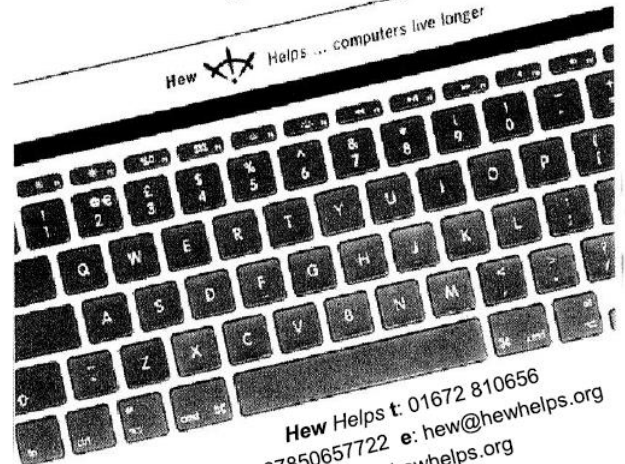
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