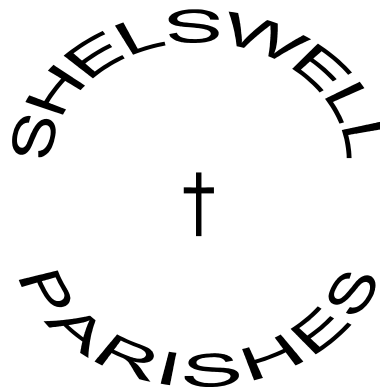


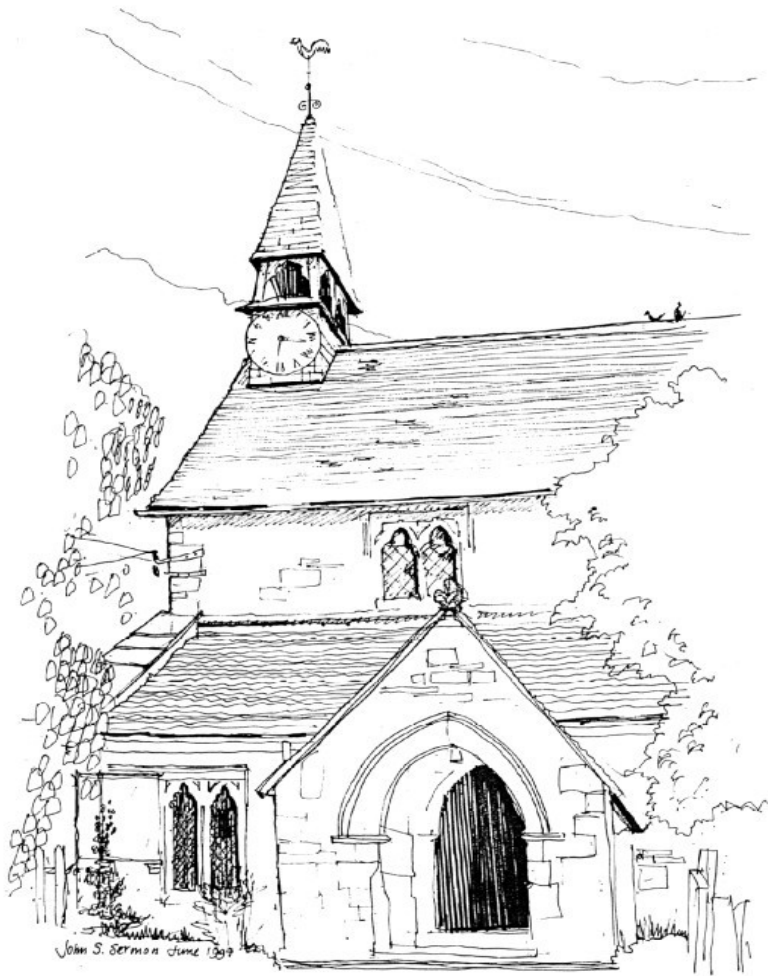
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Minister's Letter

GO TO A LAND I WILL SHOW YOU

Abraham is the most known nomadic pastoralist in the Old Testament. He wandered for many years between the two great rivers and God was leading and guiding him. Abraham came from Ur of the Chaldeans. Historians think that probably Ur is somewhere between the Euphrates and Tigris rivers and closer to modern day Kuwait.

It was while Abraham was at Haran that God called him to go to a nation, culture, people and environment he did not know. There were a lot of painful events that happened in Abraham's life but all those events did not take away his trust in God. Remember Abraham was rich and being told to leave everything and go to an unknown land was not easy. Abraham was circumcised at close to one hundred and that must have been painful indeed. At first he had a barren wife.



Remember Abraham still had no child when God called him at Haran and so leaving his close relatives and clan was not easy. At the age of seventy-five, most people will have established their lives and be wanting to retire and enjoy the last years of their lives in peace, but for Abraham he had to start a new life. Abraham was a man of great faith and it is that kind of faith that the world of today needs. The kind of faith that moves mountains. The faith of even accepting to sacrifice the only Isaac.

When my family and I left Zimbabwe for the UK, we did not know the land and kind of people we were going to meet. We thank God that unlike Abraham, we can speak English and communication is better. I don't know if Abraham was fluent in the language of the people he met for the forty years he wandered in the wilderness. Coming to Shelswell Benefice was not easy. We had a lot of questions in our minds as a family when we finally passed the interviews. Like Abraham we were coming to a land God was going to show us.

Our fears were turned into joy when we experienced love, care, smiles, a well-furnished house and almost everything we did not expect. When one trusts and believes in God, they will never walk alone. It is a blessing to be a member of this benefice and a villager in Fringford. We feel safe here.

We continue to pray to God to guide and lead us as a family as we minister in this lovely benefice. May the good Lord bless you and continue to have faith and trust in God.

Fr ALEX

**Lord, I am Your ship.
Fill me with the gifts of Your Holy Spirit.
Without You I am empty of every blessing,
And full of every sin.
Lord, I am Your ship.
Fill me with a cargo of good works.
Without You, I am empty of every joy,
And full of vain pleasures.
Lord, I am Your ship.
Fill me with love for You.**

By John Sergieff (1829 – 1908; a priest in Russia)

BIBLE READINGS



Sunday 4 th August	10 th Sunday after Trinity	Exodus 16 v2-4 and 9-15 Ephesians 4 v1-16 John 6 v24-35
Sunday 11 th August	11 th Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 19 v4-8 Ephesians 4 v25 – 5 v2 John 6 v35 and 41-51
Sunday 18 th August	12 th Sunday after Trinity	Proverbs 9 v1-6 Ephesians 5 v15-20 John 6 v51-58
Sunday 25 th August	13 th Sunday after Trinity	Joshua 24 v1,2a and 14-18 Ephesians 6 v10-20 John 6 v56-69

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION AND SOUP LUNCH

Thursday 8th August

12 noon

Stoke Lyne Church

If you would like a lift then please contact Alice on 01280 848192 or
rector@shelswellparishes.info



Fun @ Four – Ice-cream Sunday Sunday 18th August 4 pm – 5.30 pm Stoke Lyne Church

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The Girls' Primary School, Wulu, South Sudan - Latest Updates

The Teachers' Incentive Scheme



Wulu Girls Primary School has 10 teachers. The teachers who are benefiting from the scheme, with the help of Shelswell Benefice, are 5 in number.

This scheme has helped a lot because many teachers of Wulu Girls are volunteers, and this support gives morale to the teachers to love their professional work and commit to their teaching.

All teachers receive the same amount of incentive, 20 USD each.

More pupils have turned up this year since the school has professional and qualified teachers. Female teachers are able to take care of their family due to the support. The scheme has encouraged the teachers to double their commitment. Before the scheme some teachers might only be able to come once a week or sometimes not at all. But from the time we have been receiving the money they come every day, and the school is always open.

Girls in the school are doing well. They all appreciate your support, but the problem is that the adolescent girls lack sanitary pads. Sometimes they are absent when they have their period. Some of the girls are from vulnerable families. They have no support from their families and are sometimes kept off school. They lack books, exercise books and pens, but they are still doing well.

The 'Beli language has not been taught in the Girls School due to the County Education Department's directive this year and we have no teachers who can teach it, but next year it will be happening. ('Beli is the common language spoken in Wulu County, but only a few people are able to write and read it.)

In conclusion I register my heartfelt gratitude for your dedication and support to the people of Wulu Diocese as well as Wulu girls. We appeal to you and the people that you are going to share this response with is that Wulu Diocese is eager to see you in November so that you can see the school and people in the diocese physically.

Renovation and full support to Wulu Girls Primary school through your coordination will be appreciated. Thanks for your support and encouragement. God will reward the hand that has blessed!

*Regards, in the service of Christ from Rt. Rev. Zechariah Mangar Apeti, Diocesan Bishop of Wulu,
and the Headteacher of the Girls Primary School*

Stratton Audley Cream Teas Fundraising Event

Thanks to people's amazing generosity the well-supported Cream Teas on 14th July raised £620 for Wulu Girls' Primary School.

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Information Day on 4th September – Dementia Oxfordshire

Dementia Oxfordshire, a service provided by Age UK Oxfordshire, is holding an information drop-in event at the Windmill Centre, Deddington on Wednesday 4th September, 10am – 3pm.

As well as lots of information from Dementia Oxfordshire's own team of advisers about how to live well with dementia, there will also be a host of other organisations with helpful support for older people, including advice for family carers, how to avoid scams, where to access community activities and how technology can make life easier around the house. There will also be delicious refreshments, craft stalls, a Zumba taster session and musical entertainment.

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Midweek Communion held on 4th July 2024 at Newton Purcell

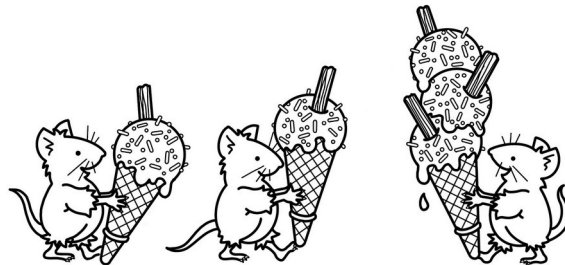
The General Election voting to be held in the church meant we had to change our venue for the Midweek Communion. The service was held in the Old School Room at Newton Purcell which has now been made into a small village hall.

The Reverend Sam Mortimer, our curate, led the service assisted by the Reverend Liz Welter. Sam gave a talk and reflected on one of the verses in St Matthew's Gospel.

After Communion we moved to the tables set for lunch, where we enjoyed a choice of soup, with bread rolls, followed by jelly, fruit, tea/coffee with cake. This is when there is lots of chatter catching up with what is happening around the Benefice and forthcoming events. The Reverend Alex Mahlava cycled from Fringford to join us.

Thank you to the Ministry team for cooking and present the food, also the volunteers who gave lifts to those unable to drive. The next Midweek Communion will be on Thursday, 8th August back at St Peter's Church, Stoke Lyne (see advertisement on page 5).

Rena Andrews



Shelswell by the Sea held on Monday/Tuesday 8th and 9th July at Hethe Village Hall

The tables were set up with various different activities to try, like jewellery making, knitting, newspapers to read, jigsaw puzzles, and crossword books. Marion did her usual competition to get the brain cells working. Some were joining squares to make blankets to send to Ukraine.

Rev Sam then did an experiment with oil and water followed by a little talk on the tax collectors after which grace was said and we sat down to lunch. This consisted of various meats and quiches to suit all diets with allergies catered for. A wonderful selection of bowls of mixed salads were passed round. This was followed by a selection of puddings with tea/coffee to follow.

A lady from Age UK came and brought leaflets and booklets to be taken away. She mingled at the tables and gave some advice on the different help available from Age UK and also the addresses of the various exercise classes etc to help with mobility problems.

After lunch Rev Liz passed a quiz around. It is amazing how you know the answer to some things but can't bring it to mind. When that happens to me, I find that if I know the first letter of the word I am trying to remember, I then go down the alphabet and that usually jogs my memory.

Tea and cake later, you don't leave this day out feeling hungry.

Thank you to the Ministry team and all the volunteers for making the lunch and helping in any way to make the two days enjoyable. I would also like to thank those who kindly picked people up.

Rena Andrews

REGISTRY

Marriage

Harry Sebastian John POOLE and Abigail Xanthe COOPER
St James Church, Ramsden
21st June 2024

Abi's parents live in Ramsden, near Witney, and so of course they wanted to be married there in the beautiful church of St James. They were a bit disappointed when the vicar, Paul Mansell, announced that he was going on sabbatical and so would unfortunately not be able to conduct their marriage service. However Harry's parents, Chris and Janey Poole, who live in Stoke Lyne, suggested asking Alice. She was in a good mood that day, and so she said 'yes'.

And so it was that on Friday 21st June, a gloriously sunny day, Harry and Abi's friends and family were gathering in the churchyard outside the church. Last minute adjustments were made to the floral displays near the door. The three best men and the various ushers had distributed orders of service to one and all. And the bell ringers had taken up their positions in the porch ready to start ringing.

Unfortunately, the groom's mum had got lost on her way to the church, so the bride had to be driven around for a little bit until Janey had arrived and regained her composure, and we were able to get off to a slightly delayed start!

Harry and Abi got together through a dating app back in 2018. When she saw his photo, Abi recognised him as someone she had met at a party when they had both been in their teens. Harry had no memory of this, but he did recognise that Abi had been at school in Oxford and that they had lots of mutual friends. And so their relationship began – Harry was in the Caribbean at the time, so there were several weeks of (rather expensive) messaging. Their first actual date was in the bar at the National Theatre. Harry was 40 minutes late, blaming a cancelled train. Abi thought that as she had waited 10 years, a bit longer wasn't going to be a problem. And from that point, things just developed.

After her four bridesmaids, Abi entered the church on her dad Howard's arm to Stormzy's 'Blinded by your Grace', sung by the Keynotes Gospel Choir. The Choir also provided music whilst we signed the marriage document and as the newly weds left the church. We also had some more traditional hymns, accompanied on the organ by Pam Morgan: 'Thine be the glory', 'One more step along the world I go', and 'Be thou my vision'. There were four readings: Song of Solomon 2: 10–13 read by Helen Jacobs; 8: 6-7, 1 Corinthians 13 read by Chris Poole; 'The Speed of Love' by Rob Auton read by Lili Cooper, and 'All I know about love' by Neil Gaiman read by William Nash.

After the service, there was confetti, photos and champagne outside the church before the wedding party went on to the reception. Our prayers are with Harry and Abi as they embark on married life – may their marriage be life long, life enhancing and a blessing to them, their family and friends.



Funeral**Sheila Scott****23rd August 1942 – 7th June 2024****St Michael and All Angels, Newton Purcell**

Sheila was born in Newton Purcell, daughter to Edith and Reginald Johnson. Sheila's mother Edith was one of the Cadd family and her father Reginald was a Flight Sergeant with the RAF. They were married in St Michael and All Angels, Newton Purcell on 11th September 1936, and lived there in the house opposite the church where Sheila was born until the end of the war.

After the war, Reginald got a job at the Victory Services Club at Marble Arch in London, and he and Edith moved their family to London. However there was many a happy summer back in Newton Purcell staying with Sheila's uncle George Cadd and his wife Katherine, who for many years ran the post office from their home next to the pub.

Sheila enjoyed living in London – she and her sisters used to go on shopping trips into London, and on the way home, they would often pop in to see the Royal Ballet – Sheila loved the ballet. After a while, they moved out to Romford. Sheila worked for Lee Cooper in the jeans business, which was where she met her husband. In 1976 they moved to Warboys where she remained for the rest of her life. Sheila then had her own clothing business. She also managed to fit in working for the Samaritans and Age Concern.

She had three children, Belinda, Nigel and Justin. It is clear that she loved her family dearly, and they her. She was also affectionately known as Queen Bee or Beely.

Sheila was a very sociable person, someone who loved talking to people and could find out everything about them in a very short time. She loved being a host, and her home was always an open house - she became a second mum to her children's friends and in due course her eight grandchildren used to gather at her house during the school holidays for sleepovers. She was an empathic and caring person, someone who was always able to be positive. She loved the birthday lunch that the family organised for her 80th.

Sheila suffered with various health problems through much of her life, but her wish was that she should remain at home for as long as possible. A few months before her final admission to hospital, her sons redecorated her flat, which she really appreciated. She died in hospital on 7th June surrounded by her family. It was her wish to be laid to rest in Newton Purcell churchyard, alongside her grandparents William and Emily, and her mum Edith. Her funeral service on Monday 8th July was attended by her immediate family, who went back for a wider commemoration later that afternoon.

Our prayers are with Belinda, Nigel and Justin and their families as they grieve Sheila's passing.



Club News



SHELLOWELL WI



In July we once again had to move our venue and also change our speaker due to the general election. The Blood Bikers talk was put on hold until next year, we were very lucky that one of our members stepped in and offered the use of her garden. Very kindly Meryl also gave a small talk about Juniper Hill entitled 'The Real Lark Rise'. Most people know about Flora Thompson and her books but it was very interesting to hear how the Hamlet started. Some members also walked 'The Rise'.

In August we traditionally have our annual walk. This year we will be walking around historic Bicester.

September we are looking forward to a visit from speaker Gillian Cane who will be talking to us about Bletchley Park.

Also in September we will be at the Fringford Fair with our Jarbola stall.

Shellsowell WI always welcome new members. We meet on the First Thursday of the month in Fringford village hall at 7.30pm. For more information please contact Lesley Beagent on 07729605670



SHELLOWELL GARDEN CLUB



At the time of writing our July trip to Woodcote Villa and Coton Manor will not have taken place, so a report will follow next month.

We do not hold a meeting in August, so our next event is on **September 10th**. This will be an evening visit to The Grange, Chalgrove, (NGS garden) 11 acres of gardens including herbaceous borders and a large expanse of prairie with many grasses and a wildflower meadow. There is a lake with bridges and a planted island, a dry riverbed and a labyrinth. A brook runs through the garden with a further pond, arboretum, old orchard and partly walled vegetable garden. 1 Berrick Road, Chalgrove, OX44 7RQ. 7pm start.

Club membership fee is now **£15 per year**. This covers all speakers, zoom meetings in January and February as well as entry to the evening garden visits. The **visitor fee is now £5**, which will be refunded if the visitor decides to join the Club that evening. Swallows Nursery in Mixbury has kindly offered a discount to our members when you show your membership card.

We welcome visitors to our club that normally meets at Hethe Village Hall at 7.30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month (apart from August), or by Zoom in the winter months. Meetings and outings are open to members and visitors, friends and relatives. Plants are for sale at most meetings.

SHELLOWELL READING GROUP

Our June meeting took place on 19th June and the book discussed was Brooklyn by Colm Tolbin . Brooklyn was enjoyed by all... so much so that we have agreed to read the sequel, Long Island (Colm Tolbin) as our next book! We all felt it was a captivating story, with many 'sliding door' movements and themes of suppressing the truth, manipulation vs manipulative, and choice or no choice.

Next book club meetings are:

17th July, 7.30 pm Doune's (1/2 Hethe Cottages, Cottisford) LONG ISLAND, Colm Tolbin
21st August, 7.30 pm Jane's (Manor Grange, Cottisford).

Other books discussed:

Why Women Grow – Alice Vicent

The Postcard – Anne Berest



If you are interested in joining the reading group or would like more information, please contact Jane Birnage (janebirnage@icloud.com 07770 220605)

SHELLOW POETRY APPRECIATION GROUP

At our July meeting we welcomed another new member and devoted ourselves to the theme of Water.

We began with two evocative poems about London rivers which were 'lost' when they were built over as the city grew – *The Lost Rivers* by Cicely Fox Smith and *Rising Damp* by U A Fanthorpe. Two poems about brooks are *Deep Waters* by Ellen Palmer Allerton and *Going for Water* by Robert Frost.

We travelled back to Anglo-Saxon times with *The Seafarer*, an anonymous outpouring of misery and suffering from a man exiled from his people. In *The Uses of Ocean* by Sir Owen Seaman there is a humorous and upbeat assessment of the sea's benefits and usefulness which is in great contrast with the previous poem. *The Open Sea*, by Dorothy Mackellar explains how the sea enriches the poet's life. In *Sea Fever* by John Masefield these sentiments are mirrored and the poet's love of a life at sea is vividly conveyed. Positive and negative aspects of the element are summed up by Ralph Waldo Emerson in his Biblical-sounding poem *Water*.

The sea has inspired many poets, but in *The Great Wave: Hokusai*, the poet Donald Finkel owes his inspiration to looking at the famous Japanese picture and senses the danger mixed with exhilaration that the artist was conveying. A very different type of seascape is described in *Low-Tide* by Edna St Vincent Millay, but the existence of danger is still there. To B G Bonallack, in *The Retreat from Dunkirk*, the sea symbolises escape and his unsentimental descriptions have a power that puts the reader at the heart of the action. The

The sea is linked to crime in two poems – *Song of the Cornish Wreckers* by D M Thomas and *A Smuggler's Song* by Rudyard Kipling, the latter with wry humour but the former with an insight which shows the reader how such savagery may be generated.

Robert Southey, one-time Poet Laureate, in *The Cataract at Lodore*, describes a waterfall, with a huge number of words ending in 'ing' creating a pen-portrait for his children. His over-egging of the poetical pudding is very different from the economy of *Gazing at a Waterfall on Mount Lu*, by Li Bai.

In *Henley Regatta, 1902*, a poem by John Betjeman, middle-class Edwardian England is depicted in all its glory, and the details of social interaction are given as much focus as the river. On the other hand, in *Summer Shower* by Emily Dickinson, and *Before the Rain* by Thomas Bailey Aldrich, rain and what it gives to the earth is made the focus of the poems.

Shakespeare was not preoccupied by thoughts of global warming in 1595, when he was writing *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, but Titania's speech in Act 2 Scene1 reflects the series of poor summers when

freak weather suffered by Elizabeth 1's subjects, with floods and unseasonable temperatures, devastated England. Water turned from blessing to curse in 'contagious fogs', 'drowned fields' and 'pelting rivers'.

An unusual slant on water is found in *A Drink of Water by Jeffrey Harrison*, where the way the poet's brother and son drink from a tap links different generations of his family. The sound of a kettle being filled is the stimulus for *The Teapot by Robert Bly*. In four lines he describes a relationship of love and care.

One of the most affecting poems we read was *Swimming by Samantha Wynne-Rhydderch*, in which the poet can no longer go swimming because of Menieres disease. It is poignant yet entirely without self-pity.

And as for animals.....The poem *An Otter by Ted Hughes* describes a creature at home in water but vulnerable on land, where the hunter becomes the hunted. Finally, tragicomedy is created in the poem *Ode to a Favourite Cat, drowned in a Tub of Goldfishes, by Oliver Goldsmith*, in which a watery end comes to a curious cat and a moral is drawn from events - that 'one false step is ne'er retrieved'.

If you would like to join the group contact me for more information on 01869 811994 or at judith.harvey@live.co.uk

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Sunday 18th August 9.15 am Holy Communion (BCP)

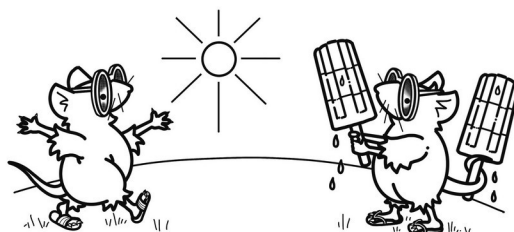
Sunday 1st September 9.15 am Holy Communion (CW)

COTTISFORD AND JUNIPER HILL SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our first Open Gardens event on 16th June was a great success! The sun shone (after weeks of rain) and the seven gardens looked beautiful. We were delighted to welcome nearly 250 visitors who wandered around the wide variety of gardens and enjoyed teas and homemade cakes in the church. A huge thank you to all our volunteers who made the day such a great village event.... one we hope to hold every two years. And importantly, we raised over £1,600 for the PCC, The Friends of Cottisford Church and the Social Committee.

At the time of writing, our next social event is a Pop Up Pup on Friday 26th July - more on that in the September issue.

Other news ... Our two villages have now joined the 20 mph club... a big thank you to Mike and Christopher for helping to get this important safety measure introduced. And our next aim is to get defibrillators for the two villages... watch this space.



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Church Services

Sunday 18th August 9.15 am Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 25th August 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)



Sunday 8th September, 11:00 am Finmere Village Hall

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Village Hall



The village hall has been fully renovated and is now available for hire.

A number of facilities have been added, including updated AV facilities with a new projector with larger screen, new flooring and front and fire exit doors and enlarged storage spaces for regular users. WiFi facilities are also now available. Patio



doors have been installed, leading onto a hard standing, adjacent to the children's play area, making the hall ideal for children's & adults events alike. For all hall bookings enquiries, please visit

www.myfinmere.com/villagehall



Please come along to support Finmere's "Tuesday Teas"

If you are at home in the day, please pop into the Village Hall for a cuppa & a catch-up...

Tuesday 13th August from 2 - 4 pm
Tea, coffee, cake & biscuits
All locals welcome, no charge

We would love to grow the numbers so
please bring a friend!

If you need transport, please contact Jo (07974 740312) or Katherine (07770 804025)

If anyone would like to help with "Tuesday Teas", we need help serving refreshments, setting out tables, providing lifts and **BAKING CAKES!**

Your baking costs can be reimbursed - No need to volunteer every month; just help when you can...

Allotments

We have had a good clear up at the allotment site and as a result, the Poor's Plot now has a number of additional plots available for hire. Cost is a modest £20 / year.

Interested, visit www.myfinmere.com/poorsplot and select the 'enquiry' link.



Some Finmere related links:

Finmere facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/finmereandlittletingewick/>

Shelswell Parishes website at – www.shelswellparishes.info/finmere

Finmere Parish Council website at – www.finmerepc.org

Village hall news at – www.myfinmere.com

Finmere Poor's Plot – www.myfinmere.com/poorsplot

Old Finmere history website – www.myfinmere.com/history

Finmere on Wikipedia - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finmereipedia>

Finmere Primary School - www.finmere.oxon.sch.uk

Fringford

St Michael and All Angels

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VILLAGE HALL CORRESPONDENT:	Christine Underwood	Tel 01869 278949
WEBSITE	www.fringford.info	

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, SERVICES & EVENTS

Services

- Sunday 4 August – at 10.45am, Morning Service
- Sunday 18 August – at 10.45am, Holy Communion
- Monday 20 August – at 6.30pm, a Confirmation Service led by the Bishop.

To find out the times and places of other services on Sundays, please check the back cover of this magazine, the Benefice website www.shelswellparishes.info, the noticeboard at the church, or ring the Benefice office (01280-848192). You will always be welcome in our other parishes.

Fringford Beer Festival

On Saturday 15 June – the Beer Festival was very successful despite occasional downpours in the afternoon. Over £7,000 was raised for the Church Restoration Fund - a great result!

There was a number of charities who had stalls at the Festival, and hopefully they had a good day too. Whatever funds they raise on the day go to their charities, not to the Church Restoration Fund.

In the meantime, huge thanks to the Church Restoration Fund-Raising Committee who organised the event, to Andrew Davison and Diana Jones who select the beers, ciders and perries, to all the sponsors, and to the **many** people who helped putting up tents, taking tents down, putting up the stillage, serving on the bar, selling glasses and beer tokens, ferrying stuff around, and tidying up at the end. **Thank you so much!**

Greetings Cards

Packs of greeting cards (6 cards for £3) available for purchase. They feature 6 photographs of the church both in and outside. Ring Christina McCullagh on 07867 515207.

Fringford Church 100 Club

Numbers cost £3 a month (£36 annually) Payment by BACS, cheque or cash. Draw each month for 50% of the income divided amongst 3 winners: at the moment 1st prize £61, 2nd £37, 3rd £25. You can still sign up to the 100 Club. Contact Christina McCullagh to register - **07867 515207**. The draw takes place monthly at the Village Coffee Morning.

Little Lambs Babies & Toddler Group

Every Wednesday during term time in Stratton Audley Church, from 9.30am to 11.00am.

[Not during holidays and half term.] Just come along, but if you need information in the meantime, email admin@shelswellparishes.info

FRINGFORD FRIENDS NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT GROUP

Support is always available from the **Fringford Friends, Neighbourhood Support Group** :

- Telephone: 07704 756840
- Email neighbourhoodsupport@fringford.info

To join Fringford's **What's App Group** ring or email Christine Underwood: 07961 972388 or email silvercb1@outlook.com



FRINGFORD VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Village Coffee Mornings will take place on Monday 19 August and Monday 16 September. Drop by for a coffee/tea and a chat any time between 10.30am and 12 noon. It is in the Chinnery Room at the Village Hall. Contact Penny on 277310 if you want more information.

FRINGFORD CRICKET CLUB

Contacts for the club:

www.facebook.com/people/Fringford-Cricket-Club

www.fringfordcc.play-cricket.com/

Ady Measday: (Chair) 07736 745821

Christian Mann (Captain 1st XI) 07712 637167

Nick Smith (Captain 2nd XI) 07977 834231

COME & JOIN US AT SEWCIAL



We enjoy any type of craft and a natter getting together to relax and enjoy each other's company. Some of us knit, crochet, embroider, quilt, sew or create craft items/albums.

We get together once a month, either on a Wednesday evening at 7 – 9pm or Sunday afternoon at 3 – 5pm

We meet in the Chinnery Room at Fringford Village Hall.

Our next sessions for 2024 are:

August	No meeting
September	Sunday 15th
October	Wednesday 16th
November	Sunday 17th
December	Sunday 15th

Sessions are £2.00 drop in

No need to book – just come and join us!

If you would like information, please email Irene ireneethomas@btinternet.com

Regular Activities held in Fringford Village Hall

To find out more or book a place, please contact the hirer direct.	
Weekly Activities	Monthly Activities
<p>FS Dance Monday & Wednesday (term time) After school classes BALLET • TAP • MODERN • STREET leah.fsd@gmail.com or 07885827592</p>	<p>Village Coffee Morning All ages welcome Third Monday in the month - Chinnery Room Drop in anytime between 10.30 am and noon Penny Wood 01869 277310</p>
<p>Puppy Stars Dog Training Tuesday evening – various classes Contact Nick 07542 131400 www.puppystars.co.uk</p>	<p>Parish Council Meeting All villagers welcome Third Monday in the month 7.45pm Contact 01844 237766 or fringford.parishclerk@gmail.com</p>
<p>Fringford Yoga Wednesday (term time) 9.30am – 11am Carolyn White 01869 277161</p>	<p>Bicester Sound Bath Meditation First Sunday of the month from 7.45 pm Sonia - contact@holisticaxis.com Please text - 07709634847</p>
<p>Just Puppies Puppy Training Wednesday evening – various classes Contact Kerri 07720 891489 www.justpuppies.training</p>	<p>Shelswell WI First Thursday of the month 7.30pm Contact Lesley Beagent on 07729605670</p>
<p>Pilates Thursday at 10.00am natashaflowerspilates@gmail.com or 07545 525820</p>	<p>Mindfulness Meditation Monthly Sunday 11am to 12.30pm janerainey17@gmail.com or 07971 008337</p>
<p>My Baby Spa Monday mornings Spa experience for babies and toddlers 1 – 4 years www.mybabyspa.co.uk contact Danielle at contact@mybabyspa.co.uk</p>	<p>Fringford Sewcial Sew and Chat! Monthly Wednesday from 7pm Or Sunday from 3pm Contact Irene at ireneethomas@btinternet.com</p>
<p>Tai Chi for Well Being Starts Tuesday 4th June from 1pm Contact taichi@3rd-i-wellness.co.uk or 07596 527783 www.3rd-i-Wellness.co.uk</p>	<p>Village Hall Team Meeting Every 4 weeks – 7.00 pm Open meetings – all welcome fringford.hall@gmail.com or 07936 879175</p>
<p>To book the hall for your own event, please go to fringford.info, village hall, how to book Here you will find all the information you will need to book on-line. For any other queries please phone or text 07936 879175 or email: fringford.hall@gmail.com</p>	

Hardwick

St Mary the Virgin

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Church Services at Hardwick Church

Sunday 4th August 9.15 am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th August 6.00 pm Evensong with the Shelswell Group Choir

Hardwick church is open daily 10am to 4pm.

Private prayer and quiet contemplation

View the architecture, memorials and stained glass windows

Please make use of this special space

Pilgrim Pathways

Why not walk the Hethe to Hardwick to Cottisford to Hethe “Pilgrim Pathway?” This 4-mile circular route takes in the C of E churches of each of these villages as well as Holy Trinity, Hethe’s RC church. You can start and end your walk at any point on the route, which takes in some glorious North Oxfordshire countryside. Pick up a free brochure outlining the route from any of the churches or contact David Barnes (01869 277690), who can send you one.

Hardwick Church guidebook

The new guidebook for Hardwick church and the parish of Hardwick with Tusmore is available to collect from the church or contact David Barnes (01869 277690), who can send one to you.

This 44-page booklet has over 20 colour photos and provides a fascinating insight into the features and history of Hardwick church, the village and the Tusmore Estate. We ask that you make a minimum donation of £5 to church funds.

The Days of Hardwick by David Barnes

The Day family farmed Hardwick Manor throughout the eighteenth century, leasing the Manor from the Tusmore Estate. Tusmore was held by the Fermor family from 1606 to 1828. Like the Fermors, the Days were staunch Roman Catholics who remained true to the “old faith” after the English Reformation, when it was illegal and dangerous to do so. Robert Day (1638-1712) appears to have been the first Day to come to Hardwick. He took over the tenancy of Hardwick Manor from a Ralph Hatton, who died at Hardwick in 1694. Hatton was born in Fritwell in 1612, and like the Fermors and the Days, was almost certainly a Roman Catholic. He is buried in the chancel of Hardwick church along with his wife Mary (d.1717).

The Day family seem to have originated from Dorchester-on-Thames. During their time in Hardwick, the family were often referred, somewhat jokingly, as the “Farmer’s Days” (the name Fermor, being pronounced Farmer). Probably because the Fermors continued to be buried in their original manorial home church of Somerton, the Days were able to be buried in prominent positions in Hardwick church, reflecting their rank and status locally.

Those buried in Hardwick church itself are:

- Robert Day and his wife Mary are buried together under a commemorative floor slab on the north side of the chancel. Robert Day was born in Dorchester in 1638. He and Mary had three sons (John, Thomas and Robert) and three daughters (Elizabeth, Martha and Mary). Robert Day died in

The Days of Hardwick, continued

Hardwick on 5th June 1712, aged 74. Mary died on 16th August 1737, aged 84. In his will, Robert bequeathed the tenancy of Hardwick Manor to his younger sons, Robert and Thomas, noting that his “honourable landlord, James Fermor Esq, shall be pleased to continue to them.” He left his eldest son, John Day £5; not an inconsiderable sum at the time. However, we can only speculate why he did not leave the tenancy to John.

- John Day, the eldest son of Robert, died on 21st April 1724, aged 38. He is buried under a commemorative floor slab on the south side of the chancel.

- Another John Day (1734-1747) is buried with the above John Day (1686-1724). He died 7th July 1747 aged 13. His inscription notes that he was the nephew of John Day and the son of Martha Day. However, this Martha is Martha Dandridge, the wife of Robert Day (d.1766), one of the three sons of Robert and Mary Day.

- Martha, the wife of John Day (1686-1724), is buried under a commemorative floor slab on the north side of the chancel, opposite her husband. They do not seem to have had any children.

- Robert Day, the son of Robert and Martha Day (nee Dandridge), died 7th January 1747 aged 3. He is buried in the same grave as a John Pennington, who died 30th December 1688, aged 59, on the south side of the chancel.

In the churchyard, the memorial slabs to two further Days can be seen in prominent positions, adjacent to the church’s east window:

- Thomas Day, who died on 26th June 1760, aged 60. Thomas was one of the three sons of Robert and Mary Day

- Issabella Day, who died 24th October 1786, aged 82 years. Her memorial lies alongside that of her husband Thomas Day. They do not seem to have had any children.



The church registers also record the burials of the following Days at Hardwick:

- Robert Day died 14th June 1766, who was married to Martha (nee Dandridge). He was one of the three sons of Robert and Mary Day.

- Rachell Day died 23 June 1769. She was born Rachell Fairfax, seemingly marrying a cousin of the Hardwick Days.

- Thomas Day died 6th March 1815, aged 86. He was the last of the Days to hold the tenancy of Hardwick Manor, having moved to Fritwell sometime before 1805.

- Mary Day died 10th May 1818, aged 86. She was the wife of Thomas Day (1729-1815). They had no known children.

Unfortunately, any memorials to these Days are no longer readable. There may have been other Days interred at Hardwick, as the registers are incomplete, most notably before 1739, between 1755 and 1760, and between 1798 and 1812.

Tellingly, there are no baptisms of any Days recorded in the Hardwick church registers. Presumably such baptisms would have been conducted elsewhere by a catholic priest. Only one wedding involving a Day is recorded at Hardwick. On 1st May 1758, Mary Day married Edmund Collingridge of Godington. The Collingridges were another prominent local Roman Catholic family, with connections to Hardwick.

As Roman Catholics, the Days were unlikely to have worshipped in Hardwick church. During their time, the mass would either have been said in the Fermor's chapel at Tusmore or in the chapel hidden in the attic of Hardwick Manor. Nonetheless, the Days did seem to care about Hardwick church, as the family provided at least two churchwardens. The church registers record Robert Day as being churchwarden in 1739 and Thomas Day in 1776.

As if to emphasise the family's Catholicism, Thomas Day (1729-1815) was amongst those donating to the establishment of St Ignatius Chapel in St Clements, the first Roman Catholic church to be built in Oxford since the Reformation. He is recorded as paying £20 in 1805 "for masses to be said annually at all times to come for the rest of the souls of all Catholics buried in Hardwick Church and Churchyard". He also listed "the four following

Anniversary Masses be said annually, for his father, Robert Day, his brother John Day, his brother Robert Day and his sister Mary Collingridge." He also requested that upon their respective deaths, his name and that of his wife Mary were be added to this list of those for whom prayers for the repose of their souls were to be said annually.



*St Ignatius Chapel, St Clements, Oxford.
Photo by Stephanie Jenkins*

David Barnes

Hethe

St Edmund and St George

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If you have any news or a village event to publicise, please send the details to me, where possible with a photo, and if suitable I will add them to next month's news and include them on the village web site. The deadline for the next edition of the Shelswell News is on Page 2.

ST EDMUND & ST GEORGE CHURCH

Church Services and Events

The church is still closed while we try and resolve the issues which caused water to enter the building and a section of plaster to fall from above the Chancel Arch. But, having assessed the risks, we have continued to hold services in the south aisle of the church while members of the PCC are present.



Hethe, continued

There is no lay led service this month.

Please refer to the village web site for the latest news.

Remember that you will always be welcome at services at any of our churches in the benefice, or if you are away from the village, you can find a nearby service through the web site <https://www.achurchnearyou.com>.

Church Restoration. We don't know at this stage what the cost will be of restoring the church (we also have an outstanding issue with the west window in the nave), but we are already heading for an in-year deficit. If you can contribute to meeting the cost, please follow this link [Church Restoration Fund](#) or scan this QR Code:

If you prefer to contribute to other church expenses, you may make a one-off gift through a single transaction or set up regular donations, using a debit or credit card, or Apple or Google Pay, using the secure Parish Giving (PGS) website - <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/> or through the following QR Code (note that our gaining a Silver Eco Church Award has been at no cost to the church):



Scan here to make a one-off donation or to set up regular giving by direct debit

100 Club. There are still plenty of numbers if you wish to join! Please contact Mike or one of the other PCC members for an application form (full details on the village website).



St Edmund & St George 100 Club

Results of the 67th draw held
on 10th July 2024

1st Prize No 56 Bill Mansfield
2nd Prize No 22 Sandra Green
3rd Prize No 55 Pauline O'Gorman

Many thanks to our members
Hethe PCC



Ride & Stride. Note the date – Saturday 14th September.

“As ever Ride+Stride is a wonderful way to enjoy getting out and about safely as well as raising much-needed funds to support Grant applications from churches and chapels across the country.”

The church will be greeting those taking part, so we hope to see you then - there could be cake available to sustain you on your

travels! We will also be taking harvest festival offerings ahead of the combined benefice service on Sunday 15th September.

Shelswell Lift Share WhatsApp Group



We now have a WhatsApp Group to get a bit more organised about offering and requesting lifts! The idea is twofold: firstly to reduce duplicated car journeys and the number of vehicles needing parking spaces, and secondly to ensure that people who are without transport don't get left out when there is something happening on our patch.

You will need to have a Mobile Phone with WhatsApp installed in order to use the Group. You can also install WhatsApp on a PC. Use the Group to invite people to join you if you are travelling to a church service, meeting or event, or any place where you can accommodate a lift share. Use the Group to enquire whether someone is travelling to a church service, meeting or event, or elsewhere (e.g. a trip locally which the Bus can't cover) and could give you a lift.

At present, Flora Skinner, Ali Miller and Rev. Alice are in the Group and you will need to contact them to add you. After that, you can send and receive messages to the other members of the Group, and you can also add other people. Your name will appear only on your own messages to the Group.

The more people are in the Group, the better the prospects of sharing lifts, of being more inclusive, and of being more responsible in our individual travel plans.

This is an experiment which hopefully will bear good fruit ...
Flora Skinner 07801 270661



Hethe PCC Meeting

The next PCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th October.

HETHE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Hethe Community Coffee Morning in St Philip's Hall

Monday 12th August from 10.00am to 12.00pm

***Friends, neighbours, dog walkers, pram pushers:
an opportunity to meet during the daytime – there's great
cake too!***



Climate Action

If you were inspired by the event in and around the church in June and now feel that you can do that bit extra to increase biodiversity, reuse/repair/recycle, or anything else to help alleviate the climate crisis, please let us know. Also, feel free to share any tips which you have or ideas for actions we can take communally.



Replenish Oxfordshire have lots of ideas to help people to cook and grow healthy food with zero wastage. See <https://replenishoxfordshire.com/>.

Food Waste Facts:

- Over 70% of UK food waste happens at home.
- The average family throws away £730 of food a year
- Food waste feeds climate change - global food waste accounts for 3 times more greenhouse gas emissions than flights!

Oxfordshire County Council are working on a climate engagement plan across Oxfordshire to further action on carbon reduction and climate resilience at a local level.

The Climate Engagement Survey is now live, and they need your help to get as many responses from across the county as possible. <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/climate-engagement-survey>



Climate Action Groups

“There is a network of over 100 community action groups working across Oxfordshire to make it a safer, fairer, greener, more sustainable place to live, work and visit. Together, we’re building an Oxfordshire with resilient and empowered communities, so that people and planet can thrive within ecological limits.”

If you would like to join a group of villagers in discussing and taking action, please let us know. Contact hethenews@outlook.com.

Parish Council. The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Tuesday 15th October, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

For **Village Hall bookings**, please contact Flora, the Village Hall Booking Secretary, on 01869 277366 fjskinner@hotmail.co.uk.

The Stay & Play Group contact is Kelly Woodford on 07716 981263. They meet on Friday mornings.

The Hardwick Road Allotments. Please note that the contact for the allotments off the Hardwick Road is Yvonne Thomas, 3 Wilson Way, Caversfield, OX27 8FB, tel 243536 or 07773065890. The agents are Carter Jonas for the Oxford Diocese.

Keep up to date with what is happening in the village through:

Our village web site (courtesy of the Parish Council): <https://www.hethe.org/>

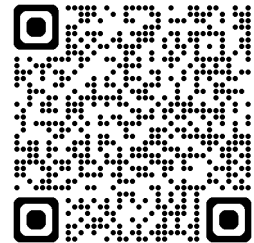
Facebook Pages:

Community Spirit of the Hethens - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/914036669040803>

Hethe Community -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/651105142605166>

The Next Door App - <https://nextdoor.co.uk/>



New Bus Service for Hethe

The new bus services started on 1st July to many villages to the north of Bicester operated by Ability CIC with financial support from Oxfordshire County Council. Hethe will be served by Service 82.

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Bicester Town Centre - Bicester Town Centre

Mondays to Fridays

Bicester Town Centre, Pioneer Square (Stand 1) dep	13:20	15:20	17:50
Bicester, opp Bicester North Station	13:22	15:22	17:52
Bicester, opp Buckingham Crescent	13:23	15:23	17:53
Caversfield, Caversfield Turn (NE-bound)	13:25	15:25	17:55
Caversfield, Skimmingdish Lane HAR (NW-bound)	13:26	15:26	17:56
Caversfield, adj Wilson Way	13:27	15:27	17:57
Stratton Audley, West Cottages (NE-bound)	13:31	15:31	18:01
Stratton Audley, opp Glen Close	13:31	15:31	18:01
Fringford, adj Wise Crescent	13:36	15:36	18:06
Hethe, o/s Town Well	13:42	15:42	18:12
Cottisford, Crossroads (N-bound)	13:45	15:45	18:15
Mixbury, opp All Saints Church	13:52	15:52	18:22
Finmere, opp Chinalls Close	13:59	15:59	18:29
Newton Purcell, o/s Shelswell Inn	14:02	16:02	
Caversfield, Caversfield Turn (SW-bound)	14:13	16:13	
Bicester, adj Buckingham Crescent	14:15	16:15	
Bicester, o/s Bicester North Station	14:15	16:15	
Bicester Town Centre, Pioneer Square (Stand 1) arr	14:16	16:16	

Notes

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[Req] some places only served by arrangement with driver

Compiled from data for the period Mon 01-Jul-2024 to Sun 07-Jul-2024. Times not in bold are estimated by using the distance between the stops

Mixbury All Saints

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If you have any news articles for the Parish Magazine please do not forget to let your Magazine Correspondent know in good time – deadline dates are normally found on the inside cover of the Shelswell News. Sue Goodman; email: pasgoodman551@gmail.com or telephone: 01280 848002.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 11th August 9.15 am Mixbury Half Hour

MIXBURY CHURCH FLOWER ROTA 2024

The flower rota is being updated.



MIXBURY CHURCH CLEANING ROTA 2024

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to go on this rota in order to clean and to help maintain the church throughout the year. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

AUGUST Rebecca Ayres and Eryl Tobin

SEPTEMBER Giovanna Holdcroft and Tanya Howroyd

OCTOBER Emma Bray and Viv Williams

NOVEMBER Alison Bailey, Pam Burrill and Jules Channon

DECEMBER Gail Bellingham, Mel Soar & Sue Bosher

If anyone else would like to help with cleaning, we would be very grateful for extra volunteers. This would help to lighten the load on otherwise busy people. The job only requires a couple of hours simple cleaning in your allotted month, and if you can find a partner or join a group of two to make groups of three, it can be a pleasant way to involve yourself in the village and familiarise yourself with our beautiful church. For more information please contact - Julie Mitchell on 01280 – 847769

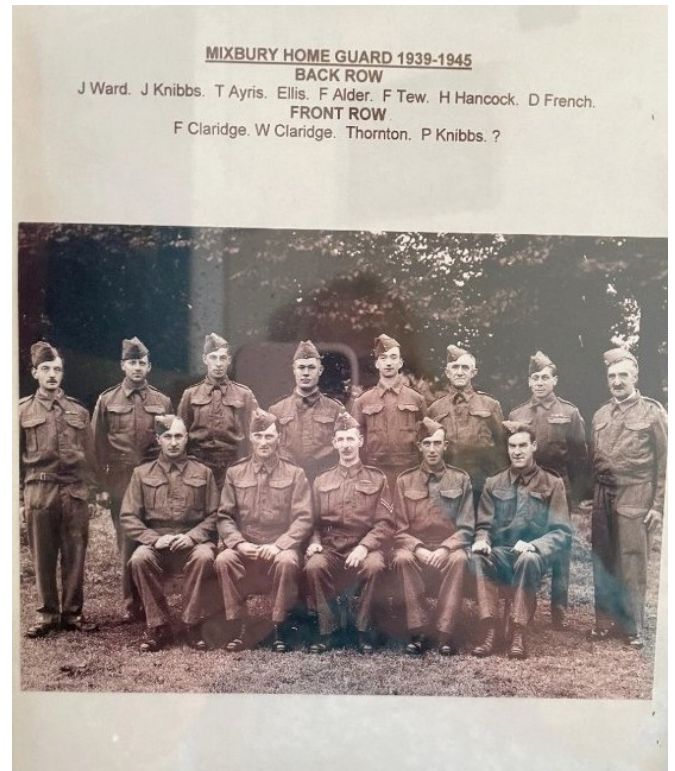
MIXBURY POP UP PUB NIGHTS

The Mixbury Pop Up Pub has been a tradition in the village for many years now and is a lovely way to socialise and make friends. The hosts provide the venue, glasses and a few nibbles and the guests arrive with their own drinks. If you are interested in hosting a pub night please contact Tanya – email: markandtanya@yahoo.co.uk.

MIXBURY HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY ARCHIVE OPEN DAY

Following the Open Day the team received a request to take the Mixbury Dolls to an elderly lady who grew up in Mixbury and remembered playing with them when at the village school.

A member of the Team visited Elizabeth Turvey (née Knibbs) with the dolls and made her day! Elizabeth used to live at No. 32 Mixbury after the family moved from Chesterton and her dad was a farm worker. They used to have a pig, chickens and a bee hive at the bottom of the garden. She recalled that during the war the family slept under the stairs on night raids and at times 50 planes could be spotted flying over to bomb us. Her father was in the Mixbury Home Guard and she remembers that the old cricket field had one bomb land on it.



On May Day the dolls were put on a chair which was decorated with wild flowers and the local boys carried the chair all round the village, farm houses, Shelswell and Monks House singing as they went.



Elizabeth left school at 15 and was later married in Mixbury Church (1950 – photo left) – she recalls that her first Saturday job at 15 was working for the Rectors wife scrubbing the stone flagstones in The Rectory.

BICESTER BEE BUZZ SERVICE

A new bus service has started with a regular service into Bicester, 6 days a week. The bus timetable is pinned to Mixbury Bus shelter. More information can be found on www.abilitycic.org.uk – the service started on 1st July 2024.

The earliest bus departing for Bicester at Mixbury Bus Shelter is 7.29am then 10.44am, returning from Pioneer Square in Bicester at 13.20pm, 15.20 and 17.50pm arriving Mixbury at 13.52, 15.52 and 18.22.

Fares payable by cash, contactless and concessionary bus pass.

MIXBURY BOOK EXCHANGE

Looking for some summer reading? Don't forget the Book Exchange Table in the Church (next to the organ/North Door)! Please help yourself and possibly donate a book in the process. There is a good selection with some children's books too.

Save The Date

Mixbury Village Fete – 31st August 2024

See the advertisement on page 6!

Newton Purcell St Michael and All Angels

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	Stuart Hinton	Tel: 07593 784143
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MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENT:	Ann von Maltzahn	Tel 01280 848680

Services -

Sunday 4th August - 9.15 a.m. -Holy Communion

Bonus Ball Lotto -

Our recent lucky winner was Fay Harris.

We thank all of you who continue to take part in this fun and vital part of our fund raising for special projects.

Your subscriptions will be due for renewal soon and for those of you who haven't taken part yet we still have plenty of numbers available so please contact Ann von Maltzahn for details.

Summer Fete -

We were blessed with a perfect day and the whole event was a great success thanks to all who worked so hard in every way to make it happen.

Too many to list but we would also like to thank all who very generously sponsored the event, came with their vintage agricultural machinery, classic cars and dogs for the fun dog show!

Following its success we are now already beginning to think of plans for next year!

Dates for Your Diary -

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride - Saturday 14th September.

Harvest Festival & Lunch - Sunday 13th October.

Christmas Concert - Friday 13th December.

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See back page for details.

Flower Duty for August

Donita Read

Food for Thought – Sunday, 7th July

The first Sunday of the month in St. Peter's, Stoke Lyne at 10am is our popular Food for Thought service.

This is the chance to share breakfast with friends with **a short, informal reflection and discussion. Croissants, tea, coffee, juice provided.**



This month we considered what it means to be an apostle and watched a short clip from the acclaimed 'The Chosen' (search on YouTube for Teaching With The Chosen: Jesus sends out the Twelve, Matthew 10, Mark 6, Luke 9) which helped us to see the human reactions of Jesus' disciples when they were given their task.

Our next FFT service will be at 10am on Sunday 4th August 10am, why not come along and try it? (advanced info of a service for pets – who are invited- on 6th October)

Kelly Holden-White

Stoke Lyne 100 Club

The winners of the July 100 Club are as follows:

1 st Prize	Membership No. 43	Jane Webb
2 nd Prize	Membership No. 10	Nick Barnes
3 rd Prize	Membership No. 56	Chris Lowe

Half proceeds of this 100 club are donated to St Peter's Church and the other half given back as prize money. It would be brilliant if we could increase the prize money - it's only £3.00 per month per membership number. Contact janey@oxford-educational.co.uk for details.

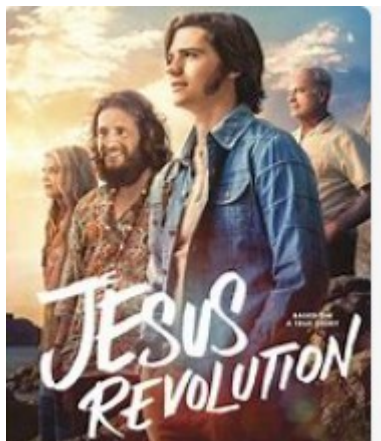
Thank you to all who already support.

Janey Poole

Treasurer

St Peter's Church

Film Night – Friday August 9th 6.30pm



‘Jesus Revolution’ (12a) is our next film, to be shown on our big screen in St Peter’s Church at 6.30pm on Friday 9th August

£3 entry (includes popcorn and a soft drink) Other refreshments will be available.

Any questions, contact Kelly Holden-White kholdenwhite@aol.com

**Why Not Bring Your Family And Friends
To A Relaxing Bring And Share Tea Party**

4th August

St Peter’s Church, Stoke Lyne. OX27 8SB

2pm until all the cake has been eaten....



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07762718198 or alisonjanemiller@icloud.com

A Look at the Stoke Lyne Church Clock

Many of you will remember St Peter's Church clock being out of action when it could not be restarted after one of the Covid lockdowns. At the time I shared this newspaper story on the village Facebook group which showed that it was not the first time there had been "trouble" with the church clock:

Bicester Herald, 6th April 1860

STOKE LYNE CHURCH .
To the Editor of the Bicester Herald.

SUR, - What's O'clock, we cant tell in our parish
has the Church clock hasnt been goin round a grate
many months, we cant tell what is the matter with it,
nor why its stopt. sum ses one thing, sum ses tother,
but I ses its the ardness of the Times, but we
hopes the wether will change very soon, and it be soft-
er, and that there will be a grate meetun at Ester,
and they set it goin agin, and so do good to your poor
laburing survants at Stoke Lyne, near Swift's hous,
Oxfordshire.

N.B. – pleas to send us word by the poostman what
can be done to the clock, with ferther per Ticklers.

[We give this epistle in its rustic simplicity. If it has
the effect of inducing the authorities to see that the
clock is made to keep time, a service will have been
done the parishioners. Every parish should have a
truthful public time-keeper.] – ED. B. H.

Two separate (unfortunately, copyright) images on the Heritage Search website show this clock, which was mounted on a lozenge (diamond-shape) on the tower.

The first dates from 1825:

<https://heritagesearch.oxfordshire.gov.uk/images/POX0120292>

and the second has been roughly dated to 1840-49:

<https://heritagesearch.oxfordshire.gov.uk/images/POX0067943>

It may have been repaired in response to the plea above, but it was certainly replaced later in the nineteenth century by the clock that is in the tower today.

In 2020 our clock repairers, Time Assured Limited of Mansfield, stated:

"The clock mechanism is a Thwaites and Reed Hour Strike in a flatbed frame manufactured in 1871. It has a recoil escapement and is hand-wound. It is protected by a wooden case. The mechanism drives out to an approximately 5ft diameter copper convex dial painted black with gilded chapters, minute marks and hands".

From Wikipedia, "Thwaites and Reed" *has been in continuous manufacture since its foundation and claims to be the oldest clock manufacturing company in the world."* and *"The firm produced a catalogue of turret clocks and other items in 1878 claiming upward of 4,000 church and turret clocks made in their factory since the establishment of the business".*

I was intrigued as to what was meant by “chapters” in the dial description and according to a glossary on the Clocks Magazine website it simply means the “hours”. This apparently goes back to life in monasteries where the first mechanical clocks were developed so that the monks would know when to gather together for the reading of a chapter from the Bible at certain times of the day.

Was there any significance to the 1871 date? As mentioned in previous articles in this magazine, the church underwent extensive renovations in 1868 and was re-opened in 1869, pre-dating the manufacture of the clock. Nor does the date coincide with the donation of the stained glass in the east and west windows by members of the Peyton family (1873 for the former and 1875 for the latter). Blomfield lists all the above gifts in his 1894 history of the Deanery of Bicester but does not mention the clock.

However, the manufacture year does coincide with other works in the parish. It was the year when the foundation stone of All Saints Church at Fewcott was laid. Fewcott at that time was deemed to be part of the parish of Stoke Lyne. This church no longer exists being demolished in 1959. It was also the year when work was begun on constructing what we now know as “The Old Rectory” after the 1870 merger of the “livings” of Stoke Lyne with Caversfield.

Of course, it could be that although the clock was made in 1871, it was not installed at St Peter’s Church then. It was certainly in situ by 1879 as shown by the photograph of the Kirby family taken outside the Forge with the church tower in the background on the occasion of the marriage of Sarah Kirby to Charles Cross on 30th December 1879 (see the “Trade and Transport in Stoke Lyne” folder in the church compiled for the 2022 Shelswell History Festival for more information).



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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 4th August 6.00 pm Compline at Stratton Audley
Sunday 11th August 10.45 am Morning Service at Stratton Audley
Sunday 25th August 9.15 am Holy Communion at Stratton Audley
Sunday 1st September 6.00 pm Compline at Godington

COFFEE AND CAKE ON RIDE & STRIDE DAY



On Saturday 14th September there will be a Coffee and Cake fundraiser for St Mary and St Edburga Church in the church, to raise money for necessary minor repairs. Whether you are taking part in Ride & Stride or simply strolling gently down to the church, come and enjoy some company and home baking for a good cause!

If you can help out on the day or bake a cake, please contact Sarah Noujaim Tel 07941 273145



STRATTON AUDLEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

CONDUCTED VILLAGE WALK

AUGUST 17th

Would you like to know more about Stratton Audley? Well come and join us. We conducted several successful walks around the village 5/6 years ago and, as there are many new people living here, we propose to hold another one in August. Sally Rowe will lead the walk and relate tales, starting in Roman times and telling of all the changes which have affected the life of the village.

The walk will commence at 2.30 from the Pound and posters will be on display nearer the time.

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The foodbank donation point in the church porch in Stratton Audley, supporting Bicester Foodbank, is still in place and will remain so for the foreseeable future. Thank you very much to all those who have dropped donations into the box - please keep them coming! Urgently needed items are listed below. Please note that the Rector, Alice Goodall is now a 'Local Referrer' and can refer anyone who is in need to the Bicester Foodbank. Contact: Alice Goodall, The Rectory, Finmere 01280 848192 alicegoodall313@gmail.com

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- TINNED FRUIT
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- TINNED FISH
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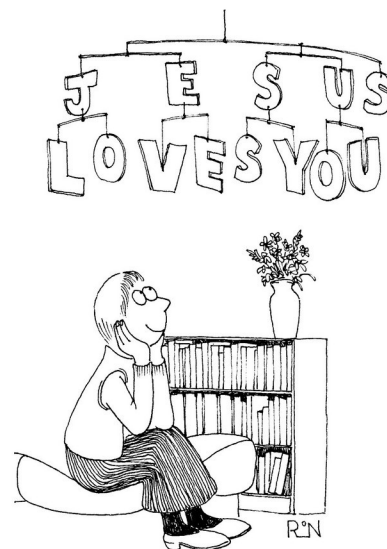
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The Last Word

For young and young at heart Readers!

"People don't realise how bad it is for their mental health and brain function to never take days off social media" - Zuby



Wendy checked the message on her mobile

Two Reflections on Faith:

August 10th - St Laurence, who fought for Christianity in Rome

Laurence was a deacon of the Church in Rome who was martyred in 258. His story is found in the very ancient *Depositio Martyrum*, which tells us that he was closely associated with Pope Sixtus II, who was martyred just a few days before him during the persecution of the Emperor Valerian. We also know that Laurence was much loved for his almsgiving.

St Cyprian, the Bishop of Carthage, relates how the Roman authorities had taken to confiscating all the goods of any Christians they discovered, and then putting the Christians to death. And so it was in August of 258, after Sixtus was martyred, that they demanded of Laurence the wealth of the Church in Rome. He asked for three days to gather it together. During that time he worked quickly, to distribute as much of it as possible to the poor in Rome.

On the third day, he presented himself to the prefect of Rome, taking along a small delegation of the poor and crippled. He told the prefect that these people were the true treasures of the Church, and that 'The Church is truly rich, far richer than your emperor.' This did not go down well with the prefect, and Laurence was condemned to a martyr's death.

Country Faith

Here in the country's heart
Where the grass is green
Life is the same sweet life
As it e'er hath been.
Trust in a God still lives
And the bell at morn
Flouts with a thought of God
O'er the rising corn.
God comes down in the rain
And the crop grows tall
This is the country faith
And the best of all!

by Norman Gale (1862 – 1942)

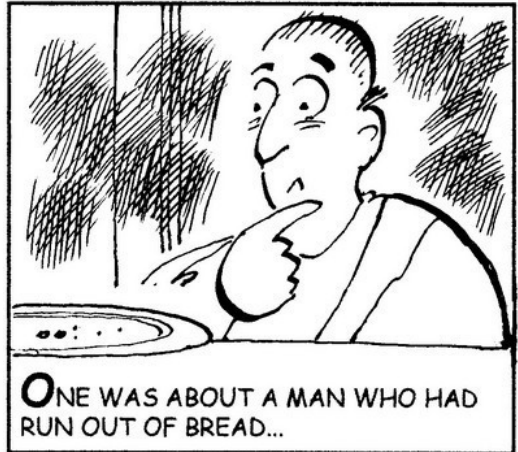


Wheat Field by Bruno, pixabay.com

The Tale of The Friend at Midnight



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE WAS ABOUT A MAN WHO HAD RUN OUT OF BREAD...

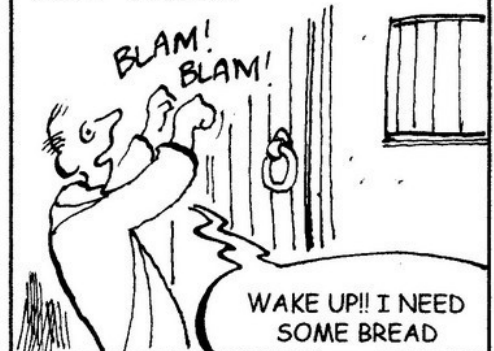


...AND HE NEEDED PLENTY AS A FRIEND WAS COMING TO STAY.

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS MIDNIGHT...



... HE WENT TO HIS NEIGHBOUR'S HOUSE AND BANGED ON THE DOOR - LOUDLY!



WAKE UP!! I NEED SOME BREAD

PLEASE WILL YOU LEND ME THREE LOAVES?

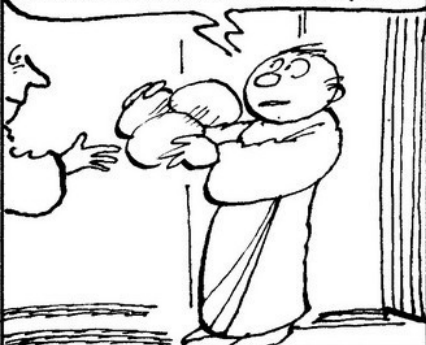


GO AWAY!! WE'RE ALL TRYING TO SLEEP!

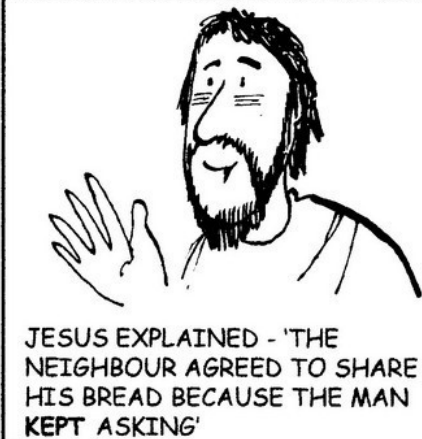


OH GO ON... PLEASE I REALLY DO NEED SOME!

ALRIGHT THEN! BUT I'M ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE I WANT SOME PEACE AND QUIET!



JESUS EXPLAINED - 'THE NEIGHBOUR AGREED TO SHARE HIS BREAD BECAUSE THE MAN KEPT ASKING'



'DON'T BE AFRAID TO TALK TO GOD. HE LONGS TO HEAR OUR PRAYERS'.



Surely Angels Play Mozart At Home



Baroque Angel by Salvatore di Franco, Metropolitan Museum of Art

The German theologian, Karl Barth, is reputed to have said, “Whether the angels play only Bach in praising God, I am not quite sure; I am sure, however, that *en famille* they play Mozart.”

It is a lovely image of angels in the heavenly courts above, mirroring the human enjoyment of music making here on earth. And what more wonderful music than Mozart’s! From child prodigy to fully mature composer in the space of just 35 years – encountering frustrations and disappointments, poorly paid and exploited, beset by problems of debt and ill-health – and yet rising above all that to create a wealth of music for voice and instrument that continues to lift the human heart.

Mozart was nothing if not life affirming in his music. He enjoyed life, in spite of the disasters and tragedies that occurred along the way. This from a letter he wrote to his father after the performance of one of his symphonies: “It was performed on *Corpus Christi* day with great applause. I was so happy that as soon as it was over I went off to the Palais Royal, where I had a large ice cream.” Enjoying this world, he had that rare ability to transcend it, and open up a greater world of beauty and harmony. That realisation caused Schubert to write in his

diary in 1816, “O Mozart, immortal Mozart, how many, how infinitely many inspiring suggestions of a finer, better life have you left in our souls!”

As illustrations of that, we focus this month on two works, one early and one late in his composing life. In January 1773 Mozart wrote a motet, *Exsultate, jubilate* for a castrato who had appeared in one of his operas. It is almost a concerto in miniature for the voice. The opening *Allegro* calls on heaven to join in the praises of earth and leads into an *Andante* of great beauty, where Mary is praised as the mother who brings light to a darkened world. The work ends with a glorious *Alleluia* with notes cascading off the page and into the air. Perhaps Mozart had in mind a thank offering for the success of his opera *Lucio Silla*. Whatever the music’s origin, we cannot deny the inspiration and skill with which Mozart weaves together words and music to dazzle and transport the listener.

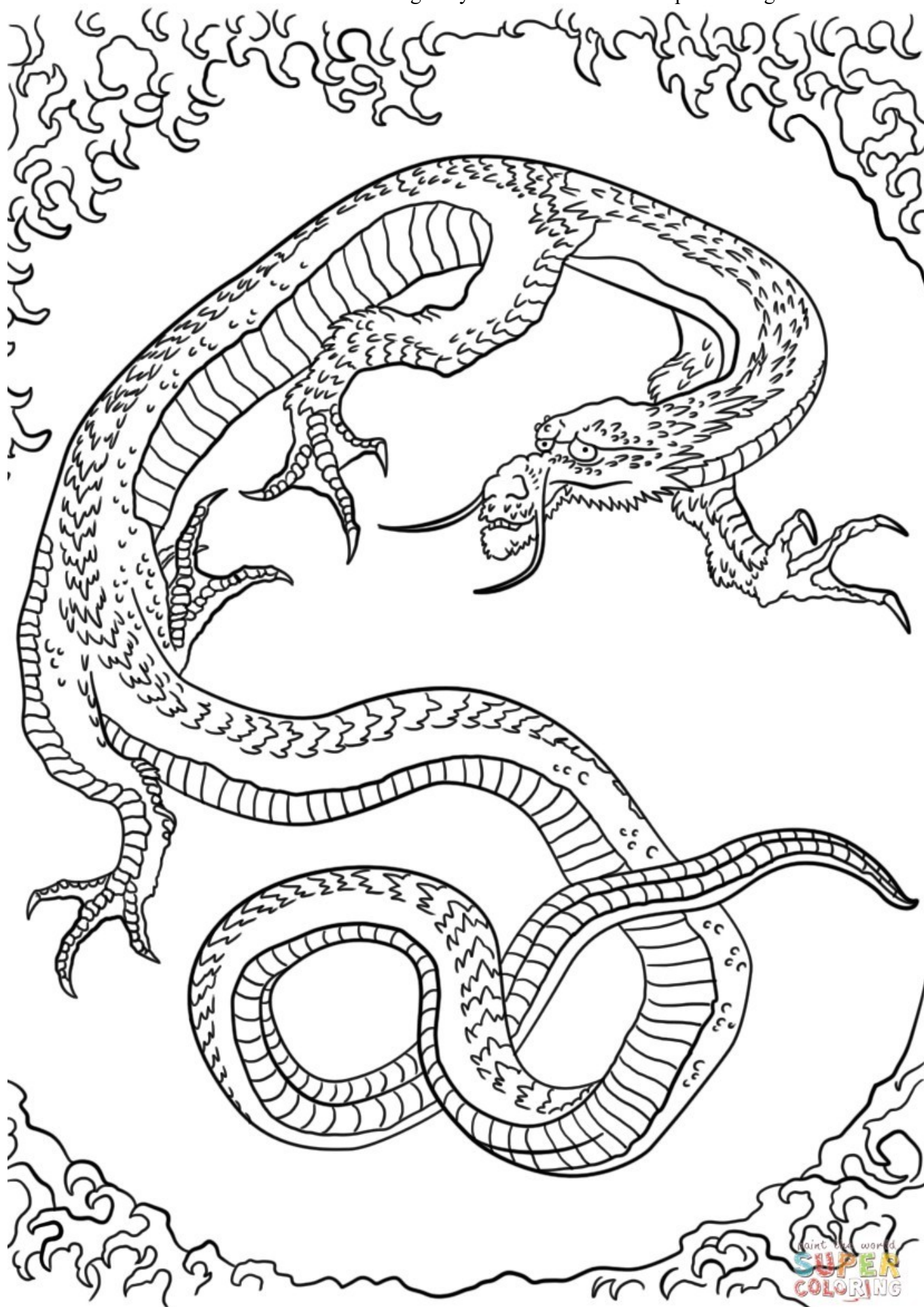
In the last year of his life in 1791, when his mortal body began to fail, his mind took on a new vitality with the composition of two operas, a clarinet concerto, a Requiem, and a wonderful, concentrated setting of *Ave verum corpus*. This motet in praise of Jesus on the cross and in the sacrament was written for the choirmaster at Baden. It is just two pages in the manuscript, written out by Mozart without any corrections. There are no flourishes and runs here as in the earlier work. The music is simple and yet sublime as Mozart conveys a sense of holiness and serenity.

Michael Levey has written of this work: “Short but not slight, it seems to float like a cloud of incense on the air.” Here, as in all Mozart’s music, a creation of this world opens up for us that greater world where all is light and joy.



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in April 1789 by Dora Stock

Revd Michael Burgess



Crossword

Across

1. and 3. Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)

3. See 1 Across

8. 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4)

9. O Simon is (anag.) (8)

11. Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)

14. How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)

15. In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)

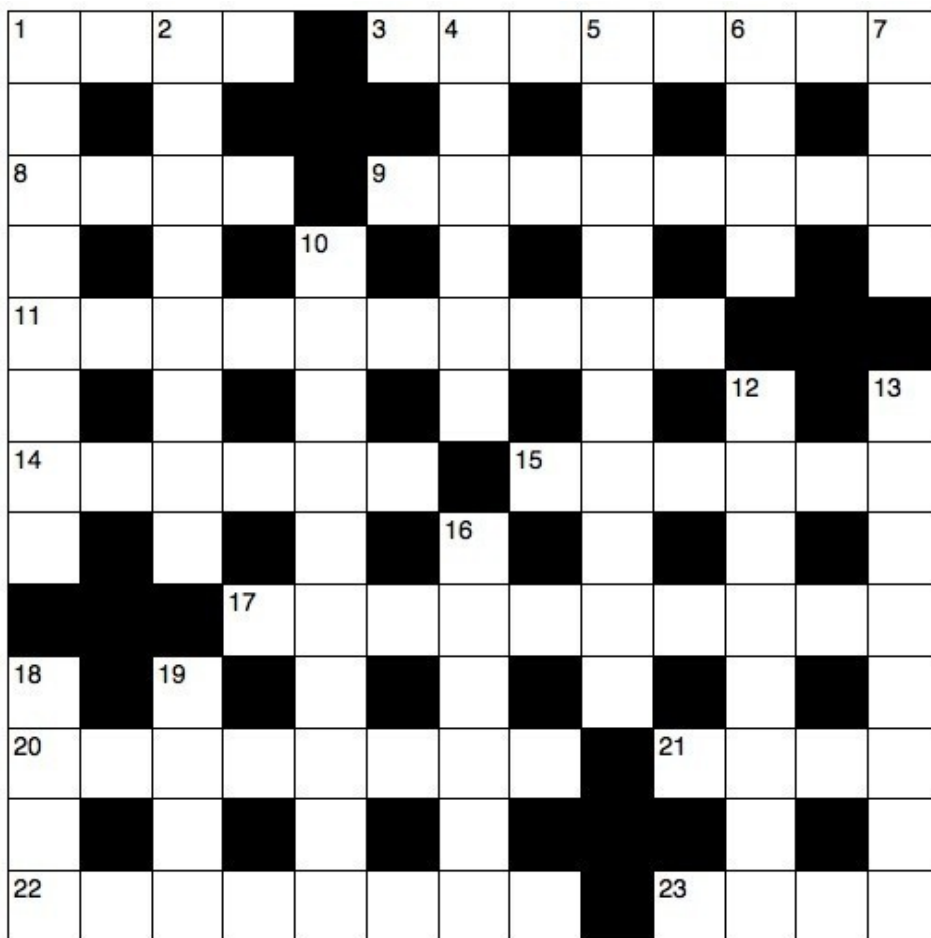
17. Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)

20. Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)

21. Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4)

22. 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3)

23. Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)



Down

1. David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8)

2. 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)

4. 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)

5. Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)

6. Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)

7. 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)

10. 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)

12. Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)

13. One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)

16. 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)

18. 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — —, and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)

19. Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)



Alice caught the flower ladies
red-handed, dealing trugs

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mk 4:35-41, Mt 8:23-27, Lk 8:22-25

Jesus had spent the day teaching big crowds by Lake Galilee, and when evening came he told his disciples..

We'll sail over to the east side of the lake



Suddenly a massive storm blew up



Even the experienced sailors panicked



But Jesus was fast asleep at the back of the boat



Master

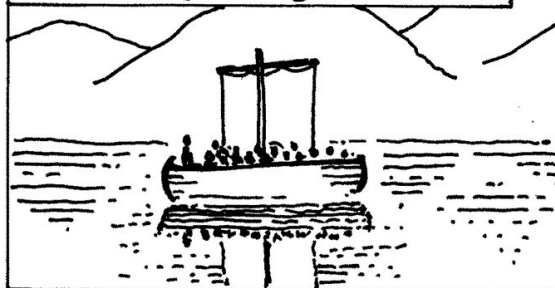
Lord, save us!

Teacher, don't you care we're going to drown?

Be quiet!



Immediately the wind stopped and everything was calm.



Why were you afraid? Don't you trust me?



Now the disciples were even more afraid.

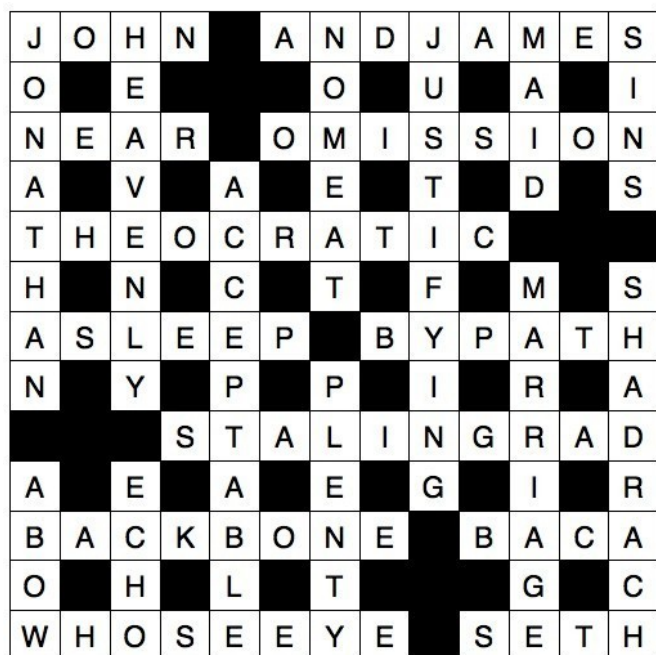


Who is he? Even the wind and sea obey him!

Only God has power like that!



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A Learner Gardener Writes...

During covid, I decided that it was time to start serious gardening. No more messing around with a couple of gro-bags of tomatoes - now I was going to provide vegetables for our family from our garden. Here are some of the things I have learned since then:

Slugs like lettuces. However, slugs will bypass lettuces if you have planted cabbages just beyond them.



Find these cabbages, suckers!

Slugs eat onions. They eat tomato plants. Slugs can devour an entire medium-sized plant in one night.

Slugs can crawl to the end of a raspberry cane to eat the fruit and then let themselves down to the ground on a thread of slime.

The charming and ecologically sustainable corner of woodland where I planted the bluebells is in fact nothing more than a slug nursery.

If you reject the use of slug pellets as I do, you will spend most of the summer killing slugs humanely.

You can discourage slugs from climbing runner bean poles by winding Christmas tinsel round the bottom of the poles. You can dupe slugs by planting vegetables in builders' troughs under overhanging roofs or on stands.

Hedgehogs do not eat slugs; they prefer wood-lice. Ducks do like slugs. My garden is unsuitable for ducks.

Any slug that is not on your cabbages is simply a slug that has not found them yet. If slugs don't get your cabbages, caterpillars or pigeons will.

Cabbages with holes in the leaves are perfectly edible.

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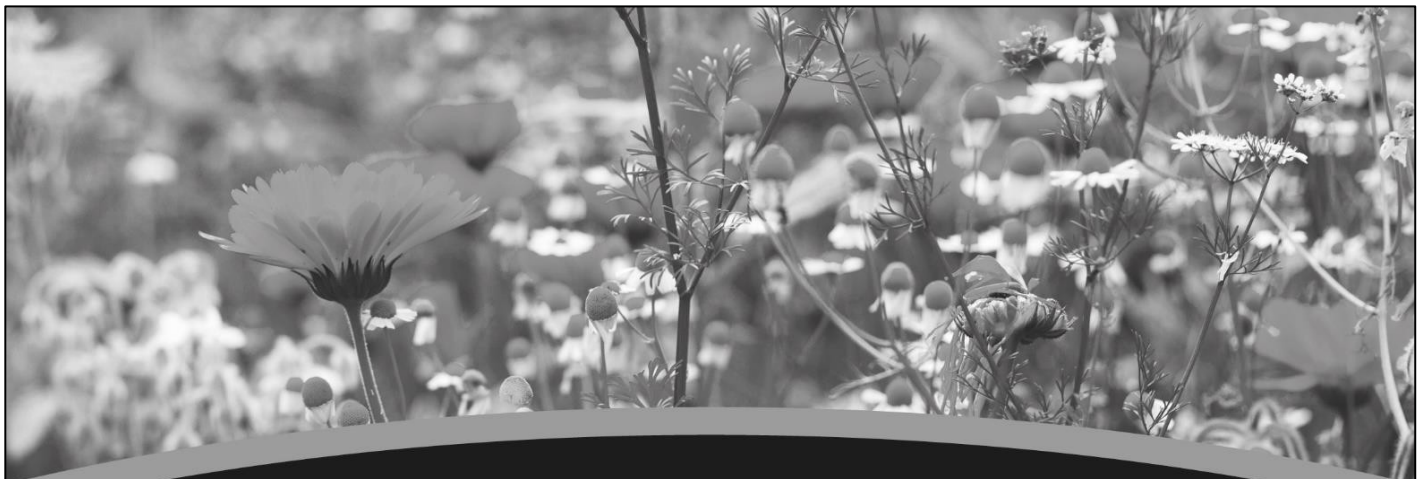
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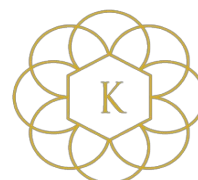


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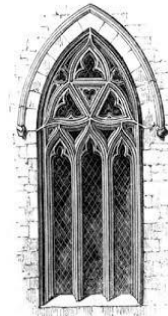
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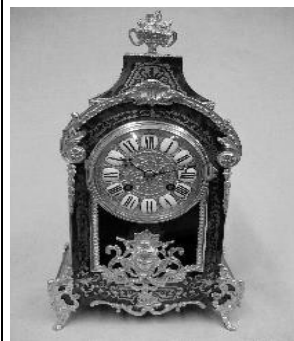


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| DATE     | 4 <sup>th</sup> August<br>10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity      |                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                                      |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ALTAR    | Green                                                                | 11 <sup>th</sup> August<br>11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity | 18 <sup>th</sup> August<br>12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity | 25 <sup>th</sup> August<br>13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity | 1 <sup>st</sup> September<br>14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity   |
| 8.00 am  |                                                                      | Green                                                            | Green                                                            | Green<br>Holy Communion<br>(BCP)<br>FINMERE AG                   | Green                                                                |
| 9.15 am  | 9.15am<br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>HARDWICK<br>AM        | Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>HETHE<br>SM                 | Holy Communion<br>with hymns (BCP)<br>COTTISFORD<br>AM           | Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>STRATTON AUDDLEY<br>SM      | 9.15am<br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>COTTISFORD<br>AG      |
|          | 9.15am<br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (BCP)<br>NEWTON PURCELL<br>AG | Mixbury Half Hour<br>MIXBURY<br>AG                               | Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>FINMERE<br>AG               |                                                                  | 9.15am<br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (BCP)<br>NEWTON PURCELL<br>AM |
| 10.45 am | 10am<br>'Food for Thought'<br>STOKE LYNE<br>Lay-led                  | Morning Service<br>STRATTON AUDDLEY<br>LW                        | 10.45am<br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>FRINGFORD<br>AG  | 10.45am<br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>STOKE LYNE<br>AM | 10am<br>'Food for Thought'<br>STOKE LYNE<br>Lay-led                  |
|          | 10.45am<br>Morning Service<br>FRINGFORD<br>AG                        |                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                                  | 10.45am<br>Morning Service<br>FRINGFORD<br>PV                        |
| 6.00 pm  | Compline<br>STRATTON AUDDLEY<br>PV                                   | Evening Communion<br>STOKE LYNE<br>AG                            | 4pm<br>'Fun at Four'<br>STOKE LYNE<br>SM                         | Evensong with<br>the Shelswell Group Choir<br>HARDWICK<br>PV     | Compline<br>GODINGTON<br>PV                                          |