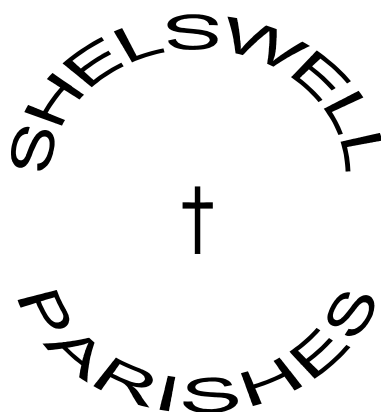


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The magazine of the Shelswell Group of Churches

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Minister's Letter

Now that I am old and my hair is grey....

.... do not abandon me, O God! *Psalm 71.18*

In February members of the Ministry Team went to an interesting session at Emmanuel Church, Bicester, to hear about the Anna Chaplaincy.

Anna Chaplains are named after the faithful widow, Anna, who appears with Simeon in Luke's gospel at the time of Jesus' presentation in the temple. Anna Chaplaincy is a ministry undertaken by volunteers in communities to provide emotional and spiritual support to older people in their own homes, sheltered housing or care homes. The Chaplaincy was set up to respond to a growing need for a distinctive ministry to older people, and their families and carers, as the population ages. The need for spiritual care continues, regardless of age.

In 2018 there were 1.6 million people aged 85 years and over. This is projected to rise to 3 million by 2043. According to Age UK, 58% of people over the age of 75 live alone, and 1.3 million older people say they have not been in contact with a friend, family or neighbour for more than a month.

Although we are not in a position to develop the Anna Chaplaincy in the Benefice in a formal way, the Organisation (which is part of BRF Ministries) has useful resources. People who visit and support elderly family, friends and neighbours may find such resources helpful. (www.annachaplaincy.org.uk)

Now that I am old and my hair is grey, do not abandon me, O God!

Now that I am old and my hair is mostly grey, it seems time for a change of emphasis. Living with rheumatoid arthritis and its associated conditions - including poor circulation - for 44 years has taken its toll. Fortunately, the treatments are so much better now than when I was first diagnosed. God's grace, along with medication, has enabled me to be upfront (and upright!) for far longer than I anticipated. With Alice's agreement, I will now be taking fewer Sunday services, especially in the winter, and I hope to concentrate more on helping to support people who are no longer able to get to church.



Please contact me:

- if you would like someone to visit, or to receive Holy Communion at home;
- if you would like to receive by email each week a copy of a Sunday Service. These services follow the same lectionary readings as in church and are appreciated by those who have been using them at home, knowing that others are worshipping with them;
- if you would like a copy of any of the Anna Chaplaincy Guides listed below.

Liz Welters, Associate Minister (email: lizwelters@yahoo.co.uk tel:01869 249481)

Anna Chaplaincy Carer's Guides:

- How to take care of yourself in stressful times
- How to have a memorial service at home when you are unable to attend the funeral
- How to worship with individuals in your care
- How to help someone spiritually towards the end of life
- How to worship with a group of residents



The Anna Chaplaincy Prayer

Faithful God, you have promised in Christ to be with us to the end of time. Come close to those who have lived long and experienced much. Help them to continue to be faithful and, within the all-age kingdom of God, to find ways to go on giving and receiving your grace, day by day. For your glory and your kingdom. Amen

BIBLE READINGS



Sunday 2 nd June	1 st Sunday after Trinity	Deuteronomy 5 v12-15 2 Corinthians 4 v5-12 Mark 2 v23 – 3 v6
Sunday 9 th June	2 nd Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 3 v8-15 2 Corinthians 4 v13 – 5 v1 Mark 3 v20-end
Sunday 16 th June	3 rd Sunday after Trinity	Ezekiel 17 v22-end 2 Corinthians 5 v6-10 [11-13] 14-17 Mark 4 v26-34
Sunday 23 rd June	4 th Sunday after Trinity	Job 38 v1-11 2 Corinthians 6 v1-13 Mark 4 v35-end
Sunday 30 th June	5 th Sunday after Trinity	Lamentations 3 v22-33 2 Corinthians 8 v7-end Mark 5 v21- end



Fun @ Four is on tour!

Put these in your diary now!

In June:

We are joining in the **Big Green Week** – Sunday 2nd June in Hethe church and churchyard – 3 – 5 pm, followed by a short time of worship at 5 pm - all sorts of things to do and to think about! (see poster in this magazine in the Hethe section)

Also in June:

Father afield – Sunday 16th June, 11 am – 2 pm, Finmere Village Hall and Playing Field. We will be saying ‘thank you’ to God for fathers, doing a couple of dad – related crafts, enjoying a fun game of Finmere Footet (or could perhaps be called Crickball) followed by a BBQ. Beer for grownups that would like it. (see poster in the Finmere section)

There is no Fun @ Four in July as the Lighthouse team are training that afternoon!

But in August:

Fun @ Four - Sunday 18th August, 4 pm – 5.30 pm at Stoke Lyne – with all the usual fun and activities, worship and sandwiches and cake. Maybe even ice cream, you never know!

There is no charge for any of these activities, but as always, donations appreciated.

Everyone is welcome!

Great Big Green Week 2024 - Sunday June 2nd 3 – 5pm

in and around St Edmund & St George Church, Hethe

Further details in the Hethe Village section



*‘We can all play our part’
in caring for creation and
minimising our human impact.*

**THE GREAT
BIG GREEN
WEEK** 



**MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION
AND SOUP LUNCH**

Thursday, 13th June

12 noon

Stoke Lyne Church



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

Father afield!

11 am, Sunday 16th June

Finnmere Village Hall and Playing Field



**Come and join us
for a celebration of dads
on Fathers' Day**

- A game of Finnmere Crickball (or footet?)
- BBQ and a drink (including beer for grown-ups)
 - A 'dad' related craft or two
- Saying thank you to God for fathers

Everyone welcome!

Free event but donations for refreshments appreciated

**Come dressed for the weather,
but if it's really wet, we'll be in the Village Hall**

Welcome to Father Alex and the Mahlava family

We are delighted to welcome Father Alex, his wife Talind and their four children to the Shelswell Benefice where Father Alex joins us as the 'house for duty' priest.

Fr Alex was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Harare in Zimbabwe 16 years ago and worked in both rural and city parishes. He left Harare in July 2023 to join his wife who was working here in the UK as a carer.

Upon coming to UK, Fr Alex and family joined the benefice of Witney where he was assistant priest after receiving his Permission to Officiate.

The family moved into 10c St Michaels Close, Fringford on Monday 20th May. They had been living in furnished accommodation, hence why we sent an email out asking for help with furnishing their home. Thank you so much for all your donations and in particular to Penni Davids-Austin, who with the help of Phil Austin, Joan Alderdice, Alison Sauvain and others made the house so lovely, homely and welcoming. Thank you also to all who have given gifts of 'household staples' which were ready and waiting for the family when they arrived.

I have to say that when I looked round the house the day before they moved in, I was really moved by what I saw and by your generosity in making it happen. It was one of those times when I realised once again just how amazing the people in the Shelswell Benefice are.

So just imagine the family's reaction at what they found. Father Alex will say 'thank you' himself in due course, but I share with you his email to me on Monday afternoon:

Hi Alice.

We are so amazed by what we are seeing here. You people are great. The house is well furnished and there is everything for us. We are happy. We don't know how we will pay back.

We are busy settling in now – we have arrived in Fringford!

Alex



I have assured Fr Alex that I am confident that the presence of him and his family will bring us great blessings, and that is all the pay back we need. Fr Alex's licensing service will take place at 7.30 pm on Thursday 20th June in Fringford Church. Please do continue to pray for him and his family as they settle in, and do come along to the licensing to welcome him.

Alice

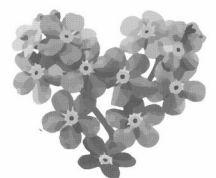
(PS I insisted on taking the photo of them on the day they moved, even though they were in their 'moving house' clothes rather than their 'Sunday best'.)

Forget Me Not Bicester

Forget Me Not (Bicester) Ltd is a friendship and lunch club which aims to prevent loneliness and social isolation for older people. It provides person-centred care led by friendly staff in a safe, fun environment, a two-course hot lunch, a range of activities, exercises, professional live entertainment and good company.

Carers can leave their loved ones, safe in the knowledge that they are being looked after by staff, who between them have over 30 years' experience in day care settings and are also qualified in dementia care.

If you are interested in joining the club, or volunteering, please phone: **07507 749931** or email: mail@forgetmenotbicester.co.uk - you'll be sure of a warm welcome.





Open Gardens!

Cottisford and Juniper Hill

Sunday 16th June 2024, 2- 5 pm

£5 per person, under 16s free, cash only please

Home-made cakes and teas in the church

All proceeds to charity *

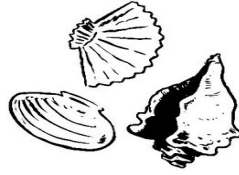
The gardens, opening for the first time, offer the magnificent herbaceous border of Cottisford House, a walled garden abundant with perennials, cottage gardens with magnificent views over open countryside and a newly designed garden... all with lots of ideas for your own garden.





Shelswell By The Sea

A break from routine
run by the Shelswell Group of Churches



Coming up again on 8 & 9 July in Hethe Village Hall,
from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Cost: £7.00 a day (includes all meals).

Booking Forms will be available in June from Penny Wood.

penelope.wood@btopenworld.com



Lighthouse Shelswell 2024

Jesus Rocks!

**Children's registration is open
and places are going fast!**

Lighthouse Shelswell is a Christian based holiday club welcoming children of all faiths and none. It is loads of fun, with sport, craft, drama and music. This year's theme is 'Jesus Rocks' - it focuses on Peter and looks at the highs and lows of his friendship with Jesus.

Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August
in Finmere School
for 4 – 11 year olds

How to register: Go to <https://signmeup.org.uk/> to create an account and then register your children. Places are limited, so don't delay!!

Dementia Action Week

Dementia Action Week, an awareness raising campaign, was held last month. This year's theme is dementia diagnosis. There are currently more than 900,000 people with dementia in the UK, with this number set to rise to over 1.1 million by 2030. Helpful information and resources are available from:

The Alzheimer's Society - www.alzheimers.org.uk

The website has information about dementia, finding support and help with care, and finances. Includes a Dementia Guide, *Living well after your diagnosis*, and a Guide for Carers. They provide a Dementia Support Line, with trained staff ready to help. [Tel: 0333 150 3456](tel:03331503456)

Dementia UK - www.dementiauk.org Tel: 020 8036 5400

Numerous advice leaflets can be downloaded or ordered by post. There is a free, confidential Dementia Helpline which is staffed by dementia specialist Admiral Nurses who provide information, advice and support with any aspect of dementia. Tel: 0800 888 6678

They also offer phone or video call appointments lasting 45 minutes in virtual clinics. Available Monday to Friday, 9am - 4pm, and. See website for more details.

Age UK Age UK provides a free advice line on 0800 678 1602, open 8am-7pm and support services for sufferers and carers

Insights into Wulu County in South Sudan from Bishop Zachariah

The Importance of Mother Tongue

The common language spoken in Wulu County is 'Beli. The 'Beli group of people has four tribes in it, Sopi, Mo'da, Monga and 'Beli itself. They all speak 'Beli language including Dinka people living within 'Beli town. Only a few people are able to write and read the 'Beli language.

The bishop's wife, Mama Monica, speaks 'Beli because it is the mother tongue, without reading and writing it. Only three of their eight children can read and write in the 'Beli language, but all speak it.

Bishop Zachariah believes it is important for people to learn 'Beli because the language is a part of the culture and nationality. He says, 'When you don't know your mother tongue it means that you do not belong to that community. Knowing your own language along with writing and reading it shows that your language is alive'.

The South Sudan constitution gives freedom for any languages in South Sudan to be taught. More than 60 indigenous languages are spoken in the country. Currently in Wulu County there are teachers in the County Education Department who teach the 'Beli language in school. When it achieved independence in 2011, South Sudan chose English as its official language.

Bishop Zachariah has always lived in his home-town Wulu, and he likes it!

The Bible in 'Beli

Translations of the four Gospels of the New Testament, and Genesis and Exodus from the Old Testament, have been completed. Acts, First and Second Corinthians, First and Second Timothy and Titus are in the process of being completed.

The Market

In Wulu market some stalls use tables and some are on the ground. Some items on sale are grown in Wulu including sorghum, simsim (sesame), groundnuts, sweet potatoes. Others are brought in from the State capital, such as clothes, shoes, sugar and dry fish. Sometimes vegetables, chicken and goat are available.

There are two factories in Wulu, one for honey production and one run by women producing lulu (shea butter). Honey and shea butter production generates an income and helps people to provide for their children, allowing them also to benefit from the money earned.

Notes:

Shea butter is extracted from the nuts of the *Vitellaria nilotica* tree in South Sudan. This tree only produces fruits annually after 20 years, and it can take 30 years to get the first high quality fruit from a shea tree. Most shea trees then live on for 200 to 300 years. Rich in vitamins A and E, shea butter can be used in cooking and is good for skin nourishment as a lotion.



Honey had to be boiled in traditional saucepans in the past, and then transferred to a bucket to cool. With new technology honey can be produced in the factory without boiling it, resulting in clean, dirt-free honey that can be easily transported to market.



**DATE
for the
DIARY**

Come and enjoy a delicious **CREAM TEA**
plus tea, coffee and cakes, and updates on our link with Wulu Diocese
in Stratton Audley Church
Sunday 14th July 3 - 5pm



Donations for the Girls' Primary School in Wulu



Shelswell Benefice Day Part of God's family Connecting with God and with one another

What a lovely day it was! Harriet and Caroline made us feel really welcomed at Church Farm in Stoke Lyne – there was a never ending supply of tea, coffee and soft drinks. The weather was glorious, which meant we could enjoy the garden room and garden to the full. Thanks to the generosity of Tina Shaw, Lay Chair of Deanery Synod, there was an amazing selection of cakes to enjoy with our coffee. And Caroline and Harriet had prepared a wonderful lunch, with puddings from the Ministry Team to follow.

Yvonne Morris, who was facilitating the day, is the Children and Families Discipleship Enabler for the Dorchester and Oxford Areas and a Children and Family Ministry specialist. She encouraged us to approach the day like sunflowers who turn their heads to follow the sun, and to use the exercises as a way of being receptive to God. She led us through some of the Space Maker resources – there are versions of these for adults, schools and families, so some of the things we found ourselves doing were a little outside our comfort zones – and yes, one activity did involve Lego. But to our surprise we found that they were beneficial and helped us think about things in a way we might not otherwise have done and connect with God in a new way.

Here are some of the things people said:

I thought Yvonne was very gracious in helping people to understand that God is all around us. She put it across very well with the stories she read out of the children's books to make it easy for children to understand.

The venue was excellent, Harriet and Caroline deserve to be praised for hosting it. I don't know who prepared and provided the lunch of a wonderful salad buffet, with every allergy catered for and well marked out. This was followed by lots of delightful puddings with soft drinks.

The afternoon started with boxes of Lego on each table, you had to make a model to signify forgiveness. It is so long since I played with Lego I didn't recognise many of the pieces!

All in all I thought it was a very inspirational day and gave people food for thought.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the day a success.

On reflection now the main thing that I took away from the Benefice Day was that God is always with us. It is too easy to forget that in an evermore secular society.

It was a challenging day for me, with activities that I would never volunteer to take part in, but they were beneficial, particularly being encouraged to talk about what we had done in our groups.

It was good to meet some new people and some that I had not seen for a considerable time. They were all welcoming and put me at ease.

Many thanks to Yvonne for inspiring, encouraging and patiently leading us into and through the activities.

I really appreciated attending the morning session last Sunday.

Yvonne read a version of Psalm 23 that really did speak to me. Might you know which version it was?

(Yvonne read three different versions:

[Psalms for Young Children](#) by Marie-Helene Delval

[The Jesus Storybook Bible](#) by Sally Lloyd-Jones

[NIV UK version](#))

I really enjoyed Sunday. Yvonne never pressured anybody into doing the tasks as sometimes you don't like to say or doing anything in front of people. She was very easy to talk to.

The Benefice Away Day was great today – really appreciated the fellowship . 😊

Huge thanks to Harriet and Caroline for hosting us, to Yvonne for leading us, to Tina for her cakes, to everyone who came and took part, and to all who helped with the clearing up at the end of the day. Alice.

REGISTRY

This section will announce any baptisms, marriages and funerals that have recently taken place within the Shelswell benefice

Matilda Mairi Margaret JAMES

14th April 2024

All Saints, Mixbury

Matilda's christening took place as part of the Mixbury Half Hour service on Sunday 14th April 2024. Matilda, just six months old at the time of her christening, is the first child of Vanessa and Ben James. Although they now live in Aynho, Vanessa and Ben were married in Mixbury church in August 2022, and the Whiteley family have a long association with Mixbury church. Indeed this was not Matilda's first visit to the church – she had brought her mummy along on Mothering Sunday and given her a posy of flowers.

Vanessa works as a teacher, and Ben has recently started a new job as a commercial manager. They had decided that they would like Matilda to be baptised to mark the start of a journey of faith for her, so that she could have godparents in her life, and because it was a family tradition.



There were four hymns in the service – twice as many as in your average Mixbury Half Hour: All things bright and beautiful, Sing Hosanna, One more step along the world I go, and Guide me, O thou great redeemer – the last hymn chosen by Ben and Vanessa. Vanessa's mum Belinda Whiteley read the reading for the Second Sunday after Easter - Luke 24: 36b – 48 - which tells of one of Jesus's resurrection appearances to the disciples, and we reflected on how difficult the disciples found it to take in the amazing news that Jesus was alive again. Alice spoke of the different ways in which people can come to faith, and of her desire that Matilda, and indeed all of us, can come to know more deeply the amazing reality that is Jesus, 'God with us' in our lives, now and eternally.

Matilda has three godparents: her uncle Robert Whiteley, Georgia Sparks and Sarah Batchelor. At the end of the service, Matilda's great granny Jane Whiteley presented her with her baptism candle. Then there was coffee and biscuits and a chance for everyone to congratulate Matilda on her baptism.

We look forward to seeing Matilda again at Little Lambs and in church, and we pray that her christening will indeed be the start of an amazing journey of faith in which she does discover for herself just how much God loves her.



Sharon Elizabeth JONES

Sunday 19th May 2024

St Mary the Virgin, Cottisford

It was a privilege to baptise Sharon Jones on Sunday 19th May in Cottisford Church, and to be able to welcome her husband and her friends and neighbours who had come to support her. It was Pentecost Sunday, the day when the church recalls how the Holy Spirit came on the disciples as tongues of flame and as a mighty wind, an appropriate Sunday to baptise Sharon into the church and to pray that God would send his Holy Spirit upon her, both on the day of her baptism and every day.

Sharon lives on the Tusmore Estate, where her husband works. She began to think more about God during lockdown, and took to praying every night for those she loved. As the pandemic was passing, she began to come to church and decided that she would like to be baptised.

There were four hymns during the service: 'Come down, O love divine', 'Spirit of God, as strong as the wind', 'Be thou my vision' (chosen by Sharon) and 'We have a gospel to proclaim'. Meryl read the first reading from Acts 2: 1 – 21 about the coming of the Holy Spirit and Sharon read the Gospel reading from John 15: 26 – 27 and 16: 4b – 15 about the work of the Holy Spirit.

As an adult, Sharon was able to make her baptism promises for herself and did not need godparents to make them on her behalf. However she had asked Meryl Daniell to be a 'supportive friend' to her. Meryl presented Sharon with her baptism candle at the end of the service.

Sharon is going to go on and be confirmed by the Bishop of Dorchester at Fringford Church on Monday 19th August, along with three other candidates from the Shelswell Benefice. Our prayers are with her as she continues her journey of faith.

Annabelle Charlotte Olivia Freiin VON MALTZAHN

Saturday 11th May 2024

St Michael and All Angels, Newton Purcell



It was a lovely sunny day as we welcomed Annabelle and her family and friends to Newton Purcell Church for her baptism. Her guests had travelled from as far as Canada and as near as just up the road at Home Farm, and they were all delighted to see her.

Annabelle is the third child of Joseph von Maltzahn and Andreanne Morin. Her older brothers Hugo and Louis had been baptised at Newton Purcell on Easter Day 2019, and as old hands took the event in their stride. The family have until recently been living in Paris but are in the process of moving to London.

Annabelle is now three, and as such knows her own mind. Before the service started, she was definitely not of a mind to be baptised and looked considerably dismayed when shown the font. However it turned out that she enjoyed making baptingles and especially enjoyed hearing her name mentioned, so when one of her godparents picked her up and held her over the font, she was quite happy.

Pam Morgan played the organ for the three hymns: 'Come down, O love divine', 'Lord of all hopefulness' and 'Breath on me,

breath of God'. The Bible reading, read by Andreanne's father Georges Morin, was Matthew, Chapter 28 vs 16 to 20 – Jesus talking to his disciples after his resurrection, reassuring them that he would be with them always, and commissioning them to go and make disciples, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The baptingles, of which you can see Annabelle's one in construction in the photo, were to help us think about the meaning of baptism. Once they were all made, we lit the candles and sang our second hymn.

Annabelle has three godparents: David Morin, Janine Stephens and Sally Burrowes. At the end of the service, she was presented with her baptism candle by her grandmother Ann von Maltzahn, who also happens to be church warden of St Michael and All Angels. After the service, everyone returned to Home Farm for a glass of bubbly and a lovely lunch in the sunshine. Now that they will be living in the UK, we look forward to seeing more of Annabelle and her family, and we pray that God will richly bless Annabelle, both now and throughout her life.

Marriage

Peter William STANTON and Molly Jayne Rowland JONES

Saturday 13th April 2024

St Mary the Virgin, Cottisford

The church was gleaming and beautifully bedecked with flowers and the candles in the chandelier were lit, the arch above the gate was decorated with greenery, and even the muddy puddle at the gate had been filled with shingle by Uncle Les. And every seat was taken by Pete and Molly's family and friends, all there to celebrate their wedding.

Molly and Pete now live in Brackley, where Molly works as a Beauty Therapist and Pete as an Operations Manager. However Molly's family have a long association with Cottisford Church. Indeed she was the fourth generation to be married there, much to the delight of her grandmother Di. Pete was born in Yorkshire, but moved to Northamptonshire with his family when he was two years old.

He and Molly met online in February 2019, and after a week or so met in person at the Trigger Pond in Bucknell – Pete had to purchase a car in order to get there. They discovered that they were very comfortable in each other's company, things developed and on the August bank holiday in 2023 Pete proposed in their favourite field in Hethe – just before they headed off to the States on the country music circuit in the deep South.

Molly was escorted down the aisle on her dad's arm following the flower girl Lola and page boy Alfie, her maid of honour Natasha and her four bridesmaids Chloe, Laura, Siobhan and Ava. Pete was assisted by his best man David and his three groomsmen Adam, Joe and William.

The bride entered the church to Pachelbel's Canon in D major played by Pam Morgan on the organ. There were three hymns during the service: 'Sing hosanna', 'We pledge to one another' and 'Jerusalem'. Pete's dad Keith Stanton read the first reading – 1 Corinthians 13, his sister Laura read an excerpt from Captain Corelli's Mandolin, and Molly's brother William read 'The Giraffe and the Monkey'.

There was a retiring collection which was divided between the church and Winston's Wish, a charity that supports grieving children.

After the service and photographs, the wedding party went off to Stowe House for the reception. We pray for Pete and Molly that their wedding will be life long and life enhancing, a blessing to them, their family and friends.



Memorial Service

Thomas Peter 'Gus' Anson

5th March 1933 – 7th April 2024

It was a gorgeous sunny day – so warm that jugs of water had to be brought out into the courtyard at Stratton Court Barn. As a tribute to his 91 years, 91 chairs had been set out in the barn, but this proved to be far from adequate as so many of Gus's family and friends came to pay their respects.



Gus's sons Henry and Patrick had wanted the service to be one of thanksgiving and celebration, as we remembered a life well lived, 91 years packed with activity, laughter, fun and love.

Robin Rhoderick Jones spoke of Gus's military career. Gus served in the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, where he gained the rank of Colonel. but, amidst all the demands of army life and his responsibilities, seemed to manage to have a very good time. Henry then gave his tribute, talking about Gus as an incredibly vital, strong, fun loving man that hunted, skied, shot, fished, golfed, and played bridge into his mid 80's. He described Gus's great zest for life, his boundless energy, enthusiasm and sense of enjoyment. The death of his wife Judith in February 2015 knocked the wind out of his sails and he was never quite the same man after her passing. They loved and squabbled in equal measure but were a true partnership and will be reunited off the coast of Cornwall later this summer.

Cornwall, was Gus's happy place., and there were many happy family holidays there, both as a boy with his parents, and then with his own children and grandchildren. Only last year the family managed to get him into the sea on two separate occasions, coughing and spluttering but thoroughly enjoying it. It was entirely fitting that as part of the service, Gus's grandchildren read John Betjeman's poem 'Treberthick'.

Being bought up as the youngest son of the youngest son, largely by nannies, Gus wasn't comfortable with outward shows of affection. Henry spoke of how he couldn't remember him ever telling him or Patrick that he loved them, and there were certainly no kisses or hugs. When Gus dropped him at Salisbury train station, aged just 19 and about to go to India for a six month gap year, they rather awkwardly shook hands. However both boys knew that this certainly didn't mean that he didn't love them. He showed his love in countless different ways. Gus and Judith sacrificed a great deal to enable both boys to continue the family tradition and go Harrow, and Gus was constantly encouraging and cajoling them to try the next thing, whether that was shooting, fishing, windsurfing, skiing or at school.

Life changed for the family when Gus got his dream job at Tusmore in 1986. Running a functioning country estate and shoot whilst having someone else to pay for it – he was in heaven. And once he had managed to persuade Wafic Said to buy 'hunters' for his guests, who rarely ever hunted, he was able to become a regular with the Bicester and Whaddon Chase for 15 or so years. On shoot days, Patrick and Henry found themselves enrolled as loaders, and then when there were only a few guns, being given the opportunity to stand on the line, all very exciting for teenagers.

Gus's health deteriorated in the last couple of years of his life as general infirmity and dementia got a hold. His sons were able to honour their promise to him that he could die at home with the help of his friend Susie and his carer Caroline.

Gus was a man of faith, and a regular attender at St Edmund and St George church in Hethe. He could always be relied upon to sing the hymns with gusto, and so it was fitting that there were three hymns in the service: 'Jerusalem', 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind' and 'The day thou gavest, Lord, has ended'. And to honour Gus's love of the Harrow song book, everyone joined in a rendition of the first and last verses of 'Forty Years on'. Patrick read Henry Scott-Holland's poem 'Death is nothing at all' and we all said the 23rd psalm together.

Refreshments were served after the service and people enjoyed remembering Gus and catching up with one another in the sunshine. Gus will be greatly missed by those who knew him and by folk in Hethe.



Club News



SHELSWELL WI



As is usual in May our meeting is off site due to the hall being used as a polling station. This time we didn't travel far and were welcomed by members of the local Aunt Sally team. Great fun was had by all as we tried very hard to throw the wooden sticks with a degree of accuracy. Some ladies did manage to knock the doll off and we managed not to break any windows, a result.

Our next speakers are June - Chris Bazeley - the history of the privvy and in July a visit from the Blood Bikers

Being part of the WI enables you to be involved at not just local level but county and national too. There are holidays, day trips, classes and on-line learning to name but a few.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month in Fringford village hall. For more information contact Lesley Beagent on 07729 605670



SHELSWELL GARDEN CLUB



On **May 14th** the Garden club enjoyed a fun social evening at the garden of a long-standing member. There were delicious cakes, a vast array of plants to buy and a wonderful garden to explore. Points of interest included a clever water feature using an old, galvanised watering can, a coal skuttle and oak barrel, new fruit trees by the gorgeous rose which covered the fence, and the amazing rosy-pink flowers on her Judas tree, grown from seed by another member a few years ago. Some money was raised for the club and many commented on how nice it was to have a relaxed, friendly social evening. Thank you to the member and her family for arranging the evening.

June 11th provides our second evening visit to a local garden, set in beautiful countryside. This evening is for **members only**.

In **July** we have our Summer Outing. Details to follow.

Our autumn evening visit (**10th September**) is 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.

SHELSWELL READING GROUP

The Book Club on 24 April was *The Long Call* by Anne Cleeves – and it was great to read a crime novel for a change (thank you Penny!). The Woodyard art and learning centre provided an authentic setting and whilst some of the character backstories seemed a bit clunky, they were believable and some very likeable. We all felt it was ripe to be developed as a TV program (it already has apparently). It was a really good yarn, with some controlled writing (just as we thought we were getting bored, a new twist appeared).

Our next book club meetings and book are as follows:

Wednesday 22 May at 1/2 Hethe Cottages. *The Murmur of Bees* by Sofia Segovia (report in the July issue)

Wednesday 19th June at 3 Kennel Cottages, Cottisford – possibly ‘*In Memorium*’ by Alice Winn. We also discussed ‘*Fresh Water for Flowers*’ by Valerie Perrin



SHELSWELL POETRY APPRECIATION GROUP

At our May meeting, when the theme was Trees, we began with two poems about the illegal felling of the Hadrian's Wall sycamore. Simon Armitage, the Poet Laureate, wrote **The Holy Land**, addressing the 16-year-old farm labourer who is accused of doing it, and demonstrating his ex-probation officer's understanding of the boy's motivation. Adrian Overkill, an amateur poet, wrote a heartfelt lament for the tree, the felling of which has left ‘another lonely local wind trap’ in **The Tree**.

Two more poems about the wanton felling of trees were William Cowper's **The Poplar Field** and Gerard Manley Hopkins' **Binsey Poplars**. In **Woodman, Spare That Tree**, George Pope Morris pleads with a would-be lumberjack, and the idea was taken up by the American singer Phil Harris in a comic song.

Alfred Lord Tennyson praised one of our most long-lived trees in **The Oak** and Jill Stanton-Huxton mused on old oaks as a witness to history in her poem **Oak**. A E Housman and Edward Thomas both wrote poems about wild cherry trees in **Loveliest of Trees** and **The Cherry Trees** respectively, and John Russell McCarthy endowed certain trees with human characteristics in **Poplar Trees are Happiest**. Jill Stanton-Huxton wrote of the beauty of the tree in **Weeping Willow**.

Poems about trees which became songs include **Linden Lea** by William Barnes, **The Ash Grove**, based on a traditional Welsh poem, **Where'er You Walk** by William Congreve, and the aforementioned adaptation by Phil Harris (**Woodman, Spare That Tree**)

More general poems which address the wonder of trees and what they give to humanity were **Trees** by Walter de la Mare, **The Message of the Tree** by Alice Polk Hill, **Home Thoughts From Abroad** by Robert Browning, a traditional weather rhyme **If the Oak be out before the Ash**, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's **The Village Blacksmith** and Rudyard Kipling's poem **The Way Through the Woods**. A poem which uses the idea of trees and their roots metaphorically is **Family Tree** by Ron Tranmer.

If you would like to join the Poetry Appreciation Group, contact me on 01869 811994 or at judith.harvey@live.co.uk

Judith Harvey

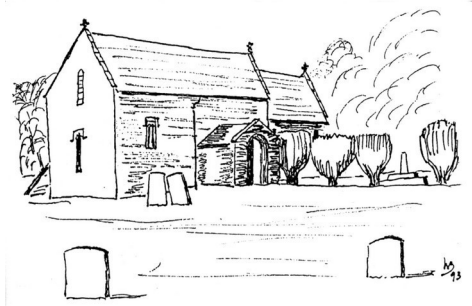
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SERVICES

Sunday 16th June 9.15 am Holy Communion



COTTISFORD AND JUNIPER HILL SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Now the weather has improved (thank goodness), the Social Committee and garden openers are working hard towards our first Open Gardens event on 16 June. The gardens in both Cottisford and Juniper Hill will be open from 2pm to 5pm and tea, coffee and cake will be served at Cottisford Church.

Tickets for the gardens are £5 per person, this covers all the gardens that are open. Accompanied children under 16 are free.

We are looking for helpers in all areas whether baking a cake, serving teas and coffees, parking or helping garden openers. If you are able to help in anyway please contact a member of the Social Committee.

If you are able to help with this or any of our other events please contact us on the e mail below. Thank you.
Sandrambickmore@gmail.com

Finmere St Michael and All Angels

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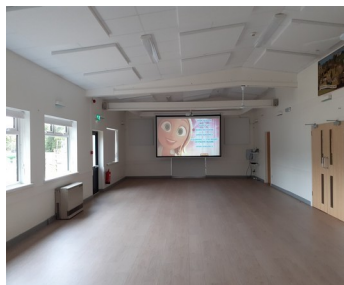
Church Services

Sunday 23rd June 8.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th June 10.45 am Benefice Service of Holy Communion

Other events for the diary

- 'D-Day' 80th Commemorations on 6th June
- 'Father Afield' Service/Walk/Cricket/Picnic on 16th June – see advert on Page 4



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 and large screen, new flooring and front and fire exit doors and enlarged storage spaces for regular users. WiFi facilities are also available



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 11th June from 2 - 4 pm

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!

Light Lunch

in Finmere Village Hall

4th Tuesday of the month

June 25, July 23 ...

12.30-2pm



No charge but donations welcome

**For more information, to ask for help with transport
or to let us know about specific dietary needs
contact Richard & Debbie Bloomfield (07765 874090)**

D-Day 80

6 June Finmere Playing Fields



- 7.30 pm Display of Memorabilia
- 8.30 pm Spoken D-Day memories
Military and Popular Wartime music
Extracts from wartime speeches
- 9.10 pm Tribute & Toast
- 9.15 pm Lighting of the Beacon

This is probably the last chance to commemorate all those who took part in D-Day on 6 June 1944. They sacrificed so much to turn the tide of WW2 and ultimately secure our victory over Nazi Germany. We will be forever thankful.

We hope to have some bales for seating but please bring a blanket

Picnics welcome

Donations in aid of Royal British Legion and Finmere Church

Queries to Jo Brooks 07974 740312 or Sue Trice 07787 372435

POP-UP PUB AND BBQ!

**Friday June 21 7-10pm
Finmere Church**

Provided ... Pimms and non alcoholic summer fruit punch + BBQ

**Please bring ... any other drinks you'd like
and a garden chair or two if the weather is fine.**

Donations towards refreshments and charcoal gratefully received (card or cash)

For more information: Debbie and Richard 07765 874090

SAVE THE DATE

**FINMERE VILLAGE
& SCHOOL FAIR**

SATURDAY 13 JULY 2024 | 12-5PM

BEER TENT | RAFFLE | KIDS ENTERTAINER | AND MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED

It's great to have this in the village calendar and the school, sports club, church and Friends of Finmere are working together to create an event for the whole community.

We need your help! Can you contribute to the Fair in any of these ways?

DONATE A PRIZE FOR OUR COMMUNITY SPIRIT TOMBOLA
Do you have a hobby or profession which might enable you to contribute a prize —beauty treatment, golf lesson, celebration cake, evening babysit, meal for 2 - the list is endless!

BUY & SELL RAFFLE TICKETS
These will be available in advance for you to buy, and to sell to work colleagues and friends

GIVE DONATIONS FOR TOMBOLAS AND BOOK STALL
Contributions for the bottle tombola, sweet tombola and book stall are welcome!
Look out for details of where contributions can be made.

HELP ON THE DAY
Could you help on a stall for an hour on the day?
Or perhaps you've always wanted to run a coconut shy or other stall!

HAVE A TABLE FOR YOUR OWN PRODUCE
We're offering tables for crafters/producers to sell their own products—£10 a table

PROVIDE SPONSORSHIP
If you'd like to sponsor a stall or other element of the day then do get in touch.

AND FINALLY ...come along with friends and family!!

PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE IF YOU CAN HELP OR TO FIND OUT MORE

07765 874090 debbie.bloomfield1@gmail.com

Allotments

Time to start sowing and planting of this year's bumper crops. 😊

The Poor's Plot now has a small number of 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/finmereandlittlettingewick/>

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/Finmereikipedia>

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

Fringford St Michael and All Angels

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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, SERVICES & EVENTS

Services

- Sunday 2 June – at 10.45am, Morning Service
- Sunday 16 June – at 10.45am, Holy Communion
- Sunday 23 June – 6.00pm Evensong in Hardwick Church with the Shelswell Benefice Choir.
- Sunday 30 June – in Finmere Church – Holy Communion for all the Benefice.

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.

Thank You

To everyone who made puddings, or came and ate them, on 18 May. £150 in cash raised for church funds, and probably there'll be a bit more when we know what has registered through the card reader.

Beer Festival

Almost there now – just a few days to go until **the 2024 Fringford Beer Festival on Saturday 15 June.**

- Sponsor a barrel - £110. contact Simon Knight for details about sponsorship: 07598 104444 or email: simon.knight@btinternet.com
- Do you like real cider? If so, would you like to be involved in the selection and buying of cider for this year's Beer Festival with a view to perhaps taking on responsibility for the cider next year? If you're interested please call Diana on 07710 259955 for a chat.
- Like to help on the bar, or selling glasses and beer tokens? Contact Penny on 277310 or penelope.wood@btopenworld.com



AND – EVENTBRITE NOW OPEN - Although entry to this event is free, purchasing an Early Bird ticket via Eventbrite will save you money in the beer/cider/perry tent. The £13 ticket (price maintained at 2022 level) includes: 2024 Fringford Beer Festival pint glass; 3 pints beer/cider; festival programme.

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 17 June and Monday 15 July. 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.



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:

June	Wednesday 19th
July	Sunday 21st
August	No meeting
September	Sunday 15th
October	Wednesday 16th

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
FS Dance Monday & Wednesday (term time) After school classes BALLET • TAP • MODERN • STREET leah.fsd@gmail.com or 07885827592	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
Puppy Stars Dog Training Tuesday evening – various classes Contact Nick 07542 131400 www.puppystars.co.uk	Parish Council Meeting All villagers welcome Third Monday in the month 7.45pm Contact 01844 237766 or fringford.parishclerk@gmail.com
Fringford Yoga Wednesday (term time) 9.30am – 11am Carolyn White 01869 277161	Bicester Sound Bath Meditation First Sunday of the month from 7.45 pm Sonia - contact@holisticaxis.com Please text - 07709634847
Just Puppies Puppy Training Wednesday evening – various classes Contact Kerri 07720 891489 www.justpuppies.training	Shelswell WI First Thursday of the month 7.30pm Contact Lesley Beagent on 07729605670
Pilates Thursday at 10.00am natashaflowerspilates@gmail.com or 07545 525820	Mindfulness Meditation Monthly Sunday 11am to 12.30pm janerainey17@gmail.com or 07971 008337
My Baby Spa Monday mornings Spa experience for babies up to 12 months and toddlers 1 – 4 years www.mybabyspa.co.uk contact Danielle at contact@mybabyspa.co.uk	Fringford Sewcial Sew and Chat! Monthly Wednesday from 7pm Or Sunday from 3pm Contact Irene at ireneethomas@btinternet.com
	Village Hall Team Meeting Every 4 weeks – 7.00 pm Open meetings – all welcome fringford.hall@gmail.com or 07936 879175
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	



FRINGFORD CRICKET CLUB

Welcome to the upcoming 2024 Cricket season – it's nearly upon us.

During the closed season the club continued to be active. With the desire to grow the club and look to secure its sustainability in providing cricket to be played in Fringford, the club has welcomed new committee members, playing members and secured a number of sponsorship partners. We are pleased to report that the club has increased in player numbers to support both 1st and 2nd XI Saturday teams as well as a mid-week team. The 1st XI will continue to play in the Cherwell league in division 6A whilst the 2nd XI has joined the South Northants league in division 3. The mid-week team play on Wednesday evenings in the Buckingham mid-week league.

We wish all our teams a successful season. Please make a note of the home and away fixtures as below:

Fringford Cricket Club - 2024 fixtures

			1st XI		2nd XI		Other
Sat	01-Jun	A	Bletchley Town 2	H	Thornborough 2		
Sat	08-Jun	H	Chinnor	A	Banbury Lions		
Sat	15-Jun	A	Haddenham	A	Thornborough 2	H	Beer Festival
Sat	22-Jun	H	Long Marston 2	A	Preston Bissett		
Sun	23-Jun					H	Pitch hire - Paul Duncanson
Sat	29-Jun	A	Leighton Buzzard 2	A	Brackley 3	H	Pitch hire - Ciara Brett
Sat	06-Jul	H	Thame Town 3	A	Preston Bissett		
Sat	13-Jul	H	Wolverton Town 2	A	Woodford Halse		
Sat	20-Jul	A	Bledlow Ridge 2	H	Woodford Halse		
Sat	27-Jul	H	Great Brickhill 3	A	Banbury Lions		
Sat	03-Aug	H	Bletchley Town 2	A	Thornborough 2		
Sat	10-Aug	A	Chinnor	H	Brackley 3		
Sat	17-Aug	H	Haddenham	n/a	20 20 Cup - Bye		
Sat	24-Aug	A	Long Marston 2	H	20 20 Cup - Semi		
Sat	31-Aug	H	Leighton Buzzard 2				
Sat	07-Sep		TBD	H	Touring Team		

Our wonderful British weather has not been kind to us and especially the torrential rain this Spring has really hampered the preparation of both the square and the playing outfield. At time of writing, with a week away from the first fixture, the ground continues to be really wet and boggy. There have been no significant weather windows for the ground to start to dry out or recover, let alone any opportunity to use heavy machinery to cut the grass. Despite the best and dedicated efforts from Shaun Wickens, Russell King and others who have diligently spent hours on the ground preparation, the first game may be at risk and possibly postponed or forfeited. A great shame, but the club has the responsibility for the health and safety of the players first, whilst also not damaging the ground for the rest of the season.

With grateful support to several sponsors this year and the club is fortunate to be in the position to have invested in new covers, service our gang mowers, showers, new playing kit, match balls and a few other minor items that keeps the club afloat. We are in process of arranging a sponsors and local press day at the ground sometime soon to thank them all – a date yet to be confirmed so please watch this space.

Fringford Cricket Club report, continued

The club also welcomes Pip Bacon and her Field Coffee horsebox providing delicious coffees, cakes and snacks to one and all. Pip and her family have been great contributors to the club over many years and we welcome her enterprise as a real asset to the community. Please join us in supporting Pip.

If anyone is interested in playing, joining the club or can spare a few hours a week to assist on the ground we would love to welcome you. Please contact either of us on the details below or pop up to the ground when one of us is around.

We are really proud of our club and the visual amenity it provides to the whole village, and whilst the Cricket ground is private property, we do not mind considerate dog owners walking round the perimeter of the field, however, please respect your surroundings and pick up after your canine friends. The Parish Council has kindly arranged for x2 dog bins to be positioned on the ground so there's no excuse. We are also grateful for the village litter pickers who regularly collect litter from around the ground too.

Please come and join us to support your local club throughout this season.

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

Ady Measday



Fringford Rectors 1756-1898

This is the second of a three part series on Fringford Rectors by Martin Greenwood

The Revd Henry Roundell (1814-52)

Roundell came from a great Yorkshire family and being 'possessed of ample means and of a genial temperament, he was much given to a simple hospitality and unostentatious charity.' Apart from major improvements to the Rectory, 'He was also responsible for the rebuilding of the chancel and much of the other restoration of the church.' This included a new chancel in 1821, the north aisle in 1829, and in 1831 the present stone tower was constructed by Daniel Mansfield of Hethe to replace the wooden belfry.

In 1842, the pulpit was installed, using 16th-century carved panels from neighbouring Hardwick manor, and the vestry was built. He also presented the old font, which had been given to him by his brother-in-law, the Revd William Palmer of Mixbury, who had married his sister Dorothea. 'Thus, in days of too common laxity, he was careful of his flock.' By 1817, communion services were monthly.

In the chancel, there is a memorial to Henry and Elizabeth Roundell (who died in 1838), and, after their death, the Roundell family also filled the windows with stained glass. There was so much stained glass installed in the 19th century that, as a later rector said 'no one can now read his prayer book without electric

light'! Roundell also let out part of the glebe as allotments for the labourers, a rare kindness at the time [1830s].

Schools: by 1834, there were three daily schools, with 20 boys and 16 girls between the ages of three and nine, supported by parents, Lord Sidmouth and Roundell; by 1823, and probably earlier, there were Sunday schools for boys and girls, also supported by Roundell. Other parishes do not seem to have been so fortunate, as Roundell comments in 1838 that 'six places have no daily or Sunday school.'

In 1846, he became the first Rural Dean of the Bicester Deanery. In 1848, he was described by his churchwardens as very sober, his dress gentlemanly and becoming a minister, although Bishop Wilberforce found him 'a little huffish'! There seems to have been a genuine affection for him in the parish and when Wilberforce spoke at his funeral in 1852, there were 'many wet eyes'. His only child, Henry Roundell, was ordained in 1849 and became Vicar of Buckingham in 1853. He died in 1864 and was buried in Fringford.

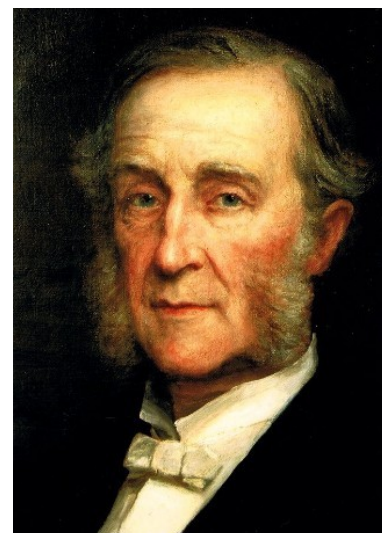
It is also worth mentioning that Roundell's sister Dorothy was mother of Roundell Palmer, first Earl of Selborne (1812-1895), who became a distinguished academic, lawyer and politician. He was knighted in 1861 and in 1872 he became Lord Chancellor and was raised to the peerage as Baron Selborne. In 1865, he had purchased the Temple and Blackmoor estates (about 1800 acres) in the parish of Selborne in Hampshire, where the naturalist Gilbert White had lived.

The Revd Henry Fane De Salis (1852-73)

De Salis was another rector of ample means. He came from a Swiss family and his great great grandfather was sent as an envoy of the Graubinden (Grisons) to Queen Anne and was created Count of the Holy Roman Empire in 1748. Henry's great grandfather (the 2nd Count) was naturalised by Act of Parliament in 1730, marrying the Hon Mary Fane.

Henry was also son-in-law of J.W.Henley, a Cabinet Minister in the 1850s, who obtained the Fringford parish for him. He had been rector of Shalstone, near Buckingham, for 19 years and Rural Dean of Buckingham.

In 1853, he gave the new organ, for which John Rogers, the organist and village carpenter, carved the fine casing. At the same time, he noted 'No school room. Half of the Old Tithe Barn fitted up by me as a School House for which purpose it now answers very well.' By 1854, there were 35 children here, and also an infant school for 20 and Sunday schools for 40 boys and girls. In 1856, under the guidance of the Diocesan architect, G.E.Street, the south aisle was enlarged and the south doorway and porch restored; this completed the restoration of the church. After about 1850, there were also celebrations of communion on Great Festivals and Holy Days.



The Reverend Henry Fane de Salis

He also built the new National School on land leased from the squire, John Harrison Slater-Harrison. with places for 80 pupils. He also added two cottages for labourers on Glebe Farm and increased the allotments for the labourers nearer their homes. He became Diocesan Inspector but resigned from Fringford in 1873 on succeeding to property at Portnall Park, near Virginia Water in Surrey. It was called 'The Wentworth Estate' and was left to him by Col Thomas Chalmer, whose second wife was Henrietta De Salis, Henry's sister.

Martin Greenwood

Hardwick St Mary the Virgin

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Church Services at Hardwick Church

Sunday 2nd June 9.15 am Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd June 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.

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

A section of plaster has fallen from above the Chancel Arch in the church and there is a risk of more falling. For public safety we have therefore closed the church. Hopefully we will have an early resolution to this problem and be able to reopen the building.



Due to the above, there may be some changes to services this month. Please refer to the village web site for the latest news. The event on 2nd June will go ahead with the affected area cordoned off and PCC members in attendance. 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>.

We don't know at this stage what the cost will be to the church of rectifying the above problem, but we are already heading for an in-year deficit. Therefore, if you can contribute financially to the on-going availability of the church, 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:



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

100 Club. The club offers members an opportunity to contribute to church funds, while having the chance to win a cash prize from the monthly draws.

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).

The 2023 Report and Accounts, Return of Parish Finance and updated list of PCC members are all available through the village web site - <https://www.hethe.org/st-edmunds-st-georges-church/>. The next PCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th July.



St Edmund & St George 100 Club

Results of the 63rd & 64th draws held
on 28th April 2024

1 st Prize No 15 Pauline O'Gorman	1 st Prize No 5 Helen Pritchard Family
2 nd Prize No 31 John & Sue Schutz	2 nd Prize No 43 Philip Mansfield
3 rd Prize No 51 Lisa Soper	3 rd Prize No 23 Lisa Soper

Many thanks to our members
Hethe PCC


HETHE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

- Sunday 2nd June Great Big Green Week Event 3 to 5pm
- Monday 10th June Hethe Coffee Morning 10am to 12pm
- Saturday 22nd June Pimms & Canapes at Old Montague House 7.30pm
- Saturday 29th June Darby & Joan Fete 2 to 4pm

Hethe Community Coffee Morning in St Philip's Hall

Monday 10th June from 10.00am to 12.00pm

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





Any items left over from the swap stall will be given to the Village Hall Committee for sale on their bric-a-brac stall at the Darby & Joan Club Fete or, if clothing, placed in the clothing bank.

SUMMER FUND RAISING EVENT



Hethe Midsummer Meetup
**Pimm's and
 Canapés**

at Old Montague House, The Green, Hethe,
 Saturday 22nd June at 7:30pm

In aid of St Edmund & St George Church

Drinks available to buy on the night
 and raffle tickets for sale

Raffle prize donations gratefully received

Tickets £15 each includes a Pimm's on arrival
 and canapés

Contact Flora, 2 Hardwick Road, Hethe
 E: fjskinner@hotmail.co.uk

Or visit www.eventbrite.com - Hethe Midsummer Meetup

Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Tuesday 9th July starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Hethe & District Darby & Joan Club

Invite you to a Fete to be held in Hethe Village Hall
On Saturday 29th June from 2.00 to 4.00pm

Including....

Refreshments

Fancy Dress for Children

Bric-a-brac stall

Everyone welcome

Bric-a-Brac Collection

Hethe Village Hall will be having its fundraising bric-a-brac stall at the Darby & Joan Club fete (see above). If you have items you can donate to make it a success we would love to hear from you. We will meet you at the Hall for drop-offs. Please let John, Flora, Helen or Jean know, message Helen on 07751239844 or phone Flora on 277366 to arrange a time. Collection available if needed.

Thank you - The Village Hall Committee

Fibre Broadband – Message received from Sam, the Chairman of the Parish Council:

Gigaclear & BT Openreach are in the process of installing Fibre Broadband across Cottisford, Stratton Audley & Hethe. This process is going to take the remainder of 2024 but at the end Hethe residents at the East end of the village will have the option to upgrade to full fibre, up to 900mbps.

The digging up of the road will happen from July onwards, Relay Cabinets being installed / upgraded in August, with the service fully operational from December. These times are subject to change and are currently indicative, but they will update us more fully as time progresses.

Residents can review disruption to roads & roadworks etc... by visiting <https://one.network/>

The West end of Hethe already has the option of Full Fibre, according to their information. If residents have questions, they can send to me and we will collate and send to Gigaclear for clarification.

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. Contact 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 Hethe 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>

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

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 9th June 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.

JUNE Nicola Adams and Anna Howard & Sue Boshier

JULY Julie Mitchell and Helen Backon

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 Boshier

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.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE STEPHEN

Contratulations and well done Stephen Goodman for completing the London Marathon on 21st April, running the 26.2miles in 4hrs 15 mins raising £4,148 for the Elton John Aids Foundation. Stephen was cheered on by family, friends and work colleagues throughout the morning. He said “Thanks so much for the messages of support and sponsorship - super encouraging.

Extra special thanks to my amazing friends, family, and kind strangers that cheered me on and got me through it on the day, it was tough but would have been so much tougher without you! The spectators were incredible and the atmosphere electric. Apologies to everyone that had to listen to me talk constantly about the marathon as training for this became my entire personality. Don’t worry, I won’t be doing that again any time soon. Congratulations to all the amazing runners!” (so glad you are *Still Standing* lol)



THE SILVER SISTERS

The incredible Amelia Berrie has been fundraising again with her school colleagues (The Silver Sisters), the girls did really well and raised £900 for Restless Development recently. They all swam, cycled really well as it was a very hot day! The girls were the top fundraisers for the second year running – they have very proud parents. (Amelia second from left in photo).

MIXBURY HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY ARCHIVE OPEN DAY

Please come along to the Church on Saturday 15th June 2024 and meet the Key Holders, especially if you are new to the village, and learn about your village’s history ... all welcome, coffee and refreshments provided (but if you want to make us a cake we would be very pleased).

Saturday 15th June 2024 – All Saints Church Mixbury
10.00 am-1 pm

ATTRACTING SWIFTS TO YOUR NEST BOX



Thank you for putting up a nest box for Swifts last year. If you are extremely lucky and Swifts are already nesting nearby, your box may be used within a few years. But often it will take much longer – possibly many years.

It will greatly improve your chances of attracting Swifts if you can play Swifts' calls from the box itself or from nearby. There are several ways of doing this.

1. You can buy a CD of Swift calls and play it from a window near the box.
2. You can download Swift calls on to an MP3 player and do the same.
3. You can also buy all the equipment you need - amplifier, the calls on a USB or SD card and a microphone. The microphone can be hung from a nearby window or attached to the box itself.

Sources of Swift calls

Swift Conservation sells recordings of calls on CD or MP3 if you have your own equipment to play them: www.swift-conservation.org

Sources of calls equipment:

- Action for Swifts www.actionforswifts.blogspot.com
- Peak Boxes www.peakboxes.co.uk
- Swift Conservation also has a link to Andrew Porter, who makes and sells Swift callers on a not-for-profit basis: swiftcallboxes@gmail.com



Playing the calls

1. Try to play the calls as much as you can between the beginning of May and the beginning of August
2. You don't need to play them all day. The best times are early morning (say 6 am until 9 am) and evening (say 6 pm until 9 pm). The middle of the day around noon can also be effective. You can buy a timer quite cheaply.
3. Finally please be considerate when playing the calls. Your neighbours may put up a nest box if you are successful and you haven't turned them off! Swifts have very good hearing.

Any doubts or questions, please ask. Thanks.

Chris

SAVE THE DATES

The Big Lunch – 2nd June – playing field
Lark Rise Bike Ride – Sunday 9th June (details in last months magazine)
Mixbury History Open Day – Saturday 15th June – All Saints Church, Mixbury
Mixbury Village Fete – 31st August 2024

THANK YOU TO ANNA AT SWALLOWS NURSERIES AND GARDENS

Anna has kindly donated bedding plants for all the village containers this year. That is such a generous and lovely thing to do.



BARNOWL FARM SHOP - OPEN FARM SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH



BarnOwl Jerseys in Evenley are very pleased to announce they will again be taking part in the LEAF Open Farm Sunday, the National open farm event on Sunday June 9th. Gates will be opening at 11am, this is a free to attend event and we welcome everyone.

The purpose of Open Farm Sunday is so people can see what we at BarnOwl Jerseys do to prepare food for your table. We are inviting the public to come meet the farm team, ask how, what, why and where. Hopefully we can put to rest a number of the infamous internet farming myths.

The award winning Jersey cattle will be posing for photos, as only Jersey cows can. And there's no telling what the Oxford Sandy and Black rare breed piglets will be up to (they're very naughty).

We have a milking demonstration at 12:30pm and again at 2:30pm. Due to popular demand we have extended the event to 4:30 pm so those that have requested to and want to, can join us in the milking parlour at 4:15 pm to milk cows.

Our butchers will be selling hot pork rolls and there will be plenty of tea, cake and ice cream on sale, ensuring we are prepared for all British weather.

Our self guided farm walk is all on concrete so those with pushchairs and wheelchairs are welcome. This is a working farm so we would highly recommend suitable footwear and we do not allow dogs, except guide dogs.

www.BarnOwlFarmShop.co.uk

Newton Purcell St Michael and All Angels

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Services:-

Sunday 2nd June - 9.15 a.m. - Holy Communion

Bonus Ball Lotto:-

Recent lucky winners were Ron & Sandra Ricks, Louis von Maltzahn and Fay Harris

Summer Fete:-

Just in case you haven't made a note in your diary, don't forget to come to our Summer Fete on **Saturday 22nd June!** Please see the full page advertisement on Page 7.

It's still not too late to offer to help run a stall, provide home made cakes, preserves plants, produce or any unwanted items following your spring clean for our Bric a Brac stall.

Please contact either of the Churchwardens who look forward to hearing from you.



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St Peter's Church Stoke Lyne Services

Sunday 2nd June 10.00 am Food for Thought

Sunday 9th June 6.00 pm Evening Communion

Thursday 13th June 12.00 pm Midweek Holy Communion and Soup Lunch

Sunday 23rd June 10.45 am Holy Communion

Flower Duty for June

Emma Brown

Food for Thought – Sunday, 5th May

Breakfast was shared and it was a chance for friends and neighbours to catch up with one another. We were excited to see the number of events coming up over the next weeks and months and we got out our diaries to note them down.

Why not come along to the next FFT service on Sunday 2nd June at 10am. We begin with breakfast and then have a short and informal service.

Kelly Holden-White

Film Night - 14th June 6.30pm

La La Land (12a)

Entry £3 includes popcorn and a soft drink. Other refreshments available.



***** New *****
Date for the Diary!
 St Peter's Church
 Presents
 An end of term quiz
 13th July
 6:30 for 7:00 PM

Stoke Lyne Craft Fair – Saturday 20th April

The Stoke Lyne Craft Fair was a big success. We raised £740, one third for St Peter's Church and two thirds for The Hummingbird Centre. Just want to say thank you to Ali Miller and Paula Clark-Dunn for their help in organising the event. A big thanks to all the volunteers and stall holders as well as the companies and individuals who donated prizes for the raffle. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event!





Photos by the author (Further photographs are to be found on the Stoke Lyne Village Facebook Group)

Anoushka Clark-Dunn

A Look at the Bulbs around the Churchyard Wall

This year once again we all no doubt enjoyed the sight of the Spring bulbs around the churchyard wall. The Stoke Lyne entry in the Oxfordshire Village Book published by the Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes in 1999 records this: *"The colourful display of spring bulbs around the churchyard wall each year is another tribute to the memory of past WI members."*



Here is a photograph of the ladies responsible for planting those bulbs. They were planted to commemorate WI member Edie Miller who died in 1987.

Behind the wall: Marge Davis, Rena Andrews, Jane Warde-Aldam, Wendy Cooper and Georgina Oxlade
In front of the wall: Carole Gray, Agnes Salter, Betty Flowers, Mary Wilkins, Margaret Allen and Sheila Nelson. The photo was taken by Pauline O'Gorman.

Bulbs around the Churchyard Wall, continued

Agnes Salter and Betty Flowers are now deceased, and of the other ladies Rena tells me that three are in their nineties and five in their eighties (she wasn't sure of the age of the other two).



Photo by the author, March 2023
Brenda Hazel

Stratton Audley and Godington **St Mary and St Edburga; Holy Trinity**

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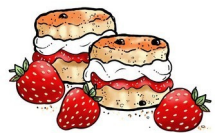
CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 9th June 10.45 am Morning Service (Stratton Audley)

Sunday 23rd June 9.15 am Holy Communion (Stratton Audley)

CREAM TEA FOR WULU

There will be a Cream Tea in aid of the Girls' Primary School in Wulu on Sunday 14th July from 3pm to 5 pm in Stratton Audley Church



COFFEE & CAKE

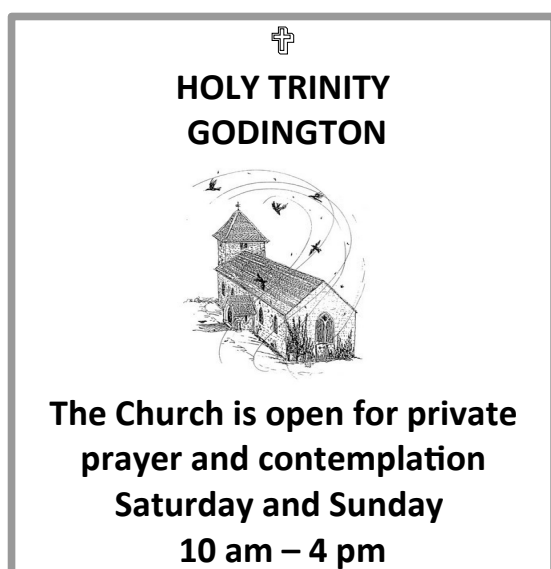
The planned Coffee and Cake fundraiser for minor repairs to St Mary and St Edburga will now be held on the same day as the Ride and Stride fundraising event which falls on Saturday 14th September this year. So if walking or cycling round the Benefice sounds too tiring, you can stroll down to the Church and enjoy some company and refreshment instead! Please do let Sarah Noujaim or Penny Oakey (contact details above) know if you can bake a cake or help out on the day. Thank you.

FOODBANK DONATIONS STILL REQUIRED

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

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED TOMATOES
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED FISH
- INSTANT COFFEE
- HOT CHOCOLATE



WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

- BREAKFAST CEREALS
- PASTA
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- BAKED BEANS



Little Lambs

Baby and Toddler group

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Charles Bowen, 1835 - 1894

from Man Overboard by Man Martin



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Let's Have a Natter!

If you or a loved one could benefit from my assistance, please don't hesitate to get in touch today to discuss how I can help lighten your load.

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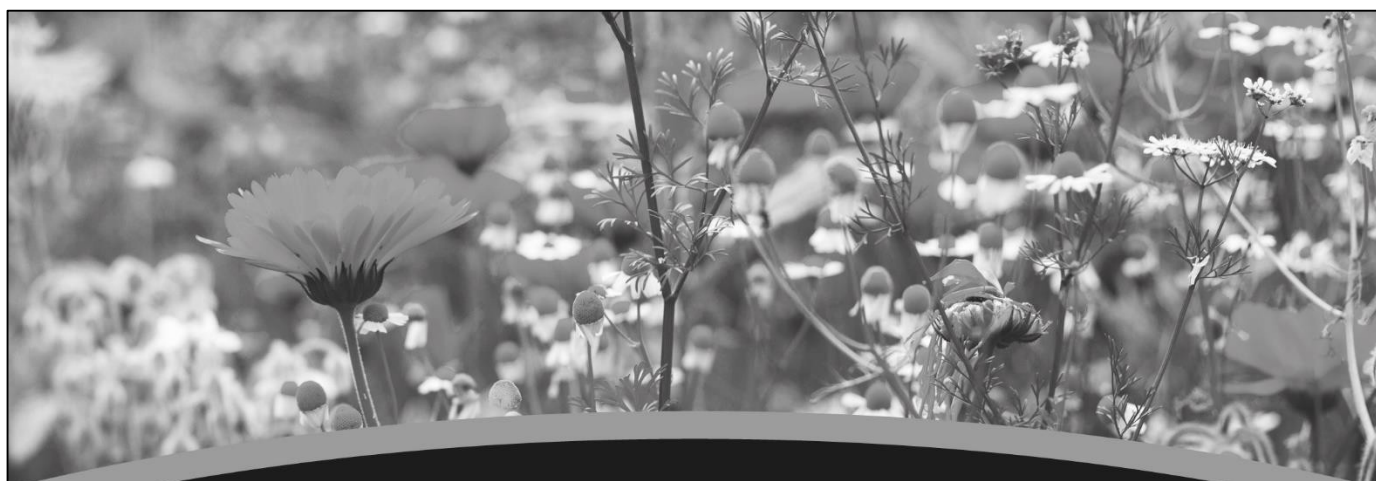
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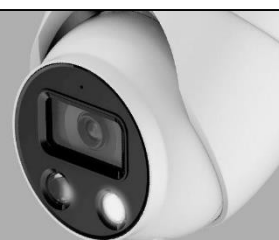
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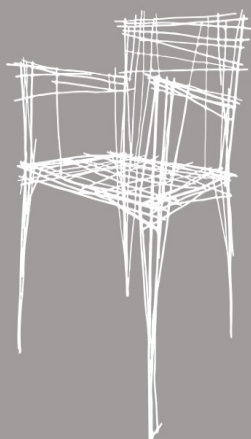
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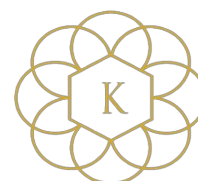


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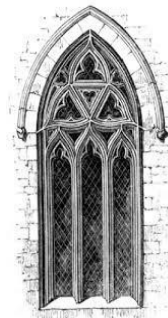
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| CW: 'Common Worship' modern language service    BCP: 'Book of Common Prayer' traditional language service |                                                                      |                                                              |                                                               |                                                                      |  |  |
| DATE                                                                                                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> June<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity         | 9 <sup>th</sup> June<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity |                                                               |                                                                      |  |  |
| ALTAR                                                                                                     | Green                                                                | Green                                                        |                                                               |                                                                      |  |  |
| 8.00 am                                                                                                   |                                                                      |                                                              |                                                               |                                                                      |  |  |
| 9.15 am                                                                                                   | 9.15am<br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>HARDWICK<br>AG        | Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>HETHE<br>AG             |                                                               |                                                                      |  |  |
|                                                                                                           | 9.15am<br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (BCP)<br>NEWTON PURCELL<br>SM | Mixbury Half Hour<br>MIXBURY<br>PW                           |                                                               |                                                                      |  |  |
| 10.45 am                                                                                                  | 10am<br>'Food for Thought'<br>STOKE LYNE<br>Lay-led                  | Morning Service<br>STRATTON AUDLEY<br>PW                     |                                                               |                                                                      |  |  |
|                                                                                                           | 10.45am<br>Morning Service<br>FRINGFORD<br>PW                        |                                                              |                                                               |                                                                      |  |  |
| 6.00 pm                                                                                                   | Great Big Green Week Event<br>HETHE<br>(see details on inside pages) |                                                              |                                                               |                                                                      |  |  |
|                                                                                                           |                                                                      | Evening Communion<br>STOKE LYNE<br>AG                        |                                                               |                                                                      |  |  |
| Thursday 13 June (12 noon)<br>Midweek Holy Communion and Soup Lunch<br>STOKE LYNE                         |                                                                      |                                                              |                                                               |                                                                      |  |  |
|                                                                                                           |                                                                      |                                                              | 16 <sup>th</sup> June<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity |                                                                      |  |  |
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