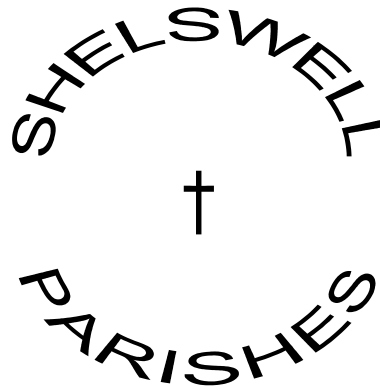


# Shelswell News

The magazine of the Shelswell Group of Churches

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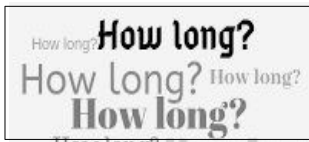
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## **How Long is a Piece of String .... or a Vacancy?**

To meet the early deadline, I am submitting this shortly before Alice Goodall's farewell service and wondering what lies ahead. How long will it be until we get a new Team Rector? Around 30 years ago appointments used to be made quite quickly, perhaps within three months. Now the average length of a vacancy is over a year.



Q. Why are vacancies so long these days?

- a. Because there are more posts than available clergy
  - b. To save money
  - c. To give time for the Rectory to be refurbished
  - d. To give space for reflection between one Rector and the next
- A. Probably a combination of the above.

Q. How many Anglicans does it take to change a lightbulb?

A. Six. One to change the bulb and five to form a society to remember how good the old one was. However long the vacancy, we will still remember Alice and Joe and the light and love they shared in the Shelswell Benefice.

The snippets of information below are taken from an article in The Church Times on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025.  
<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2025/7-february/features/features/how-long-should-an-interregnum-be>



Keeping the show on the road in a vacancy requires a great deal of effort. The danger is people can become tired and discouraged. It is important to remember how vital it is to get the right person as priest for the parish. This can take time.

Above all, pray. Pray more together than you were doing before. God is at work during the vacancy. He may be working on bringing things to the surface, strengthening unity, or the confidence and discipleship of individual members of the congregation.

The co-operative model of ministry is the one that usually bears fruit during a vacancy, where people are empowered and feel involved.



### ***Some factors to help a Vacancy to run well***

- Stay united as a team and deal with conflict where there is disagreement over anything.
- Where staff are employed, value them, but don't expect them to compensate for the Rector; be clear on roles and responsibilities.
- Review the programme, maintain what is essential, let go of peripheral things.
- Spread the load: most people underestimate the amount of work involved; so trust them with tasks and responsibility.
- Don't stop changing. Resist the old advice of never changing during a vacancy: otherwise, it could lead to stagnation and shrinkage.
- Organise pastoral care: make sure that 'everyone has someone' so that no one drifts away unnoticed.
- Welcome newcomers.
- Communicate, communicate, communicate: listen and talk to congregations all the time, don't let them become demoralised or feel out of the loop.
- Pray for the health of the church during the vacancy: for leaders, churchwardens, PCCs, the community and the appointment process itself.
- Pray that God will send you the person who he is calling to serve your community.



Q. During the vacancy will it be business as usual?

A. As much as possible. The Churches in the Benefice will continue to serve their local communities. There is still a Ministry Team and baptisms, weddings and funerals will still take place, along with Sunday and midweek services of worship and other activities. And we would love to welcome newcomers to join us on the journey of faith.

*Liz Welters, Associate Minister*

## BIBLE READINGS



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 30 v15-end  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14 v25-33

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September Holy Cross Day

Numbers 21 v4-9  
Philippians 2 v6-11  
John 3 v13-17

or 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 32 v7-14  
1 Timothy 1 v12-17  
Luke 15 v1-10

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Proverbs 3 v13-18  
2 Corinthians 4 v1-6  
Matthew 9 v9-13

or 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Amos 8 v4-7  
1 Timothy 2 v1-7  
Luke 16 v1-13

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Amos 6 v1a and 4-7  
1 Timothy 6 v6-19  
Luke 16 v19-end



### MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION AND SOUP LUNCH

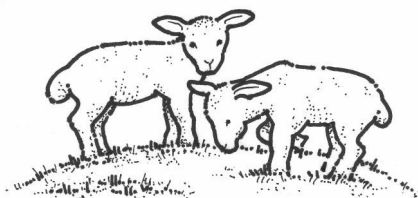
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

12 noon

Stoke Lyne Church



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### LITTLE LAMBS BABIES & TODDLER GROUP – HELPERS NEEDED – PLEASE CONSIDER OFFERING TO HELP

Two or three new volunteers needed in term time to help the Children and Families Worker at Little Lambs which is held in Stratton Audley Church - making refreshments, chatting to Mums and Carers, clearing up at the end. 9.45am to approximately 12 noon on Wednesdays. Usually no more than twice a term. You would need to have a DBS check, which we would arrange. Interested? Please contact Penny on 01869-277310 or [penelope.wood@btopenworld.com](mailto:penelope.wood@btopenworld.com).



# A Harvest Home Celebration

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

**11am**

**Tile House Farm, Finmere MK18 4AS**

**Harvest Festival followed by a wonderful harvest lunch!**

**Speaker: Revd Celia Parkes,**

**Agricultural Chaplain for Northamptonshire**

*(a big thank you to Peter and Buzzy Lepper for hosting)*



There is no charge for the lunch and no need to book - it would give us an idea of how many to cater for if you could let us know that you plan to come by emailing [admin@shelswellparishes.info](mailto:admin@shelswellparishes.info) or phone/WhatsApp 07928 990569 (the new number for the benefice office) but even if you don't do that, you can still stay for lunch!!

Any donations given will be divided between a charity to be selected by the Lepper family and the Girls' Primary School which we help to support in Wulu Diocese, South Sudan.

There will be some craft and toys available.

We will be in a well-ventilated barn and marquee – please dress appropriately!

There should be adequate parking at the farm.

There will also be Harvest Festivals in some of the churches in the benefice:

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September

10.45am Cottisford

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

11am Mixbury

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October:

11.30am Newton Purcell

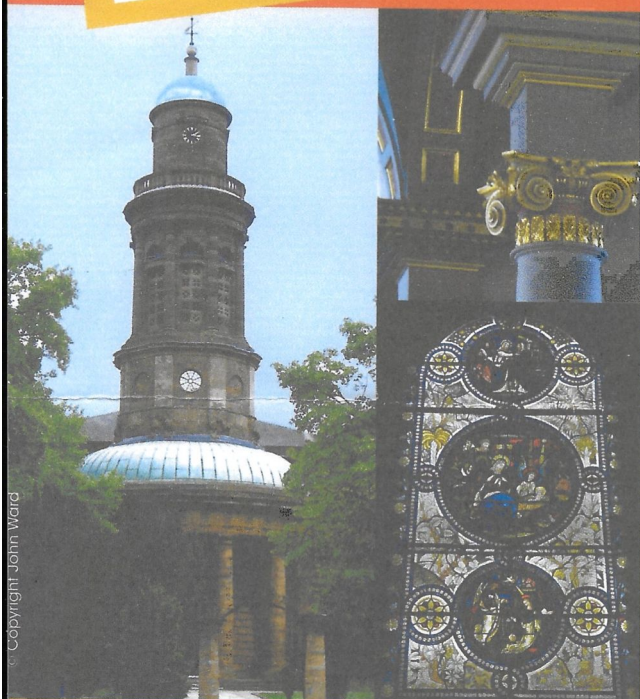
Feel free to come along to both the joint benefice event and one in your own parish as well!

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# RIDE+STRIDES

## for Churches

Many of the churches and chapels in Oxfordshire will be open.

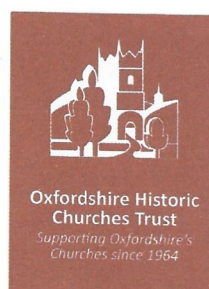


**Help preserve the history on your doorstep by raising funds for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust.**

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**For full details including sponsorship forms, link to and list of churches [www.ohct.org.uk/ride-stride](http://www.ohct.org.uk/ride-stride)**





A vibrant teal poster for the Stratton Audley Village Food, Beer & Music Festival. The title is in a large, circular, blue font. A yellow banner with 'NEW DATE' is across the center. The background is decorated with colorful bunting, musical notes, flowers, a red food truck, and a white electric guitar. Icons of beer mugs and a cocktail glass are at the bottom center.

**STRATTON AUDLEY VILLAGE**  
**FOOD, BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
**NEW DATE**

**Free Entry**

**11AM - 6PM**

**SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER**

Join us for the return of our vibrant village festival. Meander through a tempting avenue of local stalls showcasing their crafts, unique gifts & artisan food. Follow the delicious aromas from an array of food trucks, sample one (or 2!) of our many craft beers while soaking up the entertainment from our live bands. Enjoy a touch of nostalgia from our Morris dancers or head to the children's activities for more fun and games! With so much to enjoy, the whole family will be entertained all day!

**with thanks to our event sponsors**

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# Church Fundraiser!



## Wine and Nibbles

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

7 pm – 9 pm

**Cottisford Church**

**£10 per person**

Pay on the door – cash only please



To support both the upkeep and running of the church, all monies raised will go to the PCC and the Friends of Cottisford Church.



# Autumn Craft Fair

At  
St Peter's Church,  
Stoke Lyne  
(OX27 8RU)

Saturday 27th September 2025  
12.30 – 3.30pm

Proceeds going to: Macmillan Cancer Support  
And St Peter's Church

Locally made arts and crafts,  
Raffle and Tombola  
Teas and delicious homemade  
cakes

Further information contact:

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

# **Ian Millar & Dominic Spencer**

**saxophone & piano duo from Scotland**

*The UK's hardest working jazz group!*

*"Very cool music played in a magical atmosphere - this will appeal to jazz novices as well as hardcore enthusiasts." Three Weeks Magazine*

Appearing at:

**FRINGFORD VILLAGE HALL**

The Green, Fringford OX27 8DY

**Fri 24th Oct 8pm**

Ian and Dominic are unique in the UK Jazz community taking their blend of melodic jazz standards and original compositions to rural communities all over the UK. They use programmable lighting and table lights to create a wonderful intimate atmosphere for the music.

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*"We are delighted to be performing all over the UK in a variety of venues with many sell out concerts and record sales in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival" says Ian*

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# Jazz in the Village

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Three Weeks Magazine

from Scotland



**Ian Millar**  
*saxophone*

**Dominic Spencer**  
*piano*

*"Beautiful soaring magic! I was blown away by your show, just breathtaking!"*

*"...expect warm, intelligent, reflective, human music..."*



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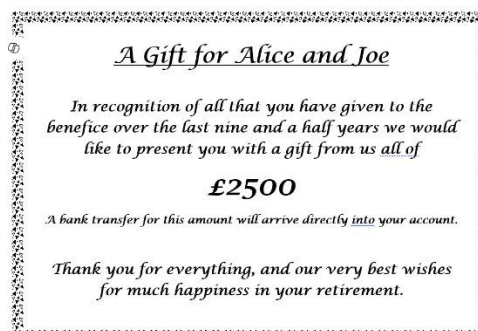
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## Alice's Last Service and Farewell Lunch

Finmere Church was packed for Alice's last service with us on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August. There were members of our congregations from across the benefice as well as those who have so much appreciated Alice's work with our schools, with 'Lighthouse', through funerals and bereavement support, baptisms and weddings and the myriad other things that she has been involved with that have meant so much to people over the years. The hymns Alice had chosen were sung enthusiastically, with the support of the Shelswell Group Choir, and even when the organ developed some issues with sticking keys, a hero appeared from the congregation to sit alongside Pam Morgan and assist.

Prayers were led by Liz Welters and at the end of the service Flora Skinner, as Lay Chair of the Joint Council, expressed our gratitude for everything that Alice and Joe have contributed during their time here. Alice was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers prepared by Buzzy Lepper and a photo book of memories from her ministry as well as a certificate confirming the total of the collection that so many people have contributed towards in recent weeks – altogether £2,500.



The Area Dean, Revd Gareth Miller, thanked Alice for her particular contribution to Clergy Chapter and the wider deanery and presented her with a pot plant for her new home. The choir had arranged a special gift for Joe, an adult Lego set which he had particularly wanted, and this was presented by Penny Wood. Three cheers and a prolonged round of applause followed.

After the service we gathered at the Village Hall for a most splendid 'Bring-and-Share' picnic. A banquet of food was assembled, fizz was arranged by Finmere PCC and the Good Lord supplied a perfect day for people to spill out from the hall onto the field and enjoy the party under the shade of the trees outside. Barbara Cunningham proposed a toast to Alice and Joe and, once everyone had had an ample lunch, Alice and Joe cut the beautiful cake which Ministry Team had commissioned and Julie Wright from Fringford had created. Altogether a fitting send-off.

We will miss you both very much but wish you a very happy and fulfilling retirement.



Becky Adams

## Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our last service and party so special! It was wonderful to see a packed church with so many of you having gone out of your way to be there – it was a really meaningful reminder of the ways in which our lives have intersected, of what you have come to mean to us and of how we are going to miss you. And we were really touched by the wonderful gifts you gave us. The photobook will be treasured, with some lovely reminders in it of some of the special times we have enjoyed in Shelswell. The flowers were gorgeous and currently have pride of place in our new sitting room. Joe was very touched to receive a gift from the choir, which he has so enjoyed being a part of over the last nine years – he was even more touched when he opened it and found it was Lego! And as for the very generous financial gift, we are going to think carefully about how best to use it – it might go towards some planned work on our new garden, or to the garage conversion we are hopeful of, or a river cruise....but thank you so much for it. And a big thank you also for those various individuals who have given us gifts and cards, hugs and well wishes. It has left us with a very warm feeling.



Several people asked for our new address. It is:

34 Garrick Road  
Lichfield  
Staffs  
WS13 7DR

Of course, I won't be the Rector any longer and won't be able to respond to any clerical enquiries, but it would be lovely to hear from you. And Lichfield is a very good stopping off place if you are travelling north...

With grateful thanks,

Alice and Joe.

## Wulu Diocese Day



On 29<sup>th</sup> July each year Wulu Diocese celebrates the day Zachariah Mangar was enthroned as the full Diocesan Bishop of Wulu, South Sudan. The black and white photo does not do justice to this year's colourful occasion.

Please pray for Bishop Zachariah with his many responsibilities.

*Liz Welters*



## And the Benefice Office moves to a new home!



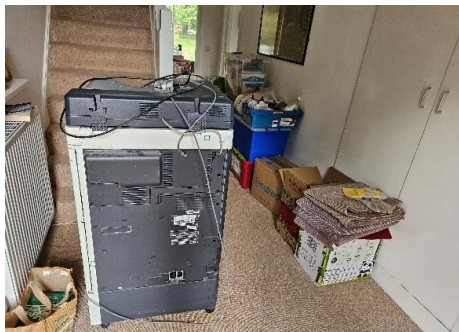
Just time to deal with a few more emails...



Some amazing manoeuvring of a horse box by Lucy, followed by her, Phillip, Buzzie and Jeremy doing some heavy lifting.



After a night in the horse box, the furniture was delivered the next day to its temporary store – thanks to Peter and Jeremy.  
And below, here is Becky, nicely settled into her new office space!



Thanks to Penny, Flora, Debs and Phillip who helped pack and ferry boxes of stuff to the new office, and to Phillip for deconstructing the desks and filing cabinets...



Many thanks to all who helped with the move, to Lyn Roberts, Emma Ter Haar and Penni and Phil Austin for assisting with storage, and to Helen Bagby for hosting the new office.

Becky will continue to work on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9 – 1 pm.

Her new address is:

6 Chinalls Close, Finmere MK18 4BQ

Her new phone number is:

07928 990569





## Lighthouse Shelswell 2025

What a fabulous week we had! We had over 60 children coming along, who enjoyed the different activities facilitated by our 14 adult volunteers and 14 teenagers. We were focussing on some of the Bible stories about Daniel and his friends. We learnt how they loved and trusted God and wants to do the right things to show this, and how God worked through them to do amazing things, so that even the Kings who had taken them captive had to admit that Daniels' God was the Greatest! Here are just a few photos.



To the left, building towers with spaghetti and marshmallows



Icing biscuits to look like lions



Above, one of our long suffering Lamplighters (teenage helpers) being turned into a banana split.



Another lamplighter enjoying a moment!



The oldest group of children working hard on various activities



Some beautiful dreamcatchers made by the older children

A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for making it all possible! And thank you once again to Finmere School for hosting us.

We hope that Lighthouse Shelswell will run again next year from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July. If you would like to help, please let us know by emailing Helen or Mike at [shelswell@lighthousecentral.org](mailto:shelswell@lighthousecentral.org)





## Shelswell-by-the-Sea, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July



Arriving at 10.30 on the first day we were greeted with tea and cake or biscuits. We shared the morning session with Hethe Coffee morning. There were tables set out with newspapers, crafts, games jigsaw puzzles etc. One table was full of booklets from Age UK, with all kinds interesting items about where you can get advice or help, with leisure and social activities, information about Power of Attorney, welfare etc and much more. There was a young lady answering lots of questions.

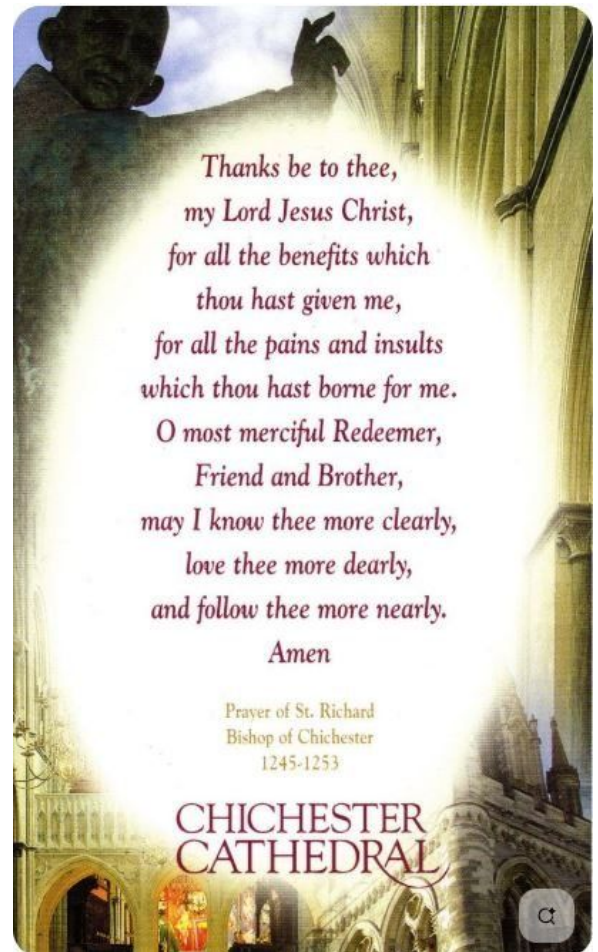
Telephone help line 0345 450 1276 or [Helpline@ageukoxforshire.org.uk](mailto:Helpline@ageukoxforshire.org.uk). Some of the usual ladies were either knitting, crocheting, or doing puzzles, with lots of chatter in-between.

Liz had set out sheets with a quiz, to do while lunch was being prepared. She gave us a talk on St Richard of Chichester. He was born in 1197 at Droitwyck and died April 3rd, 1253. He is known for a well-known prayer (right)

St Richard is also the patron saint of coachman, due to the time spent caring for his brother's farm, where he skillfully handled the horse drawn wagons. He was known for his compassion and charity, particularly towards the poor and sick. He even worked tirelessly during a famine, giving away all he had to help those in need. He died at a hospice called Maison Dieu on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1253 in Dover. He was a very interesting man and it is worth reading about his life story.

We sat for lunch, with a choice of cold drinks or wine, followed by a lovely lunch of salads with bread and a variety of quiche, followed by a choice of puddings. We then had the answers to the quiz. Later in the afternoon we had tea/coffee with cake or biscuits.

On Day 2, we had another lovely lunch of salads, quiches and jacket potatoes.



As it was St Swithin's day, after lunch Penny, gave a talk on St Swithin. He was born around 800 in Winchester and died 862. He was an advisor to King Egbert of the West Saxons, he had requested that when he died to be buried outside the old Minster in a simple grave so that people would walk over him.

In the year 971 his remains were moved to a shrine inside the Cathedral by order of Bishop Ethelwold. The event was associated with miraculous cures and violent storms that lasted 40 days. The legend of an old proverb was said to be because Swithun was displeased at having his remains moved from his humble grave, to a shrine inside the Cathedral.

We finished off the afternoon with more tea and cake. Thank you to Penny and all the Ministry team and helpers for arranging the two days, providing and cooking the lovely food and arranging lifts.

Rena Andrews



## REGISTRY

### Baptisms

**Elodie Elizabeth Stevens**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025

St Michael and All Angels, Fringford

It was on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 that the Stevens clan had last gathered in Fringford church, that time for the blessing of Jess and Jamie's marriage and for the Francie's christening. And 17 months later, we were here again to baptise Jamie and Jess's fourth daughter Elodie. All three of the older girls had been christened in St Michael and All Angels and it was lovely to welcome everyone back for Elodie's christening too.

The family live in Hucknall, Nottingham, near Jessie's mum, but Jamie's family live in Fringford. Jamie and Jess have a hot top business which takes Jamie all over the country and, together with looking after the girls, keeps them both very busy. So once again,

with incredible efficiency, Jess got in touch back in October to provisionally arrange the christening!

Elodie had three godparents: Kelly Freeman, Abbie Stevens and Charlotte Stevens. Kelly has the privilege – and the responsibility – for being godmother to all four girls. Great grandad Bob Dear read the Bible reading for us: Isaiah 43: 1 – 3a about how God has created and redeemed us and will always be with us. Then Elodie's older sisters Maisie-Rae and Callie, together with one of their friends, held up pictures of three bears to help Alice explain about the 3 Bears of Baptism.

There were two hymns during the service: 'All things bright and beautiful' and 'He's got the whole world in his hands'. After she had been baptised, we all wrote prayers for Elodie which we put in a small box for her parents to keep for her until she is older. And at the end of the service, we presented her with a prayer book and Callie, with a bit of help from Maisie-Rae, held her baptism candle for her.

After photos, everyone went back for further celebrations to the Stevens' home where the gazebos were up and it was hoped the rain would hold off!

Our prayers are with Elodie and the whole family. May her baptism be the start of a wonderful journey of discovering more about God and his great love for her.



## Weddings

### Aaron Charles BURGESS and Stephanie Louise McBRIDE

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Stratton Audley

Aaron was in place, very smartly dressed, with his best man Garin and his six groomsmen. As well as being best man, Garin had responsibility for minding the ring bearer - Shadow, Steph and Craig's two year old dog. The flowers in the church were lovely, the chairs were hung with decorations cut by Aaron's dad with his 3D printer and decorated by his mum, and all was ready for the bride's entrance. First came the five bridesmaids and one maid of honour all dressed in pale blue, then Steph's 7 year old daughter blowing bubbles, and then Steph on the arm of stepdad Craig to the music of Duomo's 'Wildest Dreams'

Steph and Aaron have known each other for about 2 ½ years – they were introduced by Garin who was working at the Angel in Bicester. Steph and her housemates were in the habit of going there on a Sunday afternoon, and Aaron, who'd just had a Sunday lunch at his parents, thought he'd pop in to see his mate Garin. Anyway, that conversation must have gone alright as Steph messaged him the next day. They then planned their adventurous first date – at the Angel in Bicester the next Sunday! And from there, things went from strength to strength.



Ruth 1: 16 – 17

Do not press me to leave you,  
to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;

where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people  
and your God my God.

<sup>17</sup>Where you die, I will die,  
and there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus to me,  
and more as well,

if even death parts me from you!

Aaron's family have a strong link with Stratton Audley – his grandparents lived in the village for fifty years. His mum and dad were married in Stratton Audley Church, and Aaron and his brother were baptized there. His grandfather and great grandparents are buried in the churchyard. Aaron himself lived for two years in his grandparents' house in Stratton Audley before moving to Bure Park. So although Steph was born in Liverpool, moving to Milton Keynes when she was 1 year old, and to Bicester when she was 13 years old, the couple very much wanted to be married in St Mary and St Edburga's.

The service was conducted by Father Alex Mahlava with Rev Alice giving the address and leading the prayers. Aaron and Steph had chosen three hymns for their service: 'Give me joy in my heart', 'Lord of the dance' and 'One more step along the world I go'. They had two Bible readings: Ruth 1:16-17 read by Connor Baker and 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 read by Ben Knight. During the signing of the marriage document, we listened to Benson Boone's 'Beautiful Things' and at the end of the service the newly weds left the church to Drax Project Six60's Catching Feelings. There was a retiring collection which was divided between the church and the British Heart Foundation.

During the wedding rehearsal, Father Alex explained that in African culture, when the priest gets to the bit 'those whom God has joined together, let no one put asunder', he doesn't just wrap his stole around their joined hands – instead he gets them to stand so close together that there is no gap between them for anyone to slip into, and then ties his stole right around their waists. Our prayers are with Aaron and Steph that they may know that deep closeness throughout their marriage, and that it will bring many blessings for them, their family and friends, and all those around them.



## Mark Simon PARRETT and Helen Jane TREDWELL

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

St Michael and All Angels, Finmere

Alice was supposed to be taking Helen and Mark's wedding, but earlier that day she managed to twist her ankle rather badly. Thankfully, Father Alex was able to step into the breach and managed to arrive at the church in very good time looking calm and collected. Helen and Mark's two dogs were also there in good time so that they could be well settled with Barbara Cunningham appointed chief dog handler. The flowers were looking lovely, and everyone was in their places by the time that Helen was driven down from Glebe Farm in a beautifully decorated buggy.

### Romans 12: 9 – 18 Love in Action

<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

<sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.



Helen and Mark have known each other for about 10 years. They were introduced to each other through mutual friends Steve and Helen. Helen was born and grew up in and around Finmere, and continued to be based there as she developed her career riding horses competitively. Mark used to be a skipper sailing yachts professionally. He knew little about horses until he met Helen. She and Mark have been working together at Glebe Farm for some years now, and Mark has now taken on management of the estate. Helen has always been reluctant to take holidays, but somehow during the summer of 2023 Mark persuaded her to leave the horses for a couple of weeks and go on a cruise, and somewhere in the middle of the Caribbean he popped the question and Helen said 'yes'.

Helen walked down the aisle after her bridesmaids on the arm of stepdad Steve to the music of 'A Thousand Dreams' played by the band. Helen and Mark had chosen two hymns for their wedding, 'All things bright and beautiful' and 'Morning has broken'. There were two readings: Romans 12: 9 – 18 read by George Gulliver and the poem 'On your wedding day' read by Theresa Harper. Father Alex preached a very good sermon. The signing of the marriage document was witnessed by Rob Hawkins and Theresa Harper. At the end of the service the newly weds left the church to applause from the congregation and the sound of the bells ringing, before returning to Glebe Farm for the Reception. Before settling into an excellent meal, everyone was outside drinking & eating canapés when Helen brought 2 horses out to join the guests. Their bridles were decorated with flowers and

one dear friend was 29 years old. The celebrations continued into the small hours and a good time was had by all.

Many congratulations to Mark and Helen, and our prayers go with them – may their marriage be life long and life enhancing.



## Club News



### SHELSWELL WI



August sees the members of the Shelswell WI take part in their annual walk and this year was no different. This year we had a short walk around the village of Wendlebury, taking in the local church and village. Its amazing what you can see when you walk compared with whizzing past in a car. Although the walk was short it turned out to be a blessing as on returning to the Lion PH for refreshments it started to rain. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

In September we return to the village hall for a talk by Anna Wheeler - High Street to High Fashion in Knitwear, in October we have Dave Gilbert from the Thames Air Ambulance and in November Jackie's Mobile Boutique - Packing the Vehicle Capsule Wardrobe.

September sees the WI reach 110 years old, to celebrate the Oxfordshire WI are opening their doors in Tackley for visitors to view some very interesting displays, and also to partake in Tea and cake. Oxfordshire is also offering some very exciting trips and classes in the coming months.

If you are interested in joining our friendly and welcoming group contact Sandra for more information at [sandrambickmore@gmail.com](mailto:sandrambickmore@gmail.com). We meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in Fringford Village Hall.

### SHELSWELL READING GROUP

The Shelswell Reading group is a great opportunity to read a variety of books, from best sellers to classics and everything in between. If you are not sure about joining, why not come along for a meeting to meet the group and see what we are about. No need to have read the book for that month - just come along and meet all of us and listen in. If you are interested, please let Jane Birnage know - [janebirnage@icloud.com](mailto:janebirnage@icloud.com) 07770 220605

Our next meetings are:

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 6 Hethe Cottages, Cottisford. Next Book – “How Steeple Sinderby Wanderers Won the F.A. Cup” by JL Carr
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at Manor Grange, Cottisford. Book TBC

Our August book was ‘Tell me Everything’ by Elizabeth Stroud which provided great discussions around storytelling, relationships, plot driven stories, memory and small town life. Some of us were entranced by the stories, others irritated by tales that didn’t seem to have a point!

We all felt that *Tell me Everything* was the best book since 'Olive Kittridge' and Olive certainly plays a large part in this book. She continues to either delight or irritate us... and we disagreed on who was the 'hero/heroine' of the story. We did feel that the stories felt 'real', even though some were hard to hear... and we believed that everyone has stories - you just have to listen.

There was discussion about how many of the characters were older and had the time and inclination to tell these stories (echoes of people in care home who have such interesting stories about their lives). Some of us loved the fact that there was a real plot in this book (the murder), whilst others enjoyed the meandering of the characters and stories. Those of us who had read the earlier books enjoyed seeing how the characters developed and intertwined. Overall, an enjoyable book with characters you believed in and many parallels with real life.

### The Best of School by D. H. Lawrence

The blinds are drawn because of the sun,  
And the boys and the room in a colourless gloom  
Of underwater float: bright ripples run  
Across the walls as the blinds are blown  
To let the sunlight in; and I,  
As I sit on the shores of the class, alone,  
Watch the boys in their summer blouses  
As they write, their round heads busily bowed:  
And one after another rouses  
His face to look at me;  
To ponder very quietly,  
As seeing, he does not see.

And then he turns again, with a little, glad  
Thrill of his work he turns again from me,  
Having found what he wanted,  
having got what was to be had.

And very sweet it is, while the sunlight waves  
In the ripening morning, to sit alone with the class  
And feel the stream of awakening ripple and pass  
From me to the boys,  
whose brightening souls it laves  
For this little hour.

This morning, sweet it is  
To feel the lads' looks light on me,  
Then back in a swift, bright flutter to work;  
Each one darting away with his  
Discovery, like birds that steal and flee.  
Touch after touch I feel on me  
As their eyes glance at me for the grain  
Of rigour they taste delightedly.

As tendrils reach out yearningly,  
Slowly rotate till they touch the tree  
That they cleave unto, and up which they climb  
Up to their lives—so they to me.

I feel them cling and cleave to me  
As vines going eagerly up; they twine  
My life with other leaves, my time  
Is hidden in theirs, their thrills are mine

Other books discussed were:

The Rose Code – Kate Quinn  
The Seven Husbands – Taylor Jenkins Reid  
Gliff – Ali Smith  
The Book of Form and Emptiness – Ruth Ozeki  
Miss Benson's Beetle – Rachel Joyce  
The South – Colm Toibin  
The Coast Road – Alan Murrin  
The Story of the Forest – Linda Grant  
The Signature of all things – Elizabeth Gilbert  
There are Rivers in the Sky – Elif Shafak  
My Name is Leon – Kit de Waal  
One Fine Day – Mollie Panter Downes

### SHELSWELL POETRY APPRECIATION GROUP

The September poems for readers are *Last Lesson of the Afternoon* and *The Best of School* (left) - both by D H Lawrence (1885-1930), and a reminder, in the month when children go back to school, of the highs and lows of teaching. They can both be read online.

Our July meeting began with the poem *Moon-Marketing* by Richard Le Gallienne (1866-1947) and continued with *The Cat and the Moon* by W B Yeats. Two very different poems about the Armada followed. Both were titled *The Armada*. The poem written by Thomas Babington Macaulay (1800-59) was a typically Victorian patriotic and rousing narrative, and still has power as an evocation of British ingenuity and derring-do when faced with a threat. Brian Patten (b 1946) remembers an incident from his childhood and relates a personal memory of his own twig and paper armada on a pond in the park and how his memory of it is linked with his dead mother.

Our September meeting is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 and the theme is CLOCKS. If you would like to join us, we meet in Stoke Lyne on the first or second Tuesday of each month. Contact me for further details on 01869 811994 or at [judith.harvey@live.co.uk](mailto:judith.harvey@live.co.uk) Judith Harvey

## REPORTS FROM THE PARISHES

### Cottisford and Juniper Hill

#### St Mary the Virgin

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#### Services

Sunday 7th September 9.15 am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st September 10.45 am Harvest Festival

#### Cottisford and Juniper Hill Social Committee

The social committee held a coffee morning in July raising more than £90, being shared between the the Social Committee and the FOCC. Thank you to everyone who supported the morning and to Jane and David for hosting.

We will be holding a wine and Nibbles Evening on Friday 19 September, this is a fundraising evening for the church. Proceeds will be going the the PCC and the FOCC. Come and join us for an evening with friends enjoying a drink and some delicious nibbles. Tickets £10 per person.

The following morning we will be decorating the church ready for our Harvest Service on Sunday 21 September.

If you would like to help or even host a coffee morning or pop up pub please contact any of of the Social Committee. *Sandra Bickmore*

### Finmere

#### St Michael and All Angels

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#### Church Services

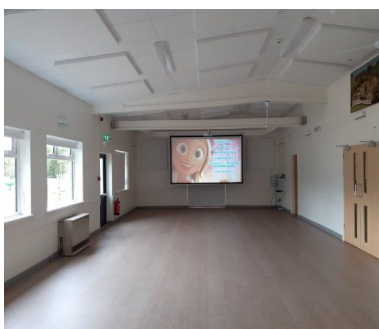
Sunday 21st September 9.15 am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th September 11 am Benefice Harvest Home Celebration at Tile House Farm, Finmere

#### Village Hall

The village hall is available for hire. Facilities include AV system with a new projector and larger screen, plus sound system. Fitted kitchen, Meeting room, Patio doors onto the children's play area and enlarged storage spaces for regular users. WiFi facilities are available.

For all hall booking enquiries, please visit [www.myfinmere.com/villagehall](http://www.myfinmere.com/villagehall).





### Allotments

We are now in that “in between” month when the Autumn squash are still filling out and allotment holders are constantly trying to find different ways to use gluts of beetroot and courgettes. We spend less time gardening now, as holidays kick in but most of us are trying last minute crops that we can harvest as long as the weather holds, and the rabbits and pigeons can be held at bay. There’s a little more time to chat with fellow gardeners and generally to enjoy being outside in the warm.

Fingers crossed that we can harvest plums before the wind and wasps beat us to it.

Contact below for a plot and start planning next year now.

Interested, visit [www.myfinmere.com/poorsplot](http://www.myfinmere.com/poorsplot) and select the ‘enquiry’ link.

*Jean (Allotment correspondent)*



## 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 9th September from 2 - 4 pm**  
Tea, biscuits and cake - all locals welcome, no charge

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! Baking costs can be reimbursed. No need to volunteer every month; just help when you can..

**FINMERE**



**POP UP PUB**

**FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

**Come catch up with friends and neighbours. Families welcome!**

**Licensed bar  
and food van on site!**

**FINMERE VILLAGE HALL  
6-10PM**

**Light lunch**

**Finmere Village Hall**  
**4th Tuesday of the month**  
**No charge but donations appreciated**



**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE  
PLEASE RING DEBBIE  
07765 874090**

**Some Finmere related links:**

Finmere facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/finmereandlittletingewick/>  
 Shelswell Parishes website at – [www.shelswellparishes.info/finmere](http://www.shelswellparishes.info/finmere)  
 Finmere Parish Council website at – [www.finmerepc.org](http://www.finmerepc.org)  
 Village hall news at – [www.myfinmere.com](http://www.myfinmere.com)  
 Finmere Poor's Plot – [www.myfinmere.com/poorsplot](http://www.myfinmere.com/poorsplot)  
 Old Finmere history website – [www.myfinmere.com/history](http://www.myfinmere.com/history)  
 Finmere on Wikipedia - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finmereikipedia>  
 Finmere Primary School - [www.finmere.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.finmere.oxon.sch.uk)

## Fringford

### St Michael and All Angels

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WEBSITE	<a href="http://www.fringford.info">www.fringford.info</a>	

### ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, SERVICES & EVENTS

#### Services

Sunday 7 September – at 10.45am - Morning Service

Sunday 14 September – at 6.00pm - Evening Communion

Sunday 21 September – at 10.45am - Holy Communion

Sunday 28 September – at 11.00am - Benefice Harvest Home at Tile House Farm Finmere, MK18 4AS

There is a variety of services available in the Benefice - please see the back cover of this *Shelswell News*.

## EVENTS



### Sponsored Ride and Stride

It's that time of year again - the good old 'Ride and Stride', in aid of Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and a church that you nominate.

Would you consider riding and getting sponsored to do so? Get a sponsor form from me. The Ride & Stride takes place on 13 September. See how many churches you can visit in the time available.

People to sit in church and welcome visitors also needed. If you could spare an hour or so, please contact me. Penny Wood 01869-277310.



### Looking Ahead

We are planning to hold another Local History evening on Saturday 10 October. Jayne Todd will be talking about 'The Butcher, the Baker, the Horseshoe Maker – a World We Have Lost'. This event will be in the Village Hall, and will start at 7.00pm. Free entry.

Also in the Village Hall on Friday 24th October, a Jazz Evening with Ian Millar & Dominic Spencer at 8pm. See feature advertisement on pages 10 - 11.

On 31st December, a village New Year's Eve celebration is planned - see poster overleaf.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> prize £61, 2<sup>nd</sup> £37, 3<sup>rd</sup> £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. Times are: from 10.00am to 11.30am. [Not during holidays and half term.] Just come along. If you need information in the meantime, email [admin@shelswellparishes.info](mailto:admin@shelswellparishes.info). [Volunteers still needed at Little Lambs – see page 6 – could you help?]

**FRINGFORD VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING** In September we will meet on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>. Drop by for a coffee/tea and a chat any time between 10.30 am and 12 noon in the Chinnery Room at the Village Hall. Contact Penny on 277310 for 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 any sort of craft.

You are also welcome to drop in for a tea or coffee and a chat, crafts not essential

We get together once a month, either on a Wednesday evening at 7 – 9pm  
or Sunday afternoon at 3 – 5pm  
In the Chinnery Room at Fringford Village Hall.

### Our next sessions for 2025 are:

<b>September</b>	<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>

No need to book – just come and join us!

If you would like information, please email Irene [ireneethomas@btinternet.com](mailto: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 style="text-align: center;"><b>FS Dance</b></p> <p>Monday &amp; Wednesday (term time) After school classes BALLET • TAP • MODERN • STREET leah.fsd@gmail.com or 07885827592</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Village Coffee Morning</b></p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Parish Council Meeting</b></p> <p>All villagers welcome Third Monday in the month 7.45pm Contact 01844 237766 or fringford.parishclerk@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Just Puppies</b></p> <p>Puppy Training Tuesday evening, Sunday afternoon – various classes Contact Kerri 07720 891489 www.justpuppies.training</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fringford Yoga</b></p> <p>Wednesday (term time) 9.30am – 11am Carolyn White 07763 817078</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Shelswell WI</b></p> <p>First Thursday of the month 7.30pm (Not December or August) Contact Sandra Bickmore 07961 828571</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pilates</b></p> <p>Thursday at 10.00am natashaflowerspilates@gmail.com or 07545 525820</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fringford Sewcial Sew and Chat!</b></p> <p>Monthly Wednesday from 7pm Or Sunday from 3pm Contact Irene at ireneethomas@btinternet.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mindfulness Meditation</b></p> <p>Monthly Sunday 11am to 12.30pm janerainey17@gmail.com or 07971 008337</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Village Hall Team Meeting</b></p> <p>Please contact for dates Open meetings – all welcome fringford.hall@gmail.com or 07936 879175</p>
<p>To book the hall for your own event, please go to <a href="http://www.fringford.info/village%20hall">www.fringford.info/village hall</a>, how to book</p> <p>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: <a href="mailto:fringford.hall@gmail.com">fringford.hall@gmail.com</a></p>	

## Hardwick

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#### Church Services at Hardwick Church

Sunday 5th October 9.15 am Holy Communion

**Hardwick Church will be open every day from 10am to 4pm.**

Private prayer and quiet contemplation

View the architecture, memorials and stained-glass windows

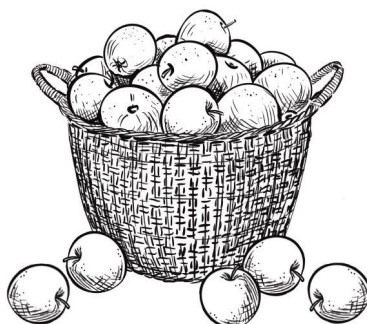
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#### Pilgrim Pathways

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 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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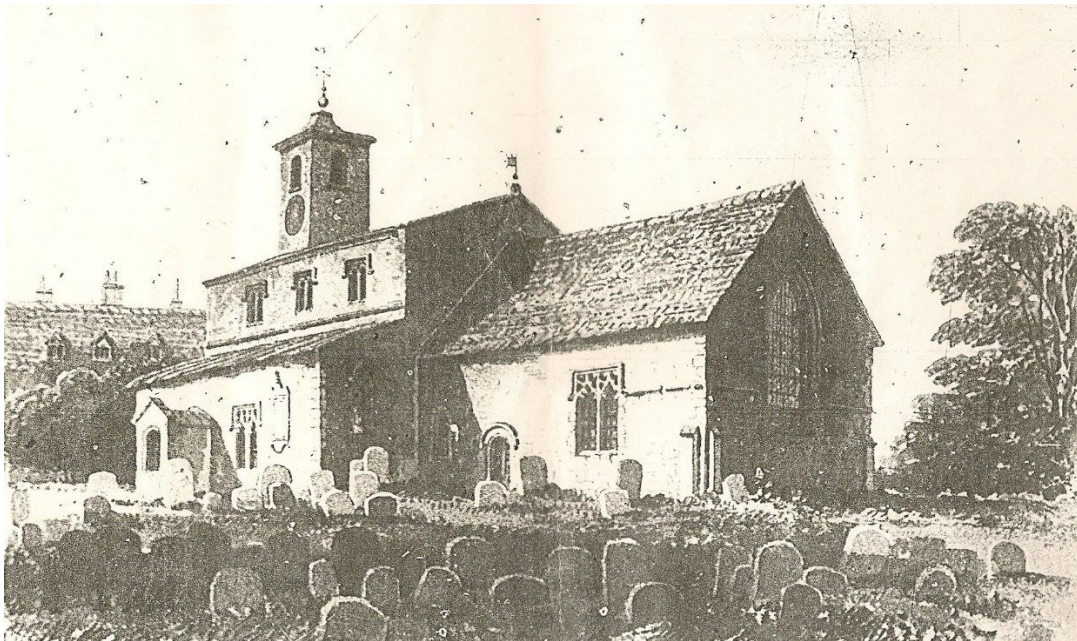
Tel 01869 278166

WEBSITE: [www.hethe.org](http://www.hethe.org)

**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 image below is St Edmund & St George Church before it was restored in 1859.

### ST EDMUND & ST GEORGE CHURCH



**“All churches need friends,  
and they are out there ready to be made”**

### Revd Alice



The Revd Alice has been our Rector for the last nine and a half years. During that time, she has always supported our church community in Hethe and our endeavours to save St Edmund & St George Church. On behalf of fellow villagers, thank you Alice for conducting countless baptisms, marriages and funerals for villagers during this time. Although she was Rector for nine other local churches, Alice has always been available to help Hethe's church council, has attended all of their meetings and provided much needed guidance and assistance.

Flora, Sandra and myself were privileged to work under Alice for three local history festivals. I am sure that others in Hethe who helped with the festivals will want to thank her for her inspiration and hard work in planning and running these events for the community.

I have been able to support Alice this year in doing some administrative work for the Lighthouse week for local children. It will be a challenge for the remaining volunteers to manage and run this event in the future, but we do have Alice's example to spur us on!

## Church Services and Events

At the time of preparing this news, we were waiting for confirmation that repairs to the church would be completed before this month. Whatever the situation, remember that you will always be welcome at services in any of the other 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 Works

The internal and external repairs and improvements to water management should have been completed in August allowing the full reopening of the building. A Quinquennial Inspection is due this year when any other works will be specified.

## Churchyard

Thanks to Ian Soper for continuing to cut and rake the grass. There is always more to be done if anyone can help, please contact Flora for guidance as we need to preserve some wild areas. Many thanks to Philip Mansfield for repairing the dry stone wall to the east of the churchyard.

Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Peter Allen who died in June. We were always grateful to Peter for mowing the churchyard for many years, at no cost to the church.



## Finances



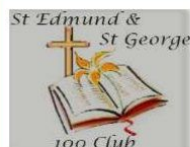
There is a shortfall of £2,142 in funds available for the works which were due to start in August. In the short term this will be met from general funds, but this will further deplete our reserves. If you can contribute to either the churches general funds or to meet the cost of the works, please consider giving a one-off or regular donation to the church. To give simply follow the link below or scan the QR code:

[https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/hethe-st-](https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/hethe-st-edmund-st-george-bicester/)

[edmund-st-george-bicester/](https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/hethe-st-edmund-st-george-bicester/)

**Christmas Cards.** There will be cards available this year featuring the church. Many thanks to Dean Overton for the idea and for creating the cards. We will let you know when they are available and where you can purchase them.

**100 Club.** If you would like to join the 100 Club, Helen Pritchard is now the contact.

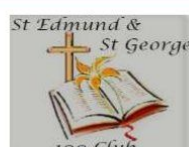


### St Edmund & St George 100 Club

Results of the 79<sup>th</sup> draw held  
on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize No 11 Jenny Cullen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize No 50 Nicky Beddall
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize No 31 John & Sue Schutz

Many thanks to our members  
Hethe PCC



### St Edmund & St George 100 Club

Results of the 78<sup>th</sup> draw held  
on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize No 27 Frazer Morgan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize No 34 Robert Mansfield
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize No 41 Nicky Beddall

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## Ride & Stride. Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

"Ride + Stride is the single largest source of income for many Historic Churches Trusts enabling them to make Grants to places of Christian worship. Taking place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of September the funds raised can be split between the nominated Trust and the participants chosen church or chapel."



Our 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! If you would like to take the opportunity to help the church, we need more volunteers to meet and greet, in hourly sessions. Please let Mike know if you are available.

## Next PCC meeting, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### HETHE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

**Parish Council.** The next meeting of the council will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



## Hethe Community Coffee Morning's Macmillan Fund Raiser

**Monday September 8<sup>th</sup> 10-12 noon  
at the Village Hall**

Cake & Produce Stall, Games and Raffle  
plus the Hethe 100 Club draw.

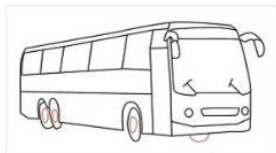


### Hethe and District Darby & Joan Club

meeting at Hethe Village Hall on the third Tuesday of the month, 2-4pm  
and

holding a Bingo Night at Hethe Village Hall every third Saturday of the month, 7.30pm

### SUMMER EVENTS



Membership £15 p.a.  
New members welcome.

May 20<sup>th</sup> Coach to Webbs Wychbold  
June 17<sup>th</sup> Coach to Welwyn garden city  
July 15<sup>th</sup> Coach Mystery Tour  
August 19<sup>th</sup> Coach to Eastbourne  
September 16<sup>th</sup> Coach to Worcester

October 21<sup>st</sup> AGM Hethe Village Hall 2pm  
November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting Hethe Village Hall 2pm  
Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Coach Moreton in Marsh & Broadway  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Party members only.

**Pop-up Pub.** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall, from 7.00 to 10.00pm. Everyone welcome. Bring your own drinks of choice, snacks and games!



## Local Bus Service



Monday to Saturday - pick up at Hethe War Memorial at 07.39, 10.54, 13.42 and 15.42. Last bus departs Bicester at 17.50 to arrive in Hethe at 18.12. Note that this service does not operate on Bank Holidays.

For **Village Hall bookings**, please contact Flora, the Village Hall Booking Secretary, on 01869 277366 [fjskinner@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fjskinner@hotmail.co.uk).

**The Hardwick Road Allotments.** The contact for the allotments 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:

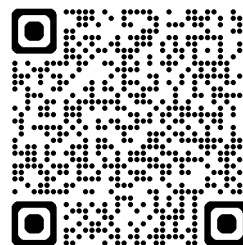
Community Spirit of the Hethens

Hethe Community

Hethe Allotments

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

Shelswell Lift Share WhatsApp Group – Contact Flora to join



## Mixbury All Saints

CHURCHWARDENS: Martin Ayres, Northwell Farm, Finmere

Alec Howard, Middlestead, Mixbury

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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](mailto:pasgoodman551@gmail.com) or telephone: 01280 848002.

### CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 14th September 9.15 am Mixbury Half Hour

### MIXBURY CHURCH FLOWER ROTA 2025

September	Philippa Brown
	Harvest festival – everyone
October	Morag Westworth



November            Fi Bairstow  
 December        Carol service and Christmas - everyone  
 Reserve Sam Lockwood

Thank you to everyone for doing church flowers. It's much appreciated.

If anyone wishes to be added or removed from the list, please get in touch with Eryl on 07840 464541.



### **MIXBURY CHURCH CLEANING ROTA 2025**

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.

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](mailto:markandtanya@yahoo.co.uk).

### **MIXBURY KNIT AND NATTER**

Courtesy of Anna at Swallows Nursery Mixbury Knit and Natter now meets fortnightly in the coffee shop at the Nursery. 2-4pm.

All welcome – and you don't have to knit or crochet, just come along and chat! Swallows not only sell lovely plants but coffee and cake too.....!

### **BOOK EXCHANGE**

Looking for something to read during the summer – there is a large collection of second hand books in the church for villagers to borrow and replace with any book they may have read.

**SAVE THE DATE!**



***Mixbury Christmas Bazaar***  
***Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025***  
***6pm-9pm***

## Newton Purcell St Michael and All Angels

CHURCHWARDENS: Ann von Maltzahn, Home Farm Shelswell Park  
Stuart Hinton  
TREASURER: Fai Li  
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### Services:-

Sunday 7th September - 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion

### Bonus Ball Lotto:-

Our recent lucky winner was Rita Cross.

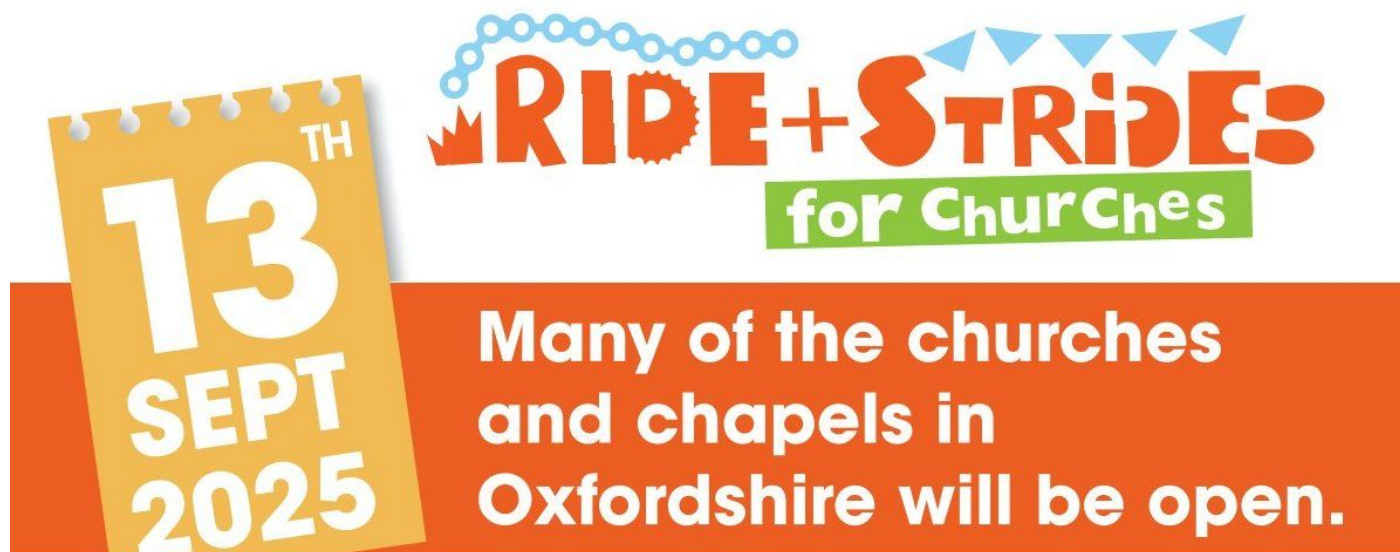
For those of you who already take part in this vital part of our fund raising it is nearly time for subscriptions to be renewed and we very much hope you will do so.

We still have lucky numbers available for anyone else who would like to join in and have the chance of a weekly cash prize. For details please contact Ann von Maltzahn.

### An Appeal for a Rotary Mower:-

Sadly our churchyard mower is on it's last legs and we are going to have to replace it. Does anyone have a mower in good condition that they no longer need?? If so please contact either of the Churchwardens as above.

### Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride :-



The banner features a stylized logo with the text "RIDE + STRIDES" in large, bold, orange letters, with "for Churches" in a green box below it. To the left is a yellow calendar page showing "13 TH SEPT 2025". Below the logo, a large orange box contains the text "Many of the churches and chapels in Oxfordshire will be open." in white.

## St Michael and All Angels, Newton Purcell

**join us**

Many ways to take part,  
cycling, walking, horse riding,  
bell-ringing, with a mobility aid or contact  
us to check out your plan! Sign up with our  
online fund-raising partners GoodHub.



If you would like to take part just follow the link at [www.ohct.org.uk/ride-stride](http://www.ohct.org.uk/ride-stride) or call the county organiser Hilary CakebreadHall on 07831 690524 for full details and sponsorship forms. It's a great way to spend the day and help the church or chapel of your choice.

We also need volunteers to give up just one hour of their day to welcome and give refreshments to all who may visit us on the day. Please contact Stuart Hinton with your offers of help.

#### **Hall to Let :-**

Please contact Jackie Le Fevre on 07544 985117 or [jackielefevre@btinternet.com](mailto:jackielefevre@btinternet.com) for details and to make your booking.

#### **Dates for Your Diary :-**

Harvest Festival & Lunch - Sunday 19th October

Christmas Concert - Friday 12th December

## **Stoke Lyne St Peter's**

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WEBSITE [www.stokelyne.org](http://www.stokelyne.org)

#### **St Peter's Church Stoke Lyne Services**

Thursday 4th September 12.00 noon Midweek Communion

Sunday 21st September 10.00 am Food for Thought service

#### **Flower Duty for September**

Caroline Cooke

#### **Stoke Lyne 100 Club – August Results**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Membership No 60	Craig Mitchell
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Membership No 30	Nikki Popoola
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Membership No 6	Faye Billingham

Thank you once again for all your support. More members needed. Contact [janey@oxford-educational.co.uk](mailto:janey@oxford-educational.co.uk) for details on how to join.

Janey Poole  
Treasurer  
St Peter's Church PCC





Kelly Holden-White

### Open Mic Night – 2<sup>nd</sup> August

The event was really well-attended with villagers and folk from further afield enjoying an array of talent.

Special thanks to Dan and Erin, of Stoke Lyne, who sang/played beautifully and of course, huge thanks go to Ped, who not only performed his own music and covers, but brought together the whole evening.

We made £300 profit on the bar which will go towards the repairs to the ceiling of the church. The next Open Mic Night will be on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, at 7-11pm.

### Ride and Stride – OHCT – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September

If you are able to cycle/walk between churches and raise some money for this charity, please let Kelly know ([kholdenwhite@icloud.com](mailto:kholdenwhite@icloud.com)). The OHCT has supported our church in the past when it came to building work and any money raised is halved between them and our church.

### Autumn Craft Fair at St Peter's Church – Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> September

Please see the advertisement on p. 9 - contact [alisonjanemiller@icloud.com](mailto:alisonjanemiller@icloud.com) for further details

### Follow up to my April 2025 "Look at" on Sir Algernon William Peyton (4<sup>th</sup> Baronet)

I have got into the habit of every Thursday searching on FindMyPast website for any new stories about Stoke Lyne added to their newspaper database during the past week. Most weeks there is nothing new mentioning Stoke Lyne but when I looked one Thursday in July I found an obituary for Sir Algernon on newly released pages from the Oxford University and City Herald and I was shocked to read that before he married Laura Webb in 1870 he had married an unnamed daughter of a J. Sherwood Esq:. I had not included this marriage in my "Look at". How could I have missed it?

Here's the article with the sentence in question in bold:

Oxford University and City Herald, 30<sup>th</sup> March 1872

*SUDDEN DEATH OF THE EX-HIGH SHERIFF OF OXFORDSHIRE. – Great gloom has been cast over the neighbourhood of Bicester by the sudden death of Sir Algernon William Peyton, Bart., which melancholy event took place at Bicester on Monday evening. Sir Algernon, who was master of the Bicester Hunt, had been out with the hounds on Monday, and on his return to Bicester he went into the King's Arms Hotel, and while there was seized with a fit and died a few minutes afterwards. He was highly respected by all classes, and his loss will be greatly felt. He was the fourth baronet, and born in 1833; he succeeded his father in 1866; was educated at Eton, and entered the 1<sup>st</sup> Life Guards in 1851; he became a captain in 1856 and retired in 1869. He was a magistrate for Oxfordshire, of*

which he was high sheriff in 1871. **He married in 1864 the daughter of J. Sherwood, Esq., who died in 1866**, and he married in 1870 Laura, daughter of D. Webb., Esq. – The inquest was held on Tuesday afternoon at Bicester. Mr. Aubrey Wicks, surgeon, who was called in, deposed that the death had resulted from disease of the heart, and a verdict to that effect was returned.

Further searches revealed that the same obituary was reprinted almost word for word in a number of regional newspapers all around the country such as the Bury and Norwich Post, the Bucks Herald, the Hampshire Chronicle, the North Wilts Herald, the Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser, the Bromley Journal and West Kent Herald, the Manchester Weekly Times, and the Hastings and St Leonard's Observer.

I then looked at Sir Algernon's obituaries in the other local Oxfordshire newspapers. The Oxford Chronicle and Reading Gazette also mentioned a first wife. **"He was twice married, in 1864 to a daughter of J. Sherwood Esq., who died in 1866**, and in 1870 to Laura Sarah, daughter of Daniel H. Webb, Esq., of Wykeham Park, who is now his widow."

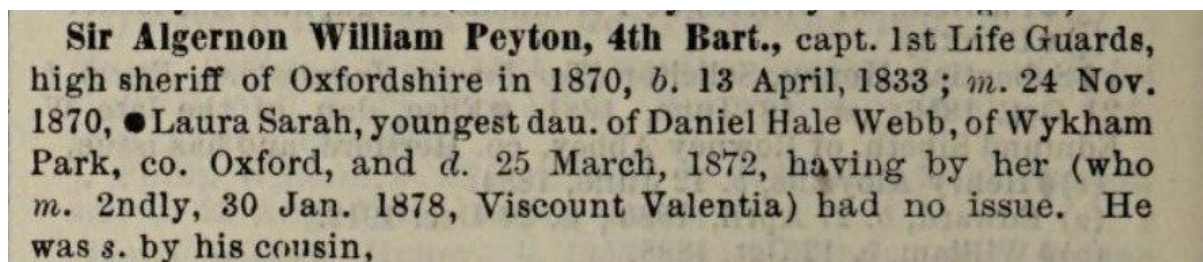
The Oxford Times and the Oxfordshire Weekly News in identical articles said **"In 1864 he married the daughter of J. Sherwood, Esq., who died in 1866**, and four years after, in 1870, he married Laura Sarah, daughter of D. H. Webb, Esq., of Wykham Park"

From where did these local papers obtain their information? Did they all use the same source? Other local papers omit any mention of a first wife, namely the Banbury Guardian, the Bicester Herald, the Oxford Journal and the Banbury Advertiser. The latter quoted from Sir Algernon's entry in Debrett's Illustrated Baronetage: no wife other than Laura was mentioned.

*"SIR ALGERNON WILLIAM PEYTON, BARONET. – Debrett's Illustrated Baronetage for this year, states that the late Baronet was born 1823, and succeeded his father, Sir Henry, 1866. He was educated at Eton; entered the 1<sup>st</sup> Life Guards 1851, became Captain 1856, and retired 1869; was High Sheriff of Oxfordshire 1871, and a Magistrate of that county. He married, 1870, Laura, daughter of the late D. H. Webb, Esq., but having no issue, the baronetcy becomes extinct."*

(Of course we now know that the baronetcy did not become extinct as it passed to his first cousin once removed, Sir Thomas).

The Internet Archive website has the full text of the 1915 edition of Burke's Peerage and Baronetage from which the following summary comes:



**Sir Algernon William Peyton, 4th Bart.,** capt. 1st Life Guards, high sheriff of Oxfordshire in 1870, *b.* 13 April, 1833; *m.* 24 Nov. 1870, ● Laura Sarah, youngest dau. of Daniel Hale Webb, of Wykham Park, co. Oxford, and *d.* 25 March, 1872, having by her (who *m.* 2ndly, 30 Jan. 1878, Viscount Valentia) had no issue. He was *s.* by his cousin,

Both Debrett's and their rival Burke's are deemed to be authoritative sources on the British aristocracy so it is unlikely that both would be wrong and I am sure there would have been a complaint by the time of the 1915 edition of Burke's if there was a mistake.

Separately I searched for any reports anywhere in the press in 1864 about the marriage (such as the ones I found when Sir Algernon married Laura Webb) but found none and nor did I find any about the lady's untimely death in 1866.

I looked on the FreeBMD website for any marriages for a Peyton/Sherwood surname combination in the marriage indexes but the only one I could find was for a couple in 1970! Where would the deceased first wife have been buried? She is certainly not named on any memorials in St Peter's church or the churchyard.

Fortunately from my previous researches into Sir Algernon I had found on the Ancestry website an image of his marriage entry to Laura in 1870 at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington and it clearly gives his "condition" as "bachelor" ie he is not described as a "widower" which he would have been had there been a deceased first wife.

So the evidence (unless anyone reading this knows any different) seems to point to the mystery first wife being the result of some sort of mix up by an anonymous newspaper reporter or informant whose information was subsequently taken at face value and repeated all round the country - not unlike what we hear happens today on social media!

*Brenda Hazel*

## Stratton Audley and Godington

### St Mary and St Edburga; Holy Trinity

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER Maxine Ling

MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENT: Vacant (Stratton Audley); Sylvia List (Godington) [editor@shelswellparishes.info](mailto:editor@shelswellparishes.info)

### CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th September 10.45 am at Stratton Audley - 'Connect' Informal Worship

Sunday 7th September 6.00 pm at Godington - Compline

Sunday 5th October 6.00 pm at Godington - 'A Celebration of Country Living'

### STRATTON AUDLEY VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday 6th September

Enjoy the late summer with a day of music, beer and food in Stratton Audley. Craft stalls, Morris dancing, live bands and children's activities. Pop into the recently re-opened Red Lion pub and say hello.

See page 7 for the full page advertisement

### FOODBANK

Please don't forget the foodbank donation point in the church porch in Stratton Audley, supporting Bicester Foodbank! Thank you to everyone who donates.

Particularly appreciated are tinned fruit, veg, soup and fish also coffee and hot chocolate. Please ask Becky at the Benefice office who is our nearest 'Local Referrer' if you need help from the Bicester Foodbank. Contact details on the front inside cover.





## ROOF REPAIRS AT GODINGTON CHURCH

Following a successful churchyard clear-up by the village earlier this year, the church is now visible from the road again and is looking very nice. Several quotations have been requested for renovating the church roof as well as repairs to guttering. Thank you to Helen List for coordinating an application for funds from HS2 with support from the diocese.

The church is now open every day, and we have had several appreciative comments in the Visitors' book:

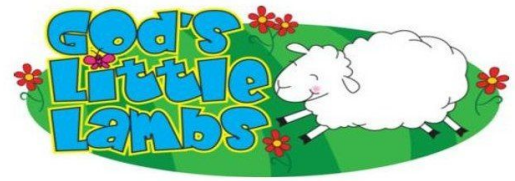
"A lovely setting and so pleased to find it unlocked" - *Tony and Jude*

"Fantastic to see the church yard transformed. Well done all" - *a war graves commission volunteer*

On 5th August we had a visit from Bat Man out of Brackley. He is a volunteer with a local bat conservation group who came out to assess the state of the bats in our belfry. He found no evidence of bat droppings in the main church, and just a few old droppings in the tower.

It is possible to tell the difference between bat droppings and mouse droppings by rubbing them between your fingers. If they stay hard, they are mouse droppings and if they crumble to dust they are bat droppings.

When we looked into the first floor of the tower, we saw a large, empty owls' nest that looked recent. The chicks had flown of course, but several people saw barn owls in the churchyard in the spring.



### 'Little Lambs' Baby and Toddler Group

Stratton Audley Church

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### HOLY TRINITY GODINGTON



**The Church is open for private  
prayer and contemplation  
every day 10am – 6pm summer  
10 am – 4pm winter**

As barn owls eat bats if they can catch them, this probably explains the lack of recent bat droppings. Our volunteer thought that the droppings we did find might be from long eared brown bats.

For more information about any of the ongoing work, please contact the Churchwarden, Penny Oakey.



## The Last Word

Because of God's grace, failure is never final. – *Anon*



### A Morning Prayer

So far today God, I have done all right  
I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper  
and haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty,  
selfish or over-indulgent. I haven't told  
anybody to mind their own business and  
stay out of mine. I'm really glad about that.

But in a few minutes God, I'm going to get  
out of bed; and from then on I'm probably  
going to need a lot of help.

### Ancient Anglo-Saxon video sparks 538% rise in Church of England social media followers

“Hlyst nu!” (That’s Old English for “Listen up!”)

A video of Church of England Everyday Faith Editor Alexandra Zhirnova reading the Nicene Creed in Old English has gone viral on the internet racking up nearly half a million impressions and sparking a global wave of engagement. The video can be viewed on the Church of England's social media sites including Instagram and TikTok.

In the year 992 the Nicene Creed was translated by a monk named Ælfric along with parts of the Bible, from Latin into his native tongue; what we now call Old English. While much of the language is unfamiliar to modern ears, some words remain recognisable.

The response to the video has been nothing short of extraordinary. Since its release, it has generated over 400,000 impressions across the Church of England’s social media channels, with over 37,000 interactions. The Church saw a 583 % increase in new followers during the week after the video was released. German, Dutch, and Scandinavian language speakers were among those who responded, commenting how similar Old English sounds to their native languages.

2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed, a cornerstone of Christian belief since AD 325. So, if you haven’t already, why not have a listen and see how many words you recognise? The video can be found on the Church of England's accounts on popular social media platforms. Here it is on youtube:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wo4O9jcl7w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wo4O9jcl7w)



## Colouring in from Monday Mandala





# The tale of the RICH FOOL



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STORIES WITH  
HIDDEN MEANINGS

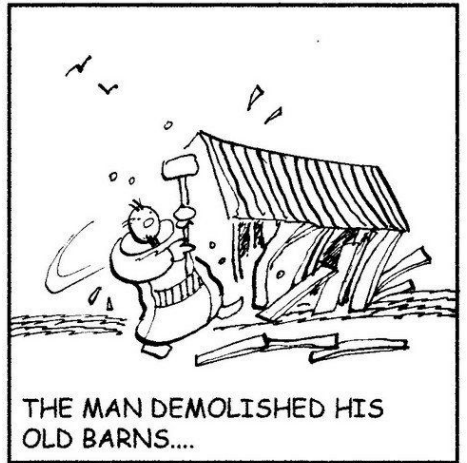


ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A MAN  
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GREW WONDERFUL WHEAT.

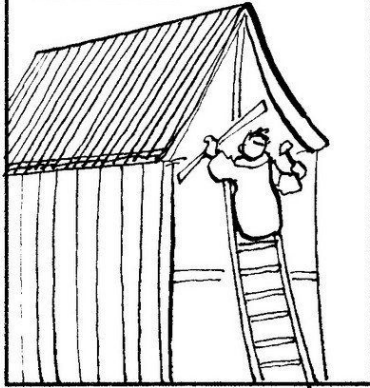
I HAVEN'T ANYWHERE TO  
KEEP ALL THIS FOOD



I KKNOW! I'LL PULL DOWN  
MY BARNs AND BUILD  
BIGGER ONES



...AND BEGAN TO BUILD  
NEW ONES.



SOON I'LL BE THE RICHEST  
MAN IN THE TOWN!



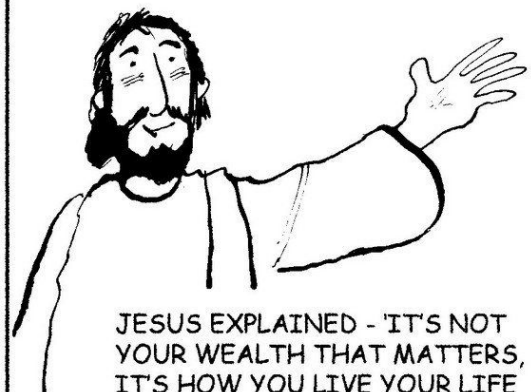
I'M SO LUCKY - I CAN  
EAT, DRINK AND BE  
MERRY!



BUT THAT VERY NIGHT,  
THE MAN DIED!



WHAT GOOD WERE HIS  
RICHES NOW?



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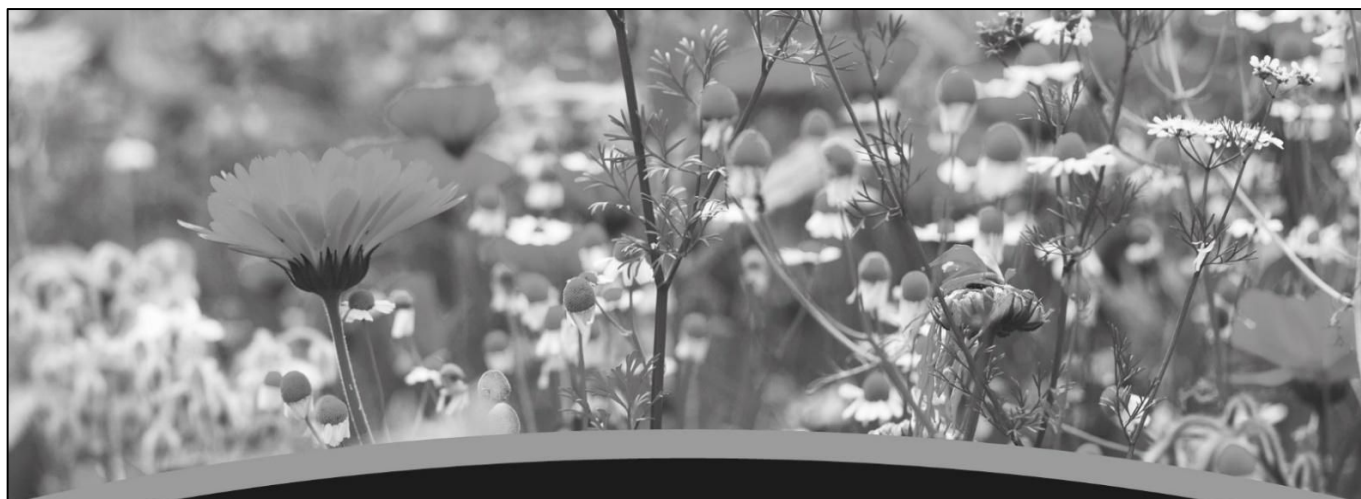


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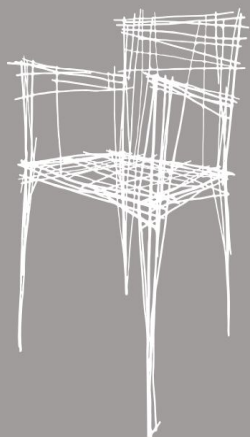
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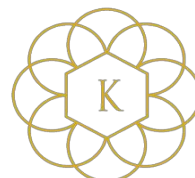


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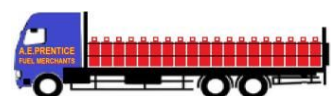
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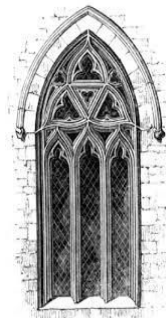
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| DATE                                                                                                      |                                                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                                               |                                                                  |
| ALTAR                                                                                                     | 7 <sup>th</sup> September<br>12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity                                  | 14 <sup>th</sup> September<br>13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity | 21 <sup>st</sup> September<br>14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity | 28 <sup>th</sup> September<br>15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity                           | 5 <sup>th</sup> October<br>16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity |
|                                                                                                           | Green                                                                                               | Green                                                               | Green                                                               | Green<br>Holy Communion<br>(BCP)<br>HETHE AM                                                  | Green                                                            |
| 8.00 am                                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                                               |                                                                  |
| 9.15 am                                                                                                   | Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>COTTISFORD<br>AM                                               | Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>HETHE<br>AM/John Alderdice     | 9.15am<br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>FINMERE<br>AM        | 11am<br>Benefice<br>Harvest Home Celebration<br>at<br>Tile House Farm,<br>Finnere<br>MK18 4AS | Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>HARDWICK                    |
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| 10.45 am                                                                                                  | Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September (12 noon)<br>Midweek Holy Communion and Soup Lunch<br>STOKE LYNE |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                                               |                                                                  |
|                                                                                                           | 'Connect' Informal Worship<br>STRATTON AUDLEY<br>AM                                                 | Morning Service<br>STRATTON AUDLEY<br>PW/John Alderdice             | 10am<br>'Food for Thought'<br>STOKE LYNE<br>Lay-led                 |                                                                                               |                                                                  |
| 6.00 pm                                                                                                   | Compline<br>GODINGTON<br>PW                                                                         | Evening Communion<br>FRINGFORD<br>AM                                | 10.45am<br>Harvest Festival<br>COTTISFORD<br>AM                     |                                                                                               |                                                                  |
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