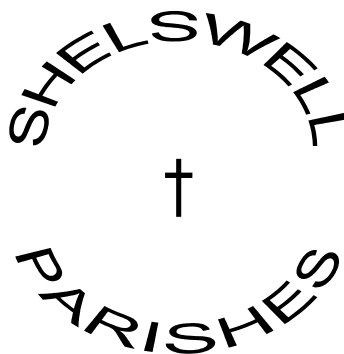


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The magazine of the Shelswell Group of Churches

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## FATHERS' DAY - 21st JUNE

*'If you want to know how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much they make of the thought of being God's child and having God as their Father.'* (J I Packer, *Knowing God*)

This month we celebrate the importance of fathers on Father's Day. Unlike Mothering Sunday, this doesn't have a distinctly Christian origin. However, it does provide an opportunity to celebrate God's Fatherhood and what it means for us.

### GIVING THANKS FOR FATHERS

There is no finer sound in the world than your child calling you 'daddy', or 'dad'. I love it! And as I look around our neighbourhood, dads today are far more involved in their children's lives than when I was a child. Push prams, holding hands while out on a walk, bathing, playing games. Dads are in all these activities and more. I see the dads on either side of our house, and they obviously love their kids with all their hearts.

Unfortunately, too many kids grow up without a stable and involved male figure in their lives over the whole of their childhood and beyond. And no prizes for guessing the outcome; when they reach fatherhood, their kids often grow up without a stable and involved male figure in their lives.



The month of June brings Fathers' Day – this year on the 21st June. May all dads reading this be pampered like never before! If it's a fine day, it may be a case of 'Stand back everyone- dad's going to bar-b-q'. But before we get carried away, let's spare a thought for those who for one reason or another couldn't be dads, or whose dads fell far short of the high expectations we invest in them, or who lost a dad at a crucial time in life and feel a permanent ache where 'Dad' should be.

Our Christian faith teaches us to look at God as 'Father'- we address Him as such in the opening words of the Lord's Prayer, and it was Jesus' custom to talk to God as 'Father'.

Because that is what the experience of countless Christian would testify to; that God is a good father. I think of the picture Jesus paints in the parable of the Prodigal Son; the father on the look-out for his wayward son day after day, and when he sees him in the distance runs all the way to him to embrace him.

*Our Father who art in Heaven  
Hallowed be Thy name  
Thy Kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those that trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For Thine is the Kingdom  
The power and the glory  
For ever and ever  
Amen*

Now in Jesus' time, in that culture, fathers did NOT run, least of all to welcome returning no-goods who had wasted half the father's fortune. Fathers were people of dignity. Run? Never!

Jesus has turned that on its head. We can be sure that a welcome awaits us; we turn to God, or return to God, and find that He's already half-way towards us, coming at speed to embrace us.

*Revd Roy Shaw, York*

**BIBLE READINGS**

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Hosea 5 v15 – 6 v6 Romans 4 v13-end Matthew 9 v9-13 and 18-26
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Exodus 19 v2-8a Romans 5 v1-8 Matthew 9 v35 – 10 v8 [9-23]
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 20 v7-13 Romans 6 v1b-11 Matthew 10 v24-39
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 28 v5-9 Romans 6 v12-end Matthew 10 v40-end

**MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION  
AND SOUP LUNCH**

**The next service will be on Thursday 5th June**

**12 noon**

**Stoke Lyne Church**

**If you would like a lift then please contact Becky on 07928 990569**

**Email [admin@shelswellparishes.info](mailto:admin@shelswellparishes.info)**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

The third Sunday of the month is our regular Food for Thought service and it continues to be popular with its informal style and time to eat breakfast together and chat!

In April we looked back at the importance of Easter for Christians and how we continue to try to follow Jesus' example all year. The May service is about to take place at the time of writing, and our next service will be on Sunday 21st June.

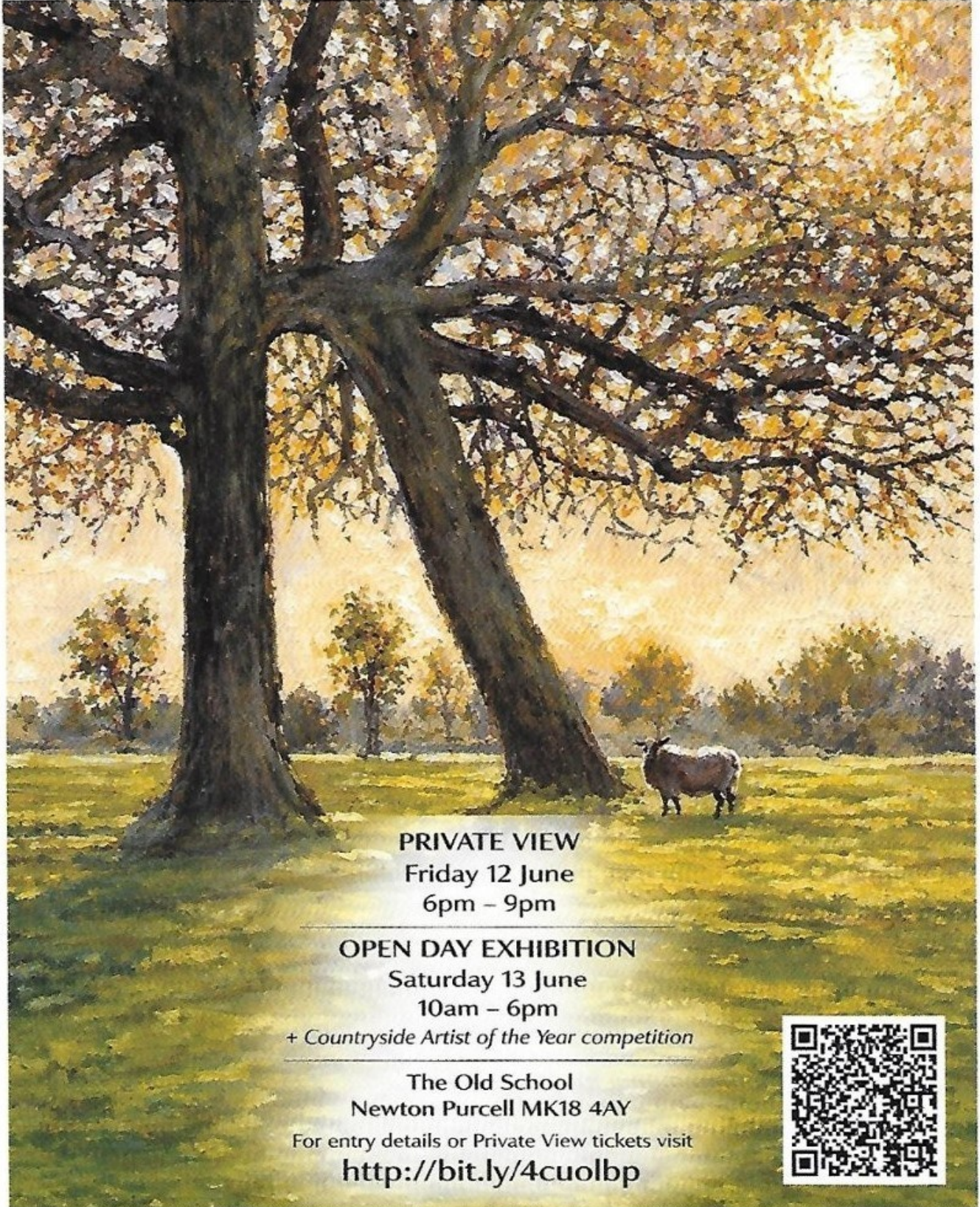
*Kelly Holden-White*

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**Sunday 21st June 10 am  
St Peter's Church, Stoke Lyne**

# ARTISTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

An exhibition featuring local artists  
celebrating the British countryside



**PRIVATE VIEW**  
Friday 12 June  
6pm – 9pm

**OPEN DAY EXHIBITION**  
Saturday 13 June  
10am – 6pm

+ *Countryside Artist of the Year competition*

The Old School  
Newton Purcell MK18 4AY

For entry details or Private View tickets visit

<http://bit.ly/4cuolbp>





# Open Gardens!

## Cottisford and Juniper Hill

Sunday 14th June 2026, 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 only the second time, offer the lovely 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.

Cottisford, NN13 5SW

- CHARITIES: Cottisford PCC, Friends of Cottisford Church, Cottisford & Juniper Social Committee



# Out of the Blue

Oxford's famous a capella group

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## St Peter's Church, Stoke Lyne

Join us for an unforgettable evening of close-harmony brilliance, beatboxing and laugh-out-loud stagecraft with

**Out of the Blue—Oxford's internationally acclaimed a cappella sensation.**

Known for viral hits with **20+ million** YouTube views and appearances including the **Britain's Got Talent** semi-finals, they bring a fast-paced show of modern favourites and timeless crowd-pleasers, performed entirely live, with nothing but voices!

Entirely suitable, if not essential, for young people and families!

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>St Peter's Church, Stoke Lyne</b>
<b>Doors:</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Performance:</b>	<b>7.00pm – 9.30pm</b>
<b>Tickets</b>	<b>£10 per person</b>

**Great ale, wine and homemade pies will be available to purchase before the show and during the interval.**

**Don't miss out, tickets are limited to 100 and will sell out very quickly.**

**We would prefer that tickets are sold to local residents, but they will be available further afield so please order NOW to avoid disappointment.**

**Bring friends, grab a drink, and enjoy a fantastic night out.**

Find out more about the performers: [www.ootboxford.com](http://www.ootboxford.com)

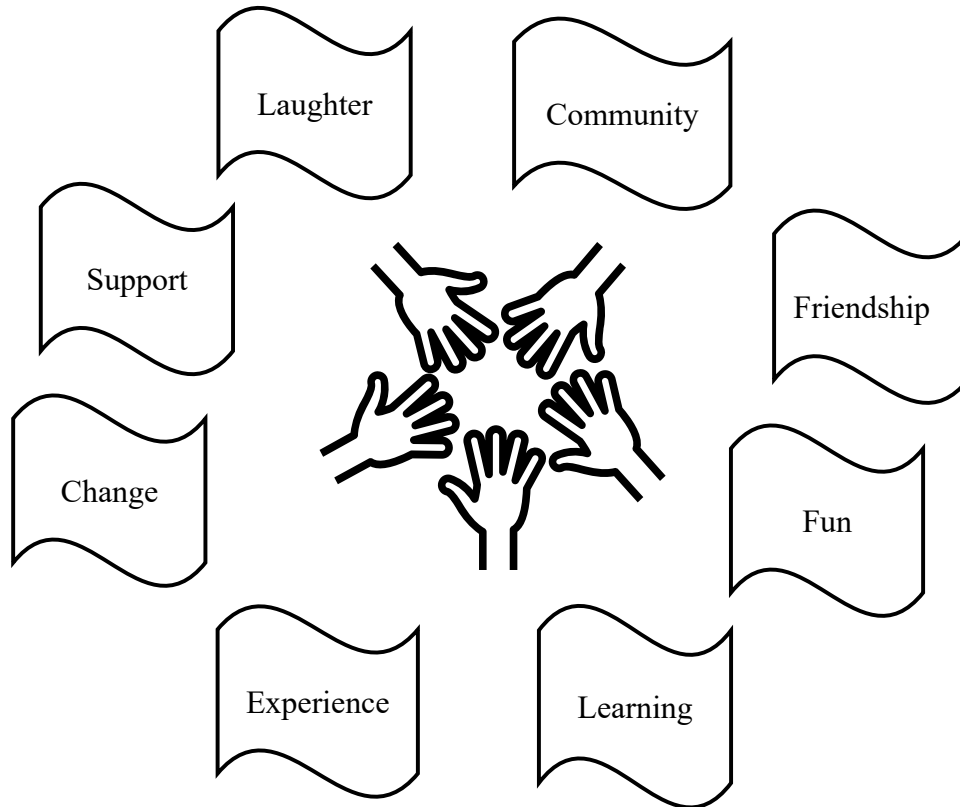
Tickets: [janey@oxford-educational.co.uk](mailto:janey@oxford-educational.co.uk) • 07810 120457

Proceeds will be shared entirely between  
Helen and Douglas House hospice, Oxford and St Peter's church

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<https://broadwaybaby.com/shows/out-of-the-blue/828146>

# Shelswell WI @ Fringford



Open Evening Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 7.30pm  
Fringford Village Hall

Shelswell WI are holding an Open Evening on Thursday 4 July 7.30pm in Fringford Village Hall. We will be hearing from our speaker for the evening, Analiza Jones, who will be speaking to us about Shell Craft from the Philippines.

There will also be the opportunity to find out more about the Woman's Institute both locally and at national level. Come along and experience an evening of fun and friendship. If you would like more information contact Sandra at [sandrambickmore@gmail.com](mailto:sandrambickmore@gmail.com)

## HAVING A CLEAR-OUT OF TOOLS AND CAN'T FIND A HOME FOR THEM?



**TWAM (Tools With A Mission)** is a Christian charity that collects unwanted **usable** tools, refurbishes them and sorts them into trade tool kits to be shipped to skills training centres in seven countries in Africa. These centres provide training in trades for people facing extreme poverty and hardship.

### TOOLS WANTED

(see <https://www.twam.uk/donatetools> or tel: 01473 210220 for more details)

**Gardening tools:** forks, spades, hoes, rakes, hand forks and trowels, loppers, secateurs, shears, cultivators, sickles, shovels, axes, bow saws.

**Builders' tools:** spirit levels, sledgehammers, bolsters, cold chisels, all types of hammers and trowels, pin and lines, hacksaws and blades, tape measures.

**Carpenters' tools:** sliding bevels, braces, clamps, hand drills and bits, rasps, all types of hammers, all types of planes and saws, rules, screwdrivers, carpenter's squares, vices, oil stones, screws, nails, bolts, and Workmate benches (in good condition).

**Electricians' tools:** hand drills and bits, all types of electrical pliers and hacksaws, electrical screwdrivers, soldering irons, volt meters and multimeters, wire strippers, plastic toolboxes.

**Mechanics' tools:** allen keys, files, vices, feeler gauges, wheel wrenches, all types of hammers and pliers, drifts, metric socket sets, spanners, adjustable spanners, cantilever toolboxes, oil cans.

**Plumbers' tools:** basin or tap wrenches, Stilson wrenches, wire brushes, breast drills and bits, various grips, and hacksaws, screwdrivers.

**Power tools:** hand and bench drills, sanders, planers, jigsaws, circular saws, bandsaws, chop saws, lathes, rotavators, welding machines, generators, bench and angle grinders, routers.

**Garage workshop:** hydraulic jacks, axle stands, battery chargers, large engineering vices, crowbars.

**Sewing machines:** manual, treadle, industrial, overlockers, accessories, patterns, instructions.

**Knitting machines:** manual and hand, wool, knitting needles, accessories, patterns.

**Haberdashery:** needles, cottons, large material pieces/rolls (min 1 metre long), buttons, zips, tapes.

**Fully working IT equipment:** desktop computers and laptops running at least Microsoft Windows 7, computer cables.

**Bibles:** in modern English (not KJV).

**N.B.** Large tools, such as benches and circular saws, can only be sent if they have safety shields and other safety features intact and unbroken.

### TOOL COLLECTORS

There are voluntary Tool Collectors in Oxford ([janej@twam.uk](mailto:janej@twam.uk)), Banbury ([jasonc@twam.uk](mailto:jasonc@twam.uk)), and Milton Keynes ([chrisd@twam.uk](mailto:chrisd@twam.uk)). Please email one of them if you have a large number of tools or bulky items to deliver. Where possible, please put tools into strong boxes, e.g. banana boxes or fruit trays - often available at supermarkets.

If you only have a few items, you can contact Brian Welters (email: [brianwelters@yahoo.com](mailto:brianwelters@yahoo.com) tel: 07941 797 371) who will deliver them to a collector.



*Shelswell Group of Parishes*



We are holding another delicious

# CREAM TEA



with tea, coffee and cakes

## in Stratton Audley Church

## on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

## 3 - 5pm



**In aid of the Girls' Primary School in Wulu, South Sudan**

Plus latest news from the school

Donations for the Teachers Incentive Scheme at the School welcomed

PLEASE JOIN US *(If you can make a cake for this event, please let Liz Welters know)*

### **WULU GIRLS' SCHOOL IN THE WIDER CONTEXT OF SOUTH SUDAN**

On 16<sup>th</sup> May Brian and Liz Welters and Penny Wood attended a 'Sudans Day' event in Salisbury hoping to gather ideas to strengthen the Shelswell Benefice link with Wulu Diocese in South Sudan. For over 50 years Salisbury diocese has had a partnership with the Episcopal Church of Sudan, and since 2011 with both Sudan and South Sudan.

Patrick Watt, CEO of Christian Aid, was the keynote speaker. From him and other passionate speakers there were updates on the current situation, an emphasis on humanitarian needs, education, and the need for peace.

Some brief points from a very informative day:

- 1.2 million people have come into South Sudan from Sudan since April 2023 (when the conflict in Sudan started). They are treated as 'returnees' even if born in Sudan and there is less provision for returnees than for refugees.
- South Sudan is a flood prone country, and floods are now less predictable and more severe because of climate change. There is internal displacement because of flooding.
- Because of poverty, hunger and violence, there is pressure on NGOs and dangers for Aid workers. Sweeping Aid cuts from UK, US and other governments means less money for long term development.
- People often go without salaries for months, and there is a loss of skilled workers to other countries.
- Elections are scheduled for December 2026, but the country is not ready. The church is trusted by local people and has the authority to speak into places of power.

- Conflict in South Sudan started only 2 years after independence. Young people, who have never known peace, are forced to take guns. There is sexual violence towards women of all ages.
- Peace requires a whole society approach and a shift from reliance on military power to a focus on inclusive government, economic diversification and accountability. There is a lack of money for peace.
- Inclusion of women and young people in the decision-making process is often the key to lasting reconciliation.
- Investment in education, particularly for girls, is crucial.
- There is little media coverage of South Sudan in this country.
- South Sudan needs help - not blame.



In Salisbury Diocese there are 14 *Deanery* links with Sudan or South Sudan (compared to our Benefice link), so they have bigger support bases for projects.

The talks at the Sudans Day did illustrate how our support for the Girls' School at Wulu can help to make a small difference. Hope to see you at the Cream Teas on 5<sup>th</sup> July!

Liz Welters

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THE WEST END MUSICAL

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**www.ticketsource.co.uk/lvp**  
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**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm and 6:30pm**  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30am\* and 3pm**

\* Relaxed Performance

All profits donated to Friends of Launton Parish Hall

Scan here for tickets!

## FLORA THOMPSON 150th ANNIVERSARY

*Our series on Fringford characters whom Flora Thompson would have known in the 1890s continues.*

### Edward Slater-Harrison (1832-1911), the Squire of Shelswell



*Edward Slater-Harrison in 1903*

In 1875, on the death of his father, Edward Slater-Harrison succeeded to the Shelswell Hall estate. He at once had the old residence, which had been built two hundred years previously, pulled down and had a new mansion built, designed by the Oxford architect, William Wilkinson. The Park was enlarged, as were also the old gardens and new ornamental grounds were laid out. It was here that Flora Thompson went in the summer of 1891 to sign on with 'Sir Timothy', as she refers to him. 'She sensed the atmosphere of jollity, good sense, and good nature, together with the smell of tobacco, stables, and country tweeds he carried around like an aura.' (1)

As reported in his obituary in the Bicester Herald of 14<sup>th</sup> April 1911, he was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. Anyone could approach him and be received most courteously. He was generous in a marked degree. His benefactions were innumerable, and his park and grounds were frequently thrown open to the public. He was a devotee of fox-hunting, and his coverts abounded with foxes. He followed the Bicester Hounds for 60 years and his four-in-hand was always conspicuous at the meets of hounds. When the Militia was formed in the days of the Crimean War, he was one of the first to volunteer, and with his brother-in-law, Mw W.W.M.Dewar, he accompanied the Oxfordshire Militia as captain, gaining distinction at the winning of Corfu. He held numerous public offices, and in 1882, he served the office of High Sheriff of Oxfordshire.

### Henry Chinnery (1847-1914) and Marion Chinnery (1850 - 1938), Fringford Manor

After a successful career as a stockbroker, Henry and his v Marion, moved to Fringford Manor (formerly Manor Farm) after a major conversion in 1898-99. He leased the Manor from Edward Slater-Harrison. Henry Chinnery also built The Lodge for his bailiff and added two new entrance gates. Always generous in his involvement in the village, he leased the Cricket Ground to Cricket Club in 1901 and built the Village Hall on land given by Edward Slater-Harrison. It was formally opened by Mr Chinnery in June 1900, and in 1901 it was described in the local press as 'the new parish room', where 'there would be parish meetings, mothers meetings, guild meetings, concerts and sing-songs.' Tea and entertainment were provided on New Year's Day. The entertainment included singing, recitations, and a cinematograph exhibition by Mr Timms of Oxford. (2)



*'Marion Chinnery' by Anthony Sandys 1882. Image courtesy of the Paul Mellon Centre.*

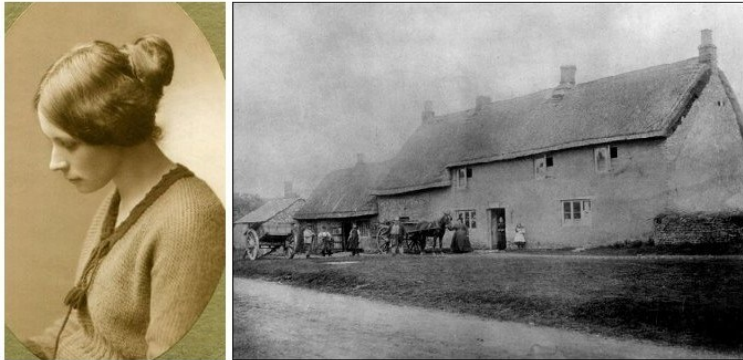
In 1905, Henry paid for the north chapel of the church to be rebuilt. Two clerestory windows were added, the ceiling was re-decorated, and stained glass was placed in the east window. Restoration in 2004 revealed that the angel fresco behind the altar was painted in 1902 by T. F. M. Sheard, who exhibited fourteen works at the Royal Academy between 1891 and 1903. Until recently, some local people still referred to the north aisle as the 'Chinnery Chapel.'

Until her death in 1938, Marion Chinnery still expected the locals to curtsy or raise their hats to her when she passed.

*Martin Greenwood*

<sup>1</sup> *Lark Rise*, 415.

<sup>2</sup> *Bicester Advertiser*, 4 June 1901.



# 'FLORA'S FRINGFORD' SATURDAY 19th September

**A day celebrating 150 years of Flora Thompson,  
famous local author of *Lark Rise to Candleford***

Flora Thompson was born in 1876 in nearby Juniper Hill. In 1891 aged 14, she came to Fringford and worked as an assistant at the village Post Office.

After writing articles and short stories for many decades, she published *Lark Rise* in 1939 followed by *Over to Candleford*, and in 1943, towards the end of her life, completed *Candleford Green*.

This event will mark her anniversary with an exhibition, photographic display, videos, lace making and spinning & weaving demonstrations, and a guided historical walk.

Visit the beautiful village church for a rare opportunity to view the processional banner of the Fringford Oddfellows Friendly Society.

Free event with donations welcome.

**Exhibition &  
photographic display**

**1.00 Guided walk  
"meeting" the real  
residents who  
inspired 'Candleford  
Green' characters**

**Short films & Audio  
Visuals to view**

**3.00 Q&A with local  
author and historian  
Martin Greenwood**

**Candleford Café for  
tea & cake**

**FRINGFORD VILLAGE HALL**

The Green  
Fringford  
OX27 8DY

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September

11am to 4pm

## REGISTRY

### Baptism

**Henrietta Imogen Zara HUTCHONS**  
**St Michael and All Angels, Fringford**  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Henrietta Hutchons, the daughter of James and Fiona Hutchons, was baptised on Sunday 19th April by Father Alex. The service took place on a lovely spring day at Fringford church in the company of family and friends.



Henrietta has four godparents: Rebecca Sowler, Anna Harrison, Jamie O'Neill and James Dennis. We pray that that her christening will be for Henrietta the start of a wonderful journey of discovering just how much God loves her.



## Club News



### SHELLOWELL WI



As usual in May we were unable to use the village hall so instead we decided to head off on our annual walk. This time we visited Weston On The Green, starting at the Chequers PH we followed a circular walk through the village. Weston On The Green is one of those places that we tend to just drive through and it was very interesting to see all the different styles of houses and gardens as we walked through. We passed the church and shortly afterwards were treated to the sound of bells as the bell ringers practised their tunes. It was a lovely evening and thankfully remained dry for the duration of our walk, if a little too chilly to sit outside for our refreshments at the Chequers afterwards. We also had our monthly walk led by Lesley and this time we walked around Wendlebury, once again we were very lucky with the weather and as we settled down for our refreshments afterwards the heavens opened.

On 4 June we have two meetings on the same day. The first is the opportunity to observe the National AGM. We will be using the village hall to observe the AGM which this year is running virtually. The day runs from 9.30-4.30 tea, coffee and biscuits provided but please bring your own lunch. Members of the WI from both the North and South Ploughly groups are invited. Also on 4 June we have our regular monthly meeting, this time we welcome Christine Farmer and her talk The Repair Shop and Me.

On 13 June we will have a stall at the popular Fringford Beer Festival where we will be once again running our Jarbola, come and visit us.

Our meeting in July will be an Open Evening, we have a wonderful speaker Analize Jones who is coming to tell us all about Shellcraft from the Philippines. The evening is an opportunity to come and see what we're all about, so if you have ever wondered if it's just jam and Jerusalem come and see on Thursday 2 July at 7.30pm. Although you may like to know we do make jam, but we don't sing Jerusalem, we are however, a very friendly welcoming group who would love to see you in July. There will be information available about all the opportunities provided by the WI both locally and nationally.

We usually meet on the first Thursday of the month in Fringford Village Hall from 7.30pm, if you are unable to attend our open evening but would like more information contact Sandra [sandrambickmore@gmail.com](mailto:sandrambickmore@gmail.com).

### SHELLOWELL 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 book club meetings are:

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 pm, at St Fergus Cottage, Cottisford
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 7.30 pm at (6 Hethe View, Cottisford
- Wednesday 22 July, 7.30 pm (Venue TBC)

The next book is 'A Thousand Ships' by Nathalie Haynes.. a report of which will be in the next issue.



## SHELWELL POETRY APPRECIATION GROUP

Our May meeting was based on the theme of Creepy Crawlies – that is insects, arachnids, slugs, and such creatures which cause many people to shudder, swat or avoid.

An extract from *Jubilate Agno* by Christopher Smart (1722-71) is full of his praise for the humbler creatures of God's creation, such as the cricket, beetle and worm. His eventful life, which encompassed a Cambridge scholarship, debt, alcoholism and incarceration in a series of asylums, was also full of poetic creation and religious fervour.

Many poets have, in the past, used flies as a symbol of human life, and poems entitled *The Fly* by William Blake (1757-1827) and William Oldys (1696-1761) posit how fleeting and insignificant their creators are, just like that of a fly. John Donne (1571-1631) in *The Flea* makes the biting of him and his beloved by the same flea into a plea for sexual congress in a witty and ingenious poem which makes the two fly poems seem as innocent as nursery rhymes!

Naturalists may be intrigued by moths but many of us find them either disappointingly drab or threatening. In *The Moth's Plea* by Elizabeth Jennings, a moth takes on the persona of a despised member of the insect kingdom and in *Very Large Moth* Craig Arnold (1967-2009) describes his ambivalent feelings as "half compassion and half horror". Butterflies, however, tend to get better publicity. In *The Butterfly's Ball* by William Roscoe (1753-1831), all the creatures are humanised as merry partygoers, each with unthreatening behaviour, and each being described in a way that would help a child to learn their differing characteristics. Other winged creatures represented in the poems we read were bees and ladybirds. Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-82) wrote *The Humble-Bee*, and praised bees' many virtues and the benefits they bestow.

The anonymous nursery rhyme *Ladybird Ladybird*, which is hundreds of years old, mixes observation of the natural world with folk legend, but in 1957 the poet Helen Ferris wrote a poem making the ladybird's flight less about fire than the coming on of night.

Spiders have inspired many poets who shudder at or delight in the behaviour of arachnids. Delmore Schwarz (1913-66) in *Spiders* describes both the fascination and horror the creature inspires. In *Santa Tarantula* by Jordan Perez (extant) a close study of the enormous spider combines his study of its habits with a primitive wish to "Cover her/And hope to God she suffocates". *The Spider and the Fly* by Mary Howitt (1799-1888) tells a story which is aimed at teaching children the dangers of giving way to flattery. The anonymous nursery rhyme *Incy Wincy Spider* was turned into a song in 1920, but the rhyme is much older. It too contains a lesson for children, this time about persevering.

The old dialect name for an ant, emmet, is used in *A Dream* by William Blake (ibid). He creates a world in which a solitary and lost ant is helped by a beetle and a glow-worm to find its way home. It reflects his wish that humans could treat each other with compassion. Glow-worms also appear in a poem by Andrew Marvell (1621-78) – *The Mower to the Glow-Worms*, where he calls them "living lamps" and praises their uses. However, their lights are extinguished by the presence of the woman he loves!

Few people can love a slug, but Sharon Olds (extant) has obviously studied them closely and finds them comically like men, in *The Connoisseur of Slugs*. George T Watt (extant), on the other hand, makes fun of their inability to evolve, and does so in Scots dialect, which provides an extra layer of humour in his poem *Slugs*.

Our June meeting will deal with the theme of Patriotism. If you would like to join us, please contact me on 01869 811994 or at [judith.harvey@live.co.uk](mailto:judith.harvey@live.co.uk)  
Judith Harvey

**Critterature: a word about the centipede**

*Please don't think it odd if I intercede*

*On behalf of the poor lonely centipede,*

*For he sure gets the blues*

*When he has to buy shoes*

*And it's worse for his cousin the millipede.*

## REPORTS FROM THE PARISHES

### Cottisford and Juniper Hill St Mary the Virgin

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#### SERVICES

Sunday 21st June 10.45 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Sunday 5th July 9.15 am Holy Communion (CW)

#### COTTISFORD AND JUNIPER HILL SOCIAL COMMITTEE

This month we are looking forward to our Open Gardens event on Sunday 14 June 2-5pm (poster on page 6). Those who are opening their gardens have been working hard to make sure they will be at their best. We look forward to seeing everyone on the day, please come and support us. There will be gardens open in both Cottisford and Juniper Hill along with refreshments available from the church. If you would like to help in any way either on the day or by making a cake please let one of the social team know.



# Open Gardens!

## Cottisford and Juniper Hill

Sunday 14th June 2026, 2 - 5 pm

At this time of year it's not just our gardens that need attention and we thank those who help make our communal areas look so neat and tidy. Have you been up to the recreation field lately, it's a lovely place to go for a walk with a large open space and areas to sit and rest. Recently members of the social committee and some residents of Juniper Hill have been working very hard on an area at the bottom of the field. They have planted some fruit trees, cleared the area of some rather large ant hills and will be sowing wild flower seeds. Once established this will be a beautiful area, so thank you ladies.

The Social Committee are in the process of setting dates and times for future events, if you would like to join us or are able to help in any way please let us know.

*Sandra Bickmore*

## Finmere St Michael and All Angels

CHURCHWARDEN: Michelle Myers, 4 White Houses, Mere Road, Finmere  
 TREASURER: Peter Goss, 6 Stable Close Finmere  
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Tel: 07927 393657  
 Tel: 07941 322 840  
 Tel: 01280 848364  
 Tel 01280 848268

### Church Services

Sunday 7th June 10.45 am Finmere Village Hall 'Connect' Informal Worship  
 Sunday 21st June 9.15 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Sunday 28th June 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

### 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

Seeds are germinating and everything is starting to grow, including the weeds. We have had a late frost and the early potatoes have suffered a bit, but they are pretty resilient and no doubt will recover. The blossom on the fruit trees has set and the outlook is looking good. We have also welcomed some new allotment holders to the group.



We do seem to have some extra tenants who have taken up residence in the shed.

We still have a few plots available at the incredibly low cost of £20 p.a., so if interested, please visit [www.myfinmere.com/poorsplot](http://www.myfinmere.com/poorsplot) and select the enquiry link.

*Jean (Allotment Correspondent)*



### **THE (FINMERE) FIRKIN**

**the village pop up pub**

### **FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

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

**Licensed bar  
and food van**

**FINMERE VILLAGE HALL  
6-10PM**



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 June from 2 - 4 pm**

Tea, coffee, cake & biscuits

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

### 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/Finmereipedia>

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 [www.fringford.info](http://www.fringford.info)

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

#### SERVICES

- Sunday 7 June – 10.45am Morning Prayer
- Sunday 21 June – 10.45am Holy Communion
- Sunday 5 July – 10.45am Morning Prayer

*Fringford, continued*

To find out the times and places of other services on Sundays, please check the back cover of the *Shelswell News*, the Benefice website [www.shelswellparishes.info](http://www.shelswellparishes.info), the noticeboard at the church, or ring the Benefice office (07928 990569). You will always be welcome in our other parishes. [Note: The Benefice Office has moved to 6 Chinalls Close, Finmere MK18 4BQ]

**EVENTS****HERE, THIS MONTH .....**

**The 2026 Fringford Beer Festival**  
in aid of Fringford Church Restoration Fund

**Saturday 13th June, 12 noon - 11pm**

Bring friends and family  
Meet other villagers  
Food and drink outlets  
Stalls, music and family entertainment

To sponsor a barrel or volunteer help  
[beerfestivalsponsorship@gmail.com](mailto:beerfestivalsponsorship@gmail.com)  
[christina.skarbek@talk21.com](mailto:christina.skarbek@talk21.com)

**Cream Teas for Wulu** – on **Sunday 5 July** treat yourself to a cream tea, between 3.00pm and 5.00pm in Stratton Audley Church. The money raised is supporting the teachers in Wulu Girls Primary School [See the article on pages 12 and 13 in the May edition of *Shelswell News* – copy in church.]

Look out for “Flora Day” on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September** when there will be events in Fringford Village Hall and Cottisford Church to mark 150 years since the birth of Flora Thompson. See poster in ‘General’ Section.

**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 £71, 2<sup>nd</sup> £42, 3<sup>rd</sup> £28. 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 always needed to help at Little Lambs – could you help? ]

**FRINGFORD VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING**

Village Coffee Mornings usually take place on the third Monday of each month. In June 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 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 albums.

**Please come and join us for tea and chat too, crafts not essential.**

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 2026 are:

Wednesday June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday July 19 <sup>th</sup>
August no meeting	
Wednesday September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday October 18 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday December 13 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday January 17 <sup>th</sup> 2027	

Everyone welcome

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><b>FS Dance</b></p> <p>Wednesday (term time) After school classes BALLET • TAP • MODERN • STREET leah.fsd@gmail.com or 07885827592</p>	<p><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><b>Parish Council Meeting</b></p> <p>All villagers welcome Third Monday in the month 7.45pm Contact 01844 237766 or</p>	<p><b>Just Puppies</b></p> <p>Puppy Training Tuesday evening, Sunday afternoon – various classes</p>

fringford.pariahclerk@gmail.com	Contact Kerri 07720 891489 www.justpuppies.training
<b>Fringford Yoga</b> Wednesday morning 9.30am – 11am Carolyn White 07763 817078	<b>Shelswell WI</b> First Thursday of the month 7.30pm Contact Sandra Bickmore 07961 828571
<b>Pilates</b> Thursday at 10.00am natashaflowerspilates@gmail.com or 07545 525820	<b>Fringford Sewcial</b> Sew and Chat! All welcome Monthly Wednesday from 7pm Or Sunday from 3pm Contact Irene at ireneethomas@btinternet.com
<b>Village Hall Team Meeting</b> Please contact for dates Open meetings – all welcome fringford.hall@gmail.com or 07936 879175	
<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 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

### St Mary the Virgin

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#### CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th June 9.15 am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th June 6.00 pm Evensong with the Shelswell Group Choir



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

Private prayer and quiet contemplation

Viewing the architecture, memorials and stained-glass windows

Please make use of this special space

**Evensong at Hardwick on the last Sunday of the month will start at 6 pm.**

### 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

CHURCHWARDEN: Flora Skinner, Fox Hollow, 2 Hardwick Road, Hethe

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MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENT: Mike Green as above

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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.**

### ST EDMUND & ST GEORGE CHURCH



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

### Church Services and Events


Good news - the church is now open for anyone to look around our historic place of worship and take time for quiet contemplation and prayer. The varied selection of books is now easier to access, so please take a look and help yourself to any which you wish to read.

There is still plenty of work to be done, but that will wait until the five yearly inspection has been completed this month.

Services are listed on the back page but 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>.

We were blessed with a mainly dry afternoon for the village fete in May and it was well attended by village people and more from further afield. Many thanks to everyone who generously donated prizes for the raffle for church funds and everyone who sold and bought tickets.

The next regular PCC Meeting is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June starting at 1.30pm at Old Montague Barn, The Green.

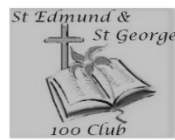


**St Edmund & St George  
100 Club**

Results of the 89th draw held  
on 29th March 2026

1st Prize No 36 Ben Wood  
2nd Prize No 32 Anne Mansfield  
3rd Prize No 49 Ali Miller

Many thanks to our members  
Hethe PCC



**St Edmund & St George  
100 Club**

Results of the 90th draw held  
on 30th April 2026

1st Prize No 2 Flora Skinner  
2nd Prize No 28 David Morgan  
3rd Prize No 55 Pauline O'Gorman

Many thanks to our members  
Hethe PCC

If you would like to join the 100 Club, or request additional numbers, please contact Helen Pritchard.



Our QR Code if you wish to contribute to the cost of running and maintaining the church. Alternatively, there are copies of the Parish Giving Scheme Gift Form in the church or go to the Parish Giving web site at <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/hethe-st-edmund-st-george-bicester/>.

#### HETHE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

### CHERWELL CATS PROTECTION FUNDRAISING

SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY

HETHE VILLAGE HALL ,HARDWICK Rd OX27 8EY

DOORS OPEN 2.00PM – 4.00PM

RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, BRIC A BRAC, BOOKS, MERCHANDISE,

HOME MADE CAKES, TEA/COFFEE, +AFTERNOON TEA

(FRESH SCONES/JAM/CREAM)

CAT FOOD DONATIONS VERY WELCOME

*Reg. Charity 203644*

## Hethe Community Coffee Morning in St Philip's Hall

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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!*



### 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

Membership £15 p.a.  
New members welcome.

Contact: Sheila Heydon 07455 185201

**Parish Council.** The next meeting of the council will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The minutes from April's Annual Parish Meeting are on the web site.

**Pop-up Pub.** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 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/>

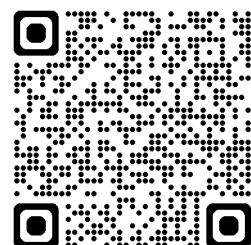
Facebook Pages:

Community Spirit of the Hethens

Hethe Community

Hethe Allotments

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



## FLOWERS OF THE MEADOW, part 1



June really is the loveliest month for meadow flowers. Hopefully many of you will have left an area of churchyard grass to grow long, either for No Mow May or else in preparation for some nature spotting as part of Churches Count on Nature.

One of the most showy flowers in a meadow is the Oxeye Daisy, also called Moon Daisy and Moonpenny; the large white petals drawing pollinators into the bright yellow centre. Look out for a variety of vetches, members of the pea family. You may find Tufted Vetch – look out for 6-spot burnet moths on this one. Bush Vetch and Common Vetch are likely too, and a great many churchyards contain Bird's-foot-trefoil also known as Eggs and Bacon because of the mix of yellow and orange on the flowers. Richard Mabey, in his fantastic book *Flora Britannica* lists many names for Bird's-foot-trefoil including Hen and Chickens, Tom Thumb, Granny's Toenails, Cuckoo's Stocking and Dutchman's Clogs.

Lady's Bedstraw is often found in churchyards. It smells sweet when dried and would be added to hay stuffed in mattresses, particularly when preparing a bed for childbirth. Look out for the froth of yellow flowers (other bedstraws have white flowers) and the scent of honey. The Lady in the name is the Virgin Mary.

Perhaps your churchyard contains orchids, the most common one flowering in June is Common Spotted Orchid. The presence of orchids indicates an old grassland which has matured over time and developed a range of species within the soil. All orchids depend on a fungal partner, feeding the plant underground via the threadlike mycorrhizae.



**Your churchyard meadow areas act as pitstops or cafes for insects and can buzz with life. Try and spend a little time enjoying them and seeing which pollinators are using them.**

*Extracted with permission from "Monthly Nature Notes" by Caring for God's Acre*



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

## CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 14th June 9.15 am Mixbury Half Hour

## MIXBURY CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

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.

June	Kate Darby
July	Sue Goodman
August	Helen Backon
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 2026

As ever, a big thank you to the team of cleaning volunteers who keep the church clean and tidy. We are still looking for someone new to step up and take on the admin for this necessary and important role.

This message goes out to the wider Mixbury community and not just those who currently give of their time. It would be particularly appropriate if someone new to the village and / or from the younger generation were to volunteer.

Anyone prepared to take on this role, please let the Churchwarden know.

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.

JUNE Nicola Adams and Anna Howard & Sue Boshier

JULY 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

### 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 –

### 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.

### MIXBURY DROP IN TEA/COFFEE/CHAT

Courtesy of Anna at Swallows Nursery Mixbury Ladies can now meet every Tuesday 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! You will find us next to the wood burner! Swallows not only sell lovely plants but coffee and cake too.....!

### REMEMBERING THE IRAQ WAR : 15 YEARS ON

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 the Royal British Legion held a service at the National Arboretum in respect of the above and to mark the occasion the poppy team put out a small display of poppies in the churchyard.



### My Luv is like a Red Red Rose

A poem for June written by Robert Burns (1759-1796)

O my Luv's like a red, red rose,  
That's newly sprung in June:  
O my Luv's like the melodie,  
That's sweetly play'd in tune.

As fair art thou, my bonie lass,  
So deep in luv am I;  
And I will luv thee still, my dear,  
Till a' the seas gang dry.

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,  
And the rocks melt wi' the sun;  
And I will luv thee still, my dear,  
While the sands o' life shall run.

And fare-thee-weel, my only Luv !  
And fare-thee-weel, a while!

And I will come again, my Luv,  
Tho' 'twere ten thousand mile!



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### Services:-

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

### Bonus Ball Lotto:-

Our recent lucky winner was Jen Beaumont

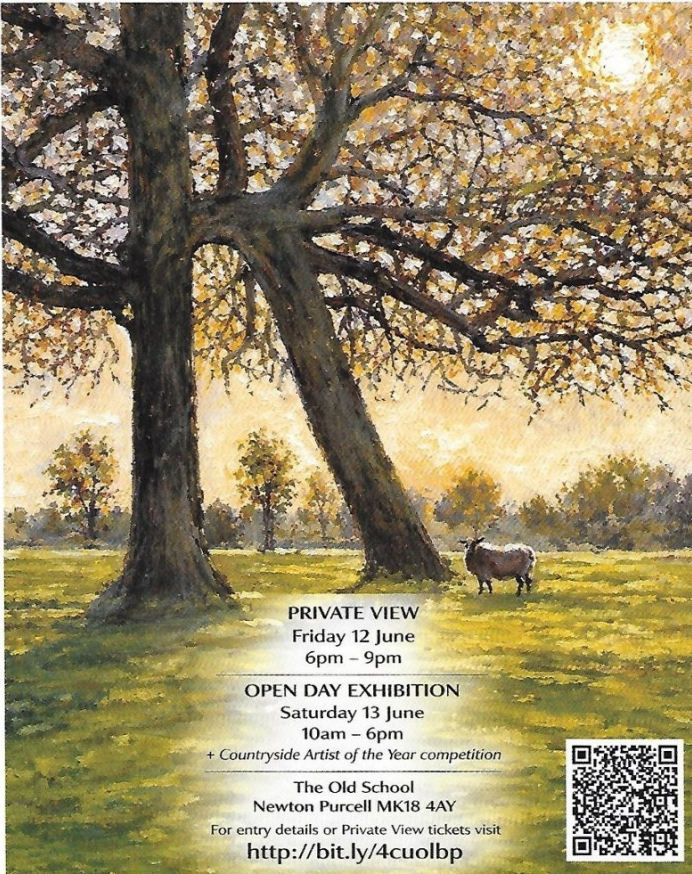
### Artists in the Countryside:-

If you haven't already made a note in your diary for this years 'Artists in the Countryside' please do so now! (full page advert on page 5). It is an event not to be missed and this year will include the 'Countryside Artist of the Year' competition. We look forward to seeing you either on Friday evening for the Private View or on the Saturday OR both!

# ARTISTS

## IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

An exhibition featuring local artists  
celebrating the British countryside



**PRIVATE VIEW**  
Friday 12 June  
6pm – 9pm


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**OPEN DAY EXHIBITION**  
Saturday 13 June  
10am – 6pm

*+ Countryside Artist of the Year competition*

The Old School  
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For entry details or Private View tickets visit  
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### Hall to Let:-

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**Summer Fete:-** Don't forget to save the date of this years Summer Fete which will be on Saturday 12th September. It will be a great day out for all the family!

## Stoke Lyne St Peter's

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### St Peter's Church Stoke Lyne Services

See back page for details. Please also see the general section at the front of the magazine for reports on the previous and details of the forthcoming "Food for Thought" and "Midweek Communion and Soup Lunch" services which usually take place each month at St Peter's Church on the third Sunday (Food for Thought) and the first Thursday (Midweek Communion and Soup Lunch).

### Flower Duty for June

Emma Brown

### Stoke Lyne 100 Club – May Results

The results of the 100 Club for May are as follows

First Prize	Membership No 02	Donita Read
Second Prize	Membership No 12	Hugo Brown
Third Prize	Membership No 24	Craig Mitchell

Thank you once again for your continued support. Contact me [janey@oxford-educational.co.uk](mailto:janey@oxford-educational.co.uk) for details on how to join the Stoke Lyne 100 Club.

Janey Poole

Treasurer

St Peter's Church PCC

### Open Mic Night – 2<sup>nd</sup> May – St Peter's Stoke Lyne

We had an excellent turnout for our evening of live music and entertainment. Ped and Janice played some original numbers as well as some well-known covers. Thank you to Ped and Ricky for bringing the music together and to everyone who came to support. We are planning another for August, so watch this space!

Kelly Holden-White



## Welcome to a new village enterprise

Villagers have been tempted in recent weeks to purchase delicious bakes from Laura Barnett's new "Egg and Bake Hut" which is open at weekends and Bank Holidays at 1 The Close. See separate advertisement at the back of the magazine.

### A LOOK AT A MUSICAL CHURCH FUNDRAISER IN THE 1950s

These days we have "Open Mic" nights and special concerts to raise money for church funds (see Kelly's "Open Mic" night report above and the advertisement near the front of the magazine for the "Out of the Blue" concert) but back in the 1950s we had "grand dances". This advertisement appeared in the Brackley Advertiser of 18<sup>th</sup> August 1950.

#### A GRAND DANCE

on

**SATURDAY, AUG. 26th**

will be held at

BRACKLEY TOWN HALL

in aid of Stoke Lyne Church

Funds.

Dancing 8-11.45 p.m. to

**The Rhythmic Aces**

Tickets 4/- or 5/-

Including Bus Fare.

Buses will be run from Heyford and

Bicester.

Note the importance of letting people know there would be buses available from Heyford and Bicester. In those days car ownership was not as widespread as it is today.

The location of the event I assume was what is today known as the "Civic Hall" on the first floor of Brackley Town Hall which is still available to hire today. I took the photo below of it when the Town Hall was open to the public after as part of the Heritage Open Days scheme in September 2018 after its Lottery-funded restoration.



*continued overleaf*

Who were “The Rhythmic Aces”? A newspaper search on FindMyPast first of all revealed this advertisement from the Bedford Record of 21<sup>st</sup> March 1950:

*A DANCE BAND at your service: “The Rhythmic Aces”. Recommended for all successful functions. Own transport, anywhere. Write or phone. – Jimmy Wooding, Station Road. Oakley, Bedford (tel. Oakley 306).*

However, it seems there was another “Rhythmic Aces” band who were based in Witney. They would have had about ten miles less to travel to Brackley than the Oakley one. This was one of their advertisements:

*“RHYTHMIC Aces Dance Band for all dances; 5-9 players. First class musicians. – 33 Woodgreen, Witney, Oxon.”*

which appeared in the Gloucestershire Echo of 16<sup>th</sup> January 1948. However, they seemed to have “Dance Band” as part of their name and no initial “The” as in a 1947 advertisement for a Grand Easter Dance at Buckingham Town Hall where they were described as “Rhythmic Aces Dance Band (Witney)”.

I asked ChatGPT if it could come up with more information. This was the reply: “Thousands of bands operated semi-professionally or regionally and appeared mainly in:

- town halls,
- palais de danse,
- RAF and military dances,
- village fêtes,
- working men’s clubs,
- and touring ballroom engagements.

*In 1950s Britain, a band with that name would probably have played:*

- foxtrots,
- quicksteps,
- waltzes,
- early Latin numbers,
- and increasingly some swing/jive arrangements influenced by American big bands.”

And why was money needed for “church funds”? It must have been for the 1951 reordering. The Victoria County History entry on Stoke Lyne states: “In 1951 the chancel was again restored and refurnished by Sir Algernon and Lady Peyton. The Victorian reredos was removed, and a new altar and altar rails of unstained oak installed. The whole effect of the white-washed interior is one of extreme simplicity and beauty.”  
Brenda Hazel

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### CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th June 6.00 pm Compline at Stratton Audley

Sunday 14th June 10.45 am Morning Service at Stratton Audley

Sunday 28th June 9.15 am Holy Communion at Stratton Audley

Sunday 5th July 6.00 pm Compline at Godington

### FOODBANK

If you can afford an extra grocery item for the Bicester Foodbank, please leave it at the foodbank donation point in the church porch in Stratton Audley. Thank you to everyone who donates.

Particularly appreciated are tinned fruit, veg, soup and fish also coffee and hot chocolate. If you are in need or would like more information, please contact Becky on 07928 990569 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm) or by email

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### 'Little Lambs' Baby and Toddler Group

Stratton Audley Church

Wednesdays 10am - 11.30am

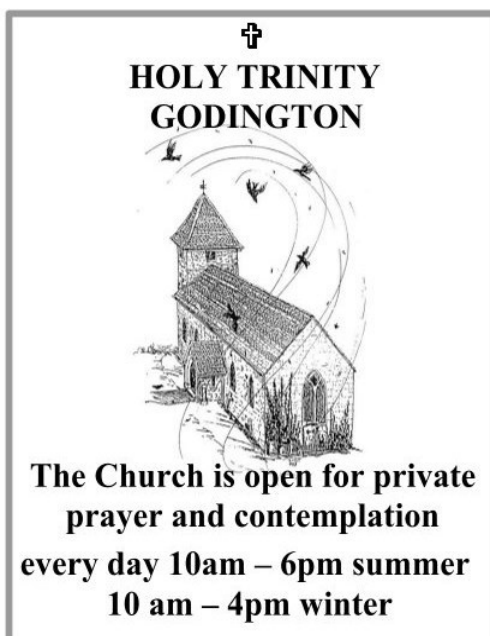
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### CREAM TEA FOR WULU

To be held in St Mary and St Edburga Church on 5th July, 3 pm - 5 pm (See advert on page 10). Come along for a cream tea or cake and a chance to catch up with other people in the village! Can you help out on the day or by baking a cake? Please let Liz Welters know ( 01869 249481).

## The Last Word

If you challenge Death to a pillow fight be prepared for grim reaper cushions.

### 1st JUNE - JUSTIN THE MARTYR

Justin was born in the year 100AD in Samaria, near the modern town of Nablus. His family was Gentile and pagan and as a young man Justin was drawn to the study of philosophy. Soon he was a recognised pagan philosopher, and he began to travel as an itinerant teacher, wearing the distinctive cloak of the philosophers. He tells us that his search for truth led him to study the various schools of Greek philosophy, but in none of them could he find the assurance he was looking for.

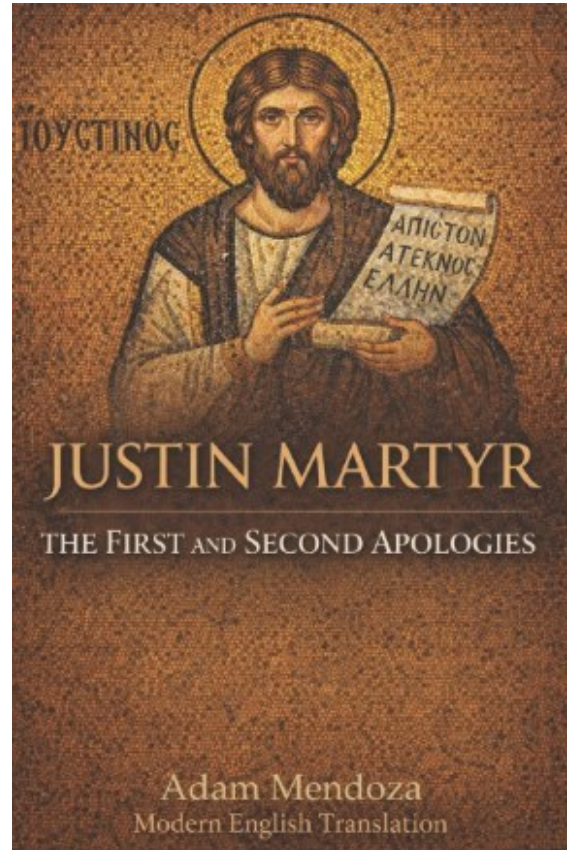


Then something happened that radically changed his life. Walking one evening by a seashore, he fell into conversation with an old man. Justin listened as the old man told him that the prophecies of the Hebrew Bible had been fulfilled and they could be found in the writings of the Christian Bible. He further told Justin that truth can only be known through the one true God and that His Spirit would enlighten Justin. Justin was deeply moved by the conversation, began to read the New Testament – and was converted to faith in Christ.

Now a Christian believer, Justin continued to travel, still wearing his philosopher's cloak but now preaching and teaching the Christian gospel. He wrote two *Apologies* explaining and defending the Christian faith.

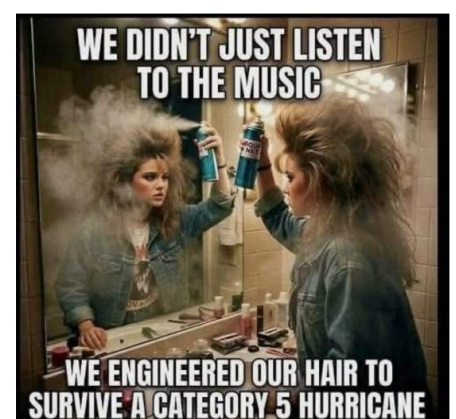
He travelled to Asia Minor and finally to Rome where he taught in a Christian school. His strong defence of Christianity came to the notice of the authorities and he was arrested with six of his friends. Refusing to acknowledge pagan gods, they were executed together.

Who was the old man who introduced Justin to Christianity? We don't know and Justin doesn't even tell us his name, if he ever knew it. Justin's conversion happened because a Christian witnessed to him. We should use every opportunity we have to pass on the Good News.



*Justin's Apologies, a modern translation by Adam Mendoza. Published independently, 6. Feb 2026*

### POINTS TO PONDER...



# The tale of the Salt and Light



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

HE ONE EXPLAINED TO HIS FRIENDS THAT THEY WERE A BIT LIKE SALT!

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....AND SALT GAVE FLAVOUR. IT WAS VERY USEFUL INDEED

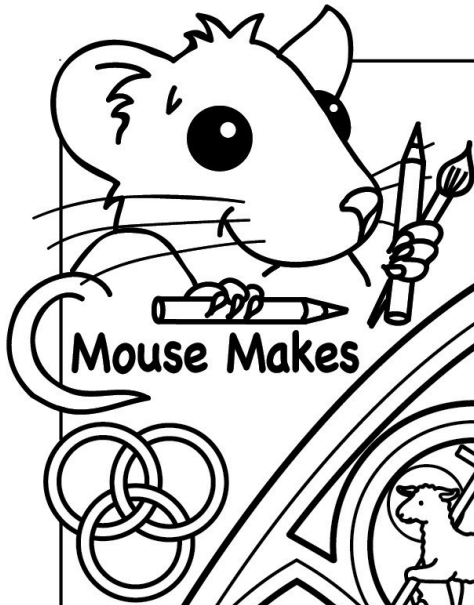
SALT HELPED MAKE LIFE BETTER - WE TOO SHOULD HELP MAKE LIFE BETTER IF WE CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS!

JESUS ALSO SAID HIS FOLLOWERS SHOULD BE LIKE LIGHTS

'NOBODY LIGHTS A LAMP - THEN PUTS IT UNDER A BOWL', SAID JESUS

THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES AS CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.

JUST LIKE A CITY BUILT ON A HILL!



"May the grace of the Lord  
**JESUS CHRIST** and the  
 love of **GOD** and the  
 fellowship of the  
**HOLY SPIRIT** be  
 with you all."

2 Corinthians  
 13:14



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## PRIESTS ON THE JOB

The Church of England's self-supporting ministers are celebrated in new series of short films on Youtube.

A hairdresser, a data consultant, a solicitor and a teacher, all of whom are priests, speak about their dual vocations in the secular workplace and in churches.

The Bishop of Birkenhead, Julie Conalty is also bishop for the Church of England's more than 2,000 self-supporting ministers. A former probation officer, she was a self-supporting minister over more than a decade.

"I see how many gifted, talented and brilliant self-supporting ordained ministers that we have around the church, some of them are associates helping out, some are running parishes as the vicar, some work in chaplaincy - they do all sorts of things," she said. "Their professional and work experience brings something distinctive to their ministry."

The Revd Anthea Mitchell, a hairdresser who is a part-time priest in charge at St Andrew's Church in Barming Heath, Maidstone, Kent, said: "I run services, I do baptisms and I take funerals and weddings, and I run a community café – all the things you would expect a vicar to do.

"I suppose the longest part of my ministry, in terms of the time I spend, is at work, in the business. I go to work to cut people's hair and I do wear my collar. I can honestly say that I have more deeply spiritual conversations when people are sitting in my chair, than I ever do in church."

The Revd Henry Akingbemisilu, a data consultant and a self-supporting minister at St Paul's Church, Thamesmead in southeast London, who also works as a Forces chaplain, said his professional training as a data consultant has taught him how to analyse and explain complex situations simply. "It helps me to discern people and identify where there is a problem," he said.

He added: "The church is looking for people who live their faith in the ordinary life".

Another self-supporting priest, Revd Rebecca Lloyd is both a solicitor in Warrington and a hospital chaplain. She also helps her local church, St James, Great Sankey, covering funerals, baptisms and weddings.

Teacher and priest, Revd Canon Lyndon Bannon, said: "I believe that I am called to work in school – I also believe that I am called to be a priest in church. Having that dual role helps me to understand the society in which we live in a broader and deeper way."

Watch the films at the Self-Supporting Ministry Stories channel on YouTube.



## 60 YEARS OF GIRL SOPRANOS

St David's Cathedral recently marked 60 years since girl choristers first sang in the Cathedral Choir with a celebratory evensong.

In April 1966 the Cathedral Choir were busy preparing for a BBC radio broadcast of choral evensong, when a measles outbreak swept through local schools, temporarily decimating the choir.

Faced with a much reduced choir, Master of the Choristers Peter Boorman approached music teacher Rosalyn Charles, and asked if the girls of Ysgol Dewi Sant school choir might be able to sing.

The emergency measure was approved and following a successful broadcast on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1966, chapter agreed in July 1966 that the girls were to become full choristers.

Ever since, the soprano line in the Cathedral Choir has been sung by girls aged 8-18, drawn from St Davids and Pembrokeshire. St David's Cathedral pioneered the concept of girls singing in cathedral choirs, decades before similar initiatives were launched in other cathedrals.

To celebrate this milestone, the Cathedral held a special evensong, with the Cathedral Choir joined by former choristers from the past 60 years.

COLOURING IN



## THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS - GLUTTONY

*'They're called deadly because they lead to the death of the soul.'* (Richard Newhauser).

This month we are looking at *Gluttony*.

Which food do we find hardest to resist? It is reported that 66% of adults in the UK are overweight or obese. Gluttony is indulgence to excess, usually involving food, but can also include drinking, screen time, shopping etc. Paul warns us about the dangers of gluttony when he refers to those whose minds are set on earthly things: *'their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame.'* (Philippians 3:19). Our struggle with gluttony is often the outward sign of a spiritual hunger for acceptance, love, or self-worth. This desire for satisfaction cannot be satisfied by food alone.

How can we overcome gluttony?

*Glorify God with your body:*

*'Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?'*

(1 Corinthians 6:19). Paul reminds us that our bodies belong to God; as temples of the Holy Spirit, we should use them to glorify God. While we have freedom in the things we consume, we are also called to honour God in our actions.

*Exercise self-control: 'live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.'* (Galatians 5:16).

Paul goes on to list self-control as one of the Fruit of the Spirit (5:23). As we examine ourselves and identify those areas where we lack self-control, we can entrust them to God, asking for the strength of the Holy Spirit to overcome gluttony. We recognise that true satisfaction is only found in a desire for God alone:

*'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.'* (Matthew 5:6).

*Canon Paul Hardingham*

## POTHoles - AGAIN

In 2024, six people died, 128 were seriously injured and 259 suffered minor injuries in accidents involving potholes.

The stories range from pensioners on foot falling into potholes and dying, to cyclists having their faces injured or getting their wheels jammed in narrow potholes, to motorcyclists being thrown in front of cars and dying. Never mind the thousands of car tyres that have been torn to pieces in potholes.

The Asphalt Industry Alliance (AIA) has recently reported that the cost of fixing every pothole in

Britain could reach £18.6bn and take 12 years to complete. It calls the situation "a national crisis and a total disgrace".

The Transport Secretary, Heidi Alexander, recently experienced the crisis for herself when a "moon crater-sized" pothole took her Mini Cooper off the road by bursting two tyres in Oxfordshire.

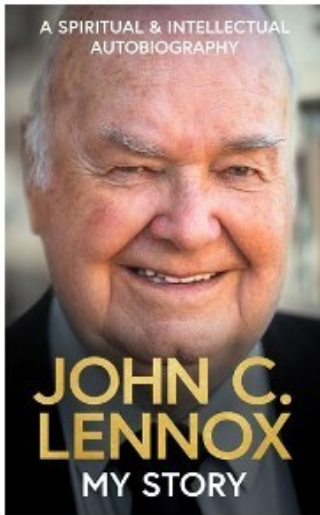
And now experts warn that our pothole crisis will only deepen, as the war in Iran increases the price of bitumen, which is mixed with gravel to make asphalt to fill road defects.

*from Parish Pump*

## BOOK REVIEWS

### **My Story – a spiritual and intellectual autobiography**

By John C Lennox, SPCK, £24.99



John C. Lennox is widely regarded as one of the greatest Christian apologists of modern times, having devoted a lifetime to showing how faith in God and faith in reason can stand together.

In *My Story*, he invites readers into his remarkable journey: growing up in Northern Ireland, studying at Oxford and Cambridge, teaching mathematics at the highest level, and boldly defending the Christian faith in lecture halls, debates and the public square for more than sixty years.

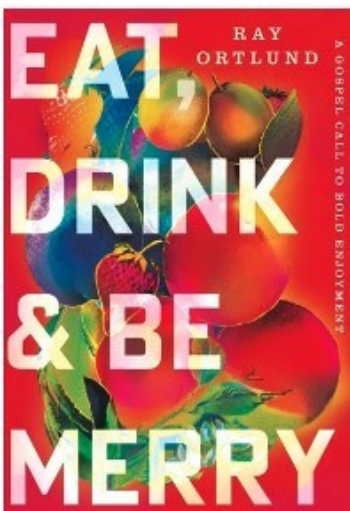
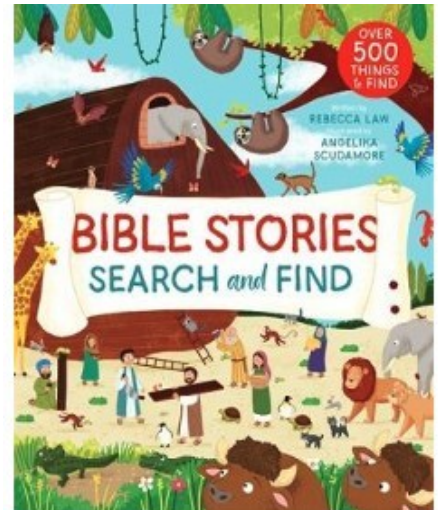
With warmth, wit and disarming honesty, Lennox reflects on the ideas, people and pivotal moments that shaped his life - from the hunger for Bibles in Soviet Russia to encounters with Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens, to his ongoing belief that rigorous science and deep faith are not enemies but allies.

Part memoir, part intellectual adventure, *My Story* is a must-read for anyone curious how a brilliant mathematical mind can hold fast to the gospel - and how one man's faith has helped millions find a reason to believe in an age of doubt.

### **Bible Stories Search and Find**

By Rebecca Law, SPCK, £9.99

The book is a helpful introduction to the Bible for children ages 6-9. Youngsters will have fun searching for the more than 500 hidden objects across 20 fantastically illustrated scenes, while learning key stories from God's Word. This interactive Bible storybook could be an exciting way for your children to engage with the Bible while developing concentration and biblical knowledge.



### **Eat, Drink, and Be Merry – a Gospel Call to Bold Enjoyment**

By Raymond C Ortlund Jr, Crossway, £12.99

So much is going wrong in these dark days. And the daily personal demands never let up. Who has the time—much less the freedom of heart—to play, to laugh, to delight? But God's strategy for wise living *includes* bold enjoyment. In fact, any 'Christianity' that feels embarrassed about enjoying God's good gifts dishonours Him, and leaves Christians with less to give their suffering world. Meditating on Ecclesiastes 11:9-10, Ortlund argues that following Christ here in this world is a nuanced mix of both suffering *and* happiness.

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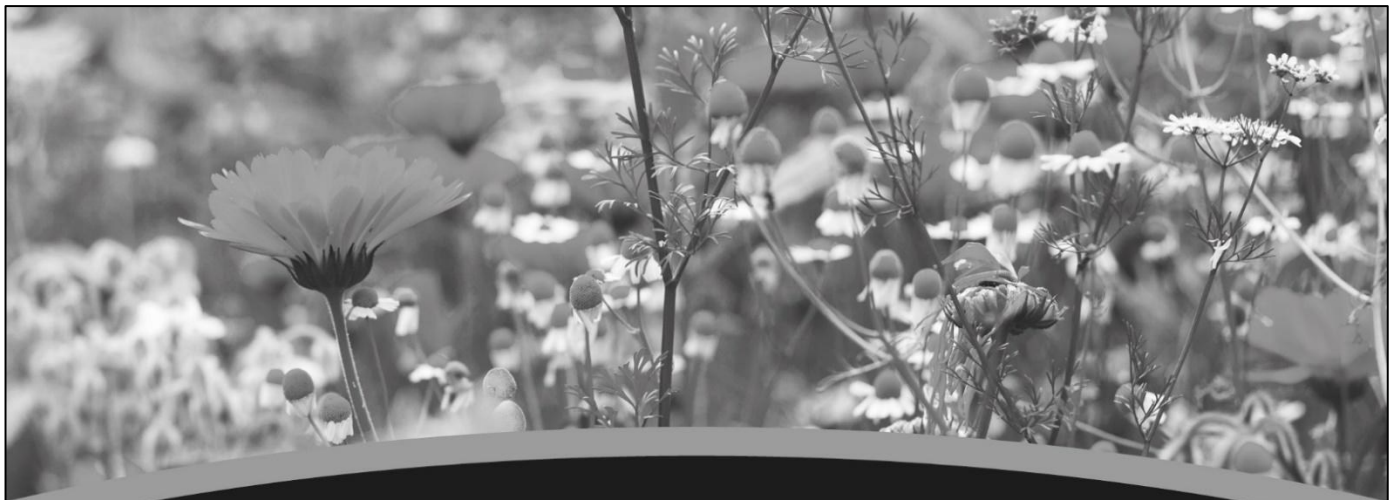
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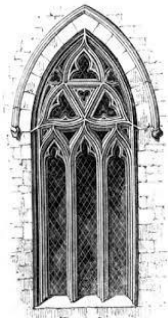
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| DATE     | 7 <sup>th</sup> June<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity |  | 14 <sup>th</sup> June<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity |  | 21 <sup>st</sup> June<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity |  | 28 <sup>th</sup> June<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity/<br>St Peter |  | 5 <sup>th</sup> July<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity |  |
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| ALTAR    | Green                                                        |  | Green                                                         |  | Green                                                         |  | Green                                                                      |  | Green                                                        |  |
| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion with hymns (CW) HARDWICK MK                   |  | Holy Communion with hymns (CW) HETHE LW/John Alderdice        |  | Holy Communion with hymns (CW) FINMERE AM                     |  | Holy Communion (BCP) FINMERE AM                                            |  | Holy Communion with hymns (CW) COTTISFORD                    |  |
| 9.15 am  | Holy Communion with hymns (BCP) NEWTON PURCELL AM            |  | Mixbury Half Hour AM                                          |  | 9.15am Holy Communion with hymns (CW) FINMERE AM              |  | 9.15am Holy Communion with hymns (CW) STRATTON AUDLEY LW                   |  | Holy Communion with hymns (BCP) NEWTON PURCELL               |  |
| 10.45 am | 'Connect' Informal Worship FINMERE VILLAGE HALL AM           |  | Morning Service STRATTON AUDLEY PW/John Alderdice             |  | 10am 'Food for Thought' STOKE LYNE Lay-led                    |  | 9.30am Morning Service HETHE Lay led                                       |  | 'Connect' Informal Worship HETHE VILLAGE HALL                |  |
| 6.00 pm  | Compline STRATTON AUDLEY PW                                  |  | Evening Communion STOKE LYNE AM                               |  | 10.45am Holy Communion with hymns (CW) FRINGFORD JH           |  | 10.45am Holy Communion with hymns (CW) STOKE LYNE AM                       |  | Morning Service FRINGFORD                                    |  |

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