

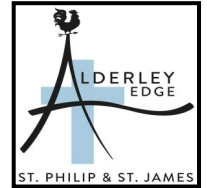
Calendar for JULY 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>
<u>Sunday 6th July</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Choral Eucharist
	11.45am	Pipnjay
	6.30pm	Confirmation Service
<u>Sunday 13th July</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Choral Eucharist
	6.30pm	Prayer Service on Zoom
<u>Sunday 20th July</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Family Communion
	6.30pm	Evensong at St Mary's Rostherne
<u>Sunday 27th July</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Choral Eucharist
	6.30pm	Service of Thanksgiving
<u>Every Wednesday</u>	11.30am	<i>Holy Communion Service followed by communal lunch at 12.30pm and Voices Together at 1.30pm</i>

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St Philip & St James Parish Church, Alderley Edge JULY/AUGUST 2025 NEWS SHEET



Dear Friends,

As I think ahead to the summer months, one of the many things that comes to mind are holidays. Rest is a key Christian idea. It is so central that it lies at the heart of the first story in the Bible. For after God created the world he rested, and had a day off. Also, Jesus regularly took time out of his work to spend time resting and praying.

We all need time to rest. It shouldn't be a luxury but a necessity for all. When God instructs Israel how to live in the Old Testament he makes this clear by stating the everyone should have a day off each week, including the slaves and those who had origins outside of the community.

And yet sometimes rest time can feel increasingly under pressure in our modern world. In our world of 'busy'-ness, where work has become increasingly pervasive and where we expect an immediate answer to emails and calls, even out of work hours or when people are on holiday, rest time suffers, and rest becomes a luxury.

And so, as summer and our traditional rest time approaches, I encourage you to take your rest. And if you are in position to do, help others take their rest.

Yours, Rev'd Amy Ruston

Note from Robin

Rev'd Amy Ruston is our curate which means she has been completing her training to be a vicar with us. In the coming months Amy will become more and more visible within the parish, assuming roles that I have previously undertaken, as she prepares for the time when she is responsible for her own parish.

Alderley Edge RVS Luncheon Club

The Alderley Edge RVS Luncheon Club will be running free coffee mornings during the summer at the Methodist Church. They will run from 10am-11.30am on Tuesday's 15th and 29th July, 12th and 26th August and 9th and 23rd September. We will be serving homemade cakes and biscuits. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book.

Our traditional two course lunches are still being served every Tuesday until 1st July. These lunches will resume on 30th September. At present we are charging £4. New members and new volunteers are always welcome but please do contact Anne on 016525 582514 to make sure that there will be enough food or discuss the volunteering opportunities available.

St Philip & St James Church

Voices Together

Every Wednesday 1.30pm to 2.30pm

We are a friendly, welcoming and inclusive singing group
All Welcome.

Tuesday Tots

Tuesday Tots sessions run every week in the Parish Rooms from 10am to 12 noon. We ask for a donation of £3 per family and serve hot drinks for adults at these sessions. Almost all sessions include a story and songs led by the Vicar.
All Welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Confirmation Service

There will be a confirmation service with the Bishop of Stockport on Sunday 6th July at 6.30pm

Bible Study

The next Bible Study will be on Monday 7th July at 7.30pm in the church. Please contact loveday.alexander@bitinternet.com for more information. All Welcome

Mothers' Union Strawberry Tea

The Mothers' Union are holding a Strawberry Tea on Tuesday 15th July from 2-4pm in the West End, St Philip & St James Church. Tickets are £5. All Welcome.

Calendar for August

Please note there are no evening services during August

Sunday 3rd August	8am Holy Communion, 10am Choral Eucharist
Sunday 10th August	8am Holy Communion, 10am Choral Eucharist
Sunday 17th August	8am Holy Communion, 10am Family Communion
Sunday 24th August	8am Holy Communion, 10am Choral Eucharist
Sunday 31st August	8am Holy Communion, 10am Choral Eucharist

ST PHILIP & ST JAMES MINISTRATIONS JUNE

WEDDINGS: 14th Harriet Nimmo & Henry Offer

FUNERAL: 5th David Williams

BAPTISMS: 8th Myla Mae Hughes, 22nd Cara Daley