

## Monthly Bulletin - September 2025

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### A Word from Revd Claire



Hello everyone,

The season of creation is an annual time of excitement for me. I love the focus on Creation, on the very ground we walk on. I love how it reminds and encourages us to pause and look, really look and notice the wonder of God's creation all around us.

The seasons ebb and flow as does the Church year. As the warm, light sunny days melt into cooler autumn days my wonder at the variety of shades of green shifts into the wonder of autumn colours of red, orange, brown and yellow. We live in an area where we are blessed with such beauty. Even just within our parish we have parks, nature reserves, and open spaces. There are trees which were here before I arrived into the world and will most likely still be here after I have died.

In amongst the horror that was the pandemic, I found great joy in nature. Those 'good news' stories which showed us how quickly nature stepped up when humans took a step back truly brightened my day.

I have mentioned before I love seeing the foxes playing in the Vicarage garden and just the other week, I saw Muntjac deer in my next-door neighbours garden – truly breath taking for a 'townie' like me.

As you read the bulletin you will see that we as a Church are re-engaging with Eco-Church, what better time of year is there to engage with it! We have a thanksgiving for all creatures great and small at the end of September as well as a Harvest festival in early October.

As the season changes this month, take the time to notice, to pause and really look – even if it is just outside your window, the wonder of creation is a gift – I hope and pray we can all treasure it.

With every blessing for the month ahead. Revd Claire

# The Way of Discipleship



We are going to run the Way of Discipleship course beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> October 25 all are welcome to attend.

The Way of Discipleship course is not linked to the Alpha course but it is similar. It is linked to our Diocese. If you would like to have a look there is a website: [wayofdiscipleship.org](http://wayofdiscipleship.org)

The Way of Discipleship course offers a foundational journey for new disciples or those being drawn to the possibility. It aims to stretch those who have been disciples for a while, but want to grow more in their lived experience.

The first module has seven sessions which will be run on a Wednesday morning from 10:30 –12:30. The provisional dates for this are: 1<sup>st</sup> October, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 10<sup>th</sup> December and final session 17<sup>th</sup> December

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church, can you please indicate if you would prefer the documentation for the course printed for you or received electronically. Rev Claire.

## Season of Creation

This year's season of Creation begins on 1 September and runs until 4 October. This year the theme of the season is 'Peace with Creation'. We will be holding a thanksgiving service for pets at the end September and are re-launching Eco Church. There will be more information coming soon about Eco-Church but if anyone is interested in getting involved who has not already mentioned this to Rev Claire please do highlight your interest.

## Eco-Church

With Creation Season upon us we are going to re-engage with Eco-Church. There are already a few devoted Eco-Church people within our congregation so if you would like to join in, please let Rev Claire know.

The first meeting will be in early October.

## Knit and Natter

Knit & Natter is back. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 2pm in the Coffee Shop, OSH.

# Services & Meetings for September 2025

We	03/09	09:15	<b>NO</b> Mid week Communion (Church)
Th	04/09	10:30	TCHA Prayers (School Hall, OSH)
Th	04/09	19:15	Compline (Zoom)
Sa	06/09	15:30	Wedding - V Marriott & D Johnson
Su	07/09	10:30	Morning Service (Church)
Su	07/09	17:00	Holy Communion - Traditional Language (Church)
We	10/09	09:15	<b>NO</b> Mid week Communion (Church)
We	10/09	11:00	Funeral - B Dicken (Church)
Th	11/09	19:15	Compline (Zoom)
Su	14/09	10:30	Morning Service - Holy Communion (Church)
Su	14/09	17:00	BCP Evensong (Church)
We	17/09	09:15	<b>NO</b> Mid week Communion (Church)
Th	18/09	19:15	Compline (Zoom)
Su	21/09	10:30	Morning Service (Church)
Su	21/09	17:00	BCP Evening Service (Church)
We	24/08	09:15	Mid week Communion (Church)
We	24/08	19:00	PCC Meeting (Coffee Shop, OSH)
Th	25/09	19:15	Compline (Zoom)
Su	28/09	10:30	Morning Service - Holy Communion (Church)
Su	28/09	15:00	Pet Service (Church)
Su	28/09	17:00	BCP Evensong (Church)

## Availability

Rev Claire will be unavailable after the evening service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September until Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

## Amington Parish Book Club

The new book that has been chosen is: The Cross and the Switchblade by David Wilkerson. We will be meeting to discuss it at a **new location** – **The Gate Inn** on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 12:30.

## Prayer Team

Do you feel God might be calling you to join our prayer team? If so, please let Rev Claire via email [revclaire@amington.church](mailto:revclaire@amington.church) or telephone 07426 755 699 know as exciting things are planned.

# Church Activities for September 2025

Mo	01/09	19:00	<b>NO</b> Home Group – Pippa
Tu	02/09	14:00	Knit & Natter (Coffee Shop, OSH)
Tu	02/09	19:00	<b>NO</b> Home Group – Geoff
Tu	02/09	20:00	<b>NO</b> Home Group – Steve & Rachel
Th	04/09	14:00	Baby Ark
Th	04/09	14:00	Place of Welcome (Church)
Mo	08/09	19:00	Home Group – Pippa
Tu	09/09	19:00	<b>NO</b> Home Group – Geoff
Tu	09/09	20:00	<b>NO</b> Home Group – Steve & Rachel
Th	11/09	14:00	Baby Ark
Th	11/09	14:00	Place of Welcome
Mo	15/09	19:00	Home Group – Pippa
Tu	16/09	14:00	Knit & Natter (Coffee Shop, OSH)
Tu	16/09	19:00	<b>NO</b> Home Group – Geoff
Tu	16/09	20:00	Home Group – Steve & Rachel
Th	18/09	14:00	Baby Ark
Th	08/09	14:00	Place of Welcome
Mo	22/09	19:00	Home Group – Pippa
Tu	23/09	19:00	Home Group – Geoff
Tu	23/09	20:00	Home Group – Steve & Rachel
Th	25/09	14:00	Baby Ark
Th	25/09	14:00	Place of Welcome (Church)
Mo	29/09	19:00	Home Group – Pippa
Tu	30/09	19:00	Home Group – Geoff
Tu	30/09	20:00	Home Group – Steve & Rachel

## Green Fingers?

Irene has an allotment style space in her garden she is willing to let someone use, as well as access to water, on the understanding that they take care of it. If anyone is interested, please speak to Irene.

## Collection Point for:



Priest in the Parish: Revd Claire Mitchell [revclaire@amington.church](mailto:revclaire@amington.church) 01827 426339 or 07426 755 699

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