

Welcome

To the Benefice of Epperstone, Gonalston, Oxtan & Woodborough

If you are new here in our Churches please introduce yourself.

We pray that God will bless us in our worship together and warmly welcome you into our communities.

Church Services

Sunday 3rd May

8 am Holy Communion Woodborough
10 am The Ark Woodborough

Sunday 10th May

11 am Holy Communion Oxtan
6 pm Compline Woodborough

Thursday 10th May – Ascension Day

7 pm Deanery Service St Mary's
(refreshments from 6.30pm) Lowdham

Sunday 17th May

9.30am Holy Communion Epperstone
11 am Morning Prayer Gonalston

Wednesday 20th May

12 noon Holy Communion Woodborough
& shared lunch

Sunday 24th May

10 am Holy Communion Woodborough
11 am All Age Service Oxtan

Sunday 31st May

9.30am Holy Communion Epperstone

THE ARK ON SUNDAY



**CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES,
FAMILY FUN, FELLOWSHIP,
COFFEE & CROISSANTS.**

1st Sunday of the month
10 am

St Swithun's Woodborough

Sunday 3rd May

Everyone welcome

For further information contact
Annie Hill
07890 776809



Oxtan Village Hall

**Sunday 10th May
10am-11am**

All children aged 3 years plus
are welcome for games, stories,
activities & a snack together!

For more information contact
Sandra Hall 0115 9653901



St. Swithun's, Woodborough

Play Church

Wednesday 13th May
9:30 - 11am

**Spring Play Session
For all the Family**

Wednesday 27th May
9.30 - 11am



Saturday 16th May
3 - 4.30 pm

**Holy Cross Church, Epperstone
Fun, Fellowship & Food
For All the Family**

Woodborough Church Fellowship

Second Tuesday of the month at
The Institute, Roe Lane

Tuesday 12th May 2-4pm

Craft Session

All Welcome

Nottingham Concert Band
St Swithun's, Woodborough
Transports of Delight



Saturday 16th May

7.30-9.30pm

Tickets: Adults £12.50 Under 18s £5

To include interval wine / juice

From

Jean 0115 965 2195

Terry 0115 965 2396

**Coffee Drop In
at Oxtan Church**



Wednesday 27th May

10.00 – 11.30am

Please come along for a coffee and a
chat... All welcome!

**WOODBOROUGH
COFFEE DROP IN**

1st Wednesday of the month

10am-12pm



Wednesday 6th May

Wednesday 3rd June

CHOIR PRACTICE



Holy Cross Church Epperstone

Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm

Contact Geoff on 07447 127335
or email at thcnield@outlook.com

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Benefice Churches of Epperstone

Gonalston Oxton Woodborough

Safeguarding

Our parish is committed to encouraging an environment where everyone, and especially children and those who may be vulnerable for any reason, are able to worship and engage in their faith journey with encouragement and in safety.

If you have concerns about the welfare of anyone please contact:

Susan Wilkes: 07951 143162

office.egowbenefice@gmail.com

News and Prayers

Would you like to receive our church news and notices by email?



Or join our WhatsApp groups for news and/or prayers?

Please get in touch with Susan on 07951 143162

or email:

office.egowbenefice@gmail.com

Oxton Churchyard

Working Party

Saturday 16th May

10.00 – 12.00



Please come along and help tidy up our beautiful churchyard.

Any help very welcome!

HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY

ST ANN'S FOOD BANK



Please leave any donations at the back of Oxton Church for our volunteers to deliver.

Thank you

Donations

If you would like to donate towards the work and upkeep of Oxton Church, please scan this QR code to be taken to our giving site.



Thank you for your kind donation

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Benefice Newsletter May 2026



Celebrating Ascension and Pentecost

This May, our Church communities will be reflecting on the events following Easter, focusing on the Ascension of Jesus. His return back to Heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. These moments remind us of the promises Jesus made to His followers and how those promises continue to bring comfort and guidance to us today.

Pentecost this year falls on Sunday 24th May, 50 days after Easter Day. It was originally known as Whit Sunday or Whitsun. It used to be marked by Whit walks or parades and often featured brass bands, particularly in the northwest. It is a time when we are reminded that the Holy Spirit is with us always, offering peace, reassurance, and strength in every situation. Whether we are feeling joyful or anxious, the Holy Spirit is our helper, comforter and guide through whatever situations we find ourselves in. As we celebrate this May let us give thanks for those who bring light and love into our lives and that of our community.

A Prayer for Pentecost

Loving God, as we celebrate Pentecost, we give thanks for the gift of your Holy Spirit. Fill our hearts afresh with your peace, wisdom, and strength. May your Spirit inspire us to share your love generously, serve others with compassion, and build unity within our Church and community. Guide us through all that lies ahead and help us to reflect your light to those around us. Amen.