

Hook Norton Benefice May 2026

Hook Norton with Great Rollright, Swerford and Wigginton



A huge thankyou

to all who have supported the Holy Week and Easter services and events - to Janet C for the Passover Supper, those who decorated and prepared the churches, our musicians and our Good Friday Choir, our bellringers and those who led our services.



A Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to celebrate Janet Collins' Retirement from Licenced Lay Ministry, with Holy Communion

Sunday 10th May at 10am

This service will be led by Rev Sarah Sharp (Area Dean).

Everyone is welcome.

Fizz and cake will be served alongside coffee at the end of the service.



Pentecost Sunday 24th May

8.00am Holy Communion Gt Rollright

10.00am Holy Communion Hook Norton



Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday 31.05.26

10.00 am Benefice Holy Communion Gt Rollright

Calendar of Services

Sunday 3rd May (Easter 5)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Hook Norton
10.00am	Morning Worship	Hook Norton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Gt Rollright
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Swerford

Sunday 10th May (Easter 6)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wigginton
10.00am	Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to celebrate Janet Collin's ministry with Holy Communion	Hook Norton
10.00am	Morning Worship	Gt Rollright

Sunday 17th May (Easter 7)

8.00am	Holy Communion	Swerford
No Morning Worship at Hook Norton		
10.00am	Holy Communion	Gt Rollright
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Wigginton

Sunday 24th May (Pentecost)

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Gt Rollright
10.00am	Holy Communion	Hook Norton

No Morning Worship at Wigginton

Sunday 31st May (Trinity Sunday)

10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Gt Rollright
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Holy Communion (BCP) Wednesdays at 10am at Hook Norton
May Services: 6th and 20th only
Everyone Welcome

Regular Events in Church

All Welcome

Font Café

10am till noon at St Peter's Church Hook Norton, every Saturday.



Cake and Bake Sale

Saturday 9th May

Bellringing Practice

Thursdays at 7:30pm, St Peter's Church Hook Norton.



Coffee Morning

4th Friday of the month 10.30am till noon at St Giles' Church, Wigginton



Friday 22nd May

Hooky Neighbours Pantry

Hook Norton Baptist Church Hall

1st Thursday of the month

1.30pm to 3.00pm

3rd Saturday of month

HOOKY NEIGHBOURS

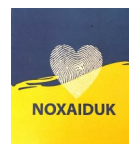


10am till noon

See posters in village or FB for more details.

Pray for Ukraine - Prayer sheets in every church

If you would like to support the work of NOXAIDUK, who are based in Hook Norton, and run regular relief convoys to Ukraine, the bank details are NOXAIDUK Barclays Bank Sort Code 20 03 84, Account Number 03595552. If you would like to learn more of their work, please contact James Clarke.



Church Annual Meetings

Annual District Church Meetings:

St Andrews: Sunday 10th May after 10am in St Andrew's Church

St Marys: Tuesday 28th April in St Mary's Church **Time: TBC**

Annual Parochial Church Meetings:

Hook Norton with Great Rollright and Swerford :

Tuesday 19th May at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church

Wigginton: Wednesday 20th May at 7pm at St Giles' Church



Hook Norton Library Annual Book and Plant Sale

Saturday 9th May, 9.30am - 12 noon in the library car park. (In church if wet)

Refreshments in St Peter's Church



See posters in village for details on how to donate books and plants.



Banbury Chamber Orchestra Concert

Sunday 10th May at 4pm at St Peter's Church Hook Norton

Tickets on the door or see website - www.banburysymphony.com



Hook Norton Open Gardens 2026

Over the weekend of 13/14 June 2026, residents around the village will be opening their gardens as part of a St Peter's Church fundraising event. This will be between 2.00 - 5.00pm.

Tickets, £7 for adults and free for accompanied children under 16, will be on sale from the

beginning of May from the Village Shop, Hook Norton Butchers, 18 Beanacre and St Peter's Church (after Sunday Services).

St Peter's Church will be open, serving teas, coffees and homemade cakes. Contacts below if you wish to contribute to/help with the plant or cake sale. This will be an exciting weekend and we do hope you will be involved.

Organiser: Rita Wheatley wheatleyjohn9@gmail.com 01608 737097

Plant Sale: Angel Powell angelmppowell@gmail.com 07977 441257

Plant Sale: Jane Orchard sjorchard15@gmail.com 01608 737634

Cake Sale : Barb Crowther barbcrowther@btinternet.com



Prayer Focus May 2026 - Thanksgiving



In May the church celebrates Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples. This year it's when the interviews for our new Rector take place. Let's pray the Holy Spirit will be guiding all those involved and for the applicants. As a child, I was taught the song 'Count your blessings name them one by one'. The song ends 'and it will surprise you what the Lord has done'. It still does. Ignatius of Loyola, 16th century theologian, encourages us to reflect on our blessing as part of a daily spiritual exercise.

"I give the name 'consolation' [blessing] to every increase of hope, faith, and charity, to all interior happiness which calls and attracts us to heavenly things."

Consolations are all around us if we look. Pause for a moment at the end of each day and reflect on the good things God has done. Be surprised and be blessed every day. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- A stranger's smile.
- Finding that long lost...
- A good book.
- Food and shelter, but not forgetting the homelessness or hungry.
- Our friends.
- An answered prayer. It was an answer, not just a coincidence!
- The world around us. A buzzard or kite soaring over the trees, a robin feeding in your garden.
- And..., add your own here.

Keith Disney



Bell Ringing Visiting Bellringers 14.05.26, 11.15 - 12.15

Benefice Ministry Team

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Want to know more about our churches?
For services and events see our **website**: Hooknortonbenefice.org.uk

Please send details of events to be included in this handout to
office@hooknortonbenefice.org.uk by the 12th of the month - thanks