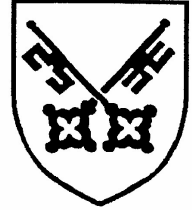


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Our Father...

from Rev Hannah

The article below was the suggested article from a normally useful resource for Parish Magazines. Please note, this may be triggering for some people.

'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.

At His baptism, when Jesus came out of the water: *'heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.'* (Matthew 3:16,17). What do we learn about Jesus' relationship with His Father, our relationship with God and the role of fathers?

The Father's presence

When Jesus was baptised, the Father was present in the Holy Spirit. It's the Spirit who enables us to address God as daddy ('*abba*', Galatians 4:6) in an intimate way. God is present with us and understands our joys and sorrows, fears and trials. Dads should relate to their children like this.

The Father's love

The Father described His Son as '*beloved*'; like us, Jesus was the subject of God's unconditional love. Dads should assure their children of their undeserved love.

The Father's pleasure

The Father tells Jesus that He is '*well pleased*' with Him, as He embarked on His public ministry. We need to hear this as well, especially when we feel that we are disappointing God or letting Him down. We should also be aware of the effect of our words spoken to our children. Dads should be using every opportunity to demonstrate their pleasure in their children, especially when things go wrong.

Canon Paul Hardinham.

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I think that without the quote from J.I. Packer, the article is very helpful in understanding God as our Father. It is even helpful in suggesting how fathers might use the relationship between Jesus and his Father when trying to be the best father they can be for their children.

However, that opening statement is disturbing. Suggesting that the quality of someone's faith is revealed by their understanding of the Fatherhood of God is to ignore that we do not live in a perfect world. Sometimes, it feels as if we live in a barely adequate world. can perceive faults in a relationship that the adult had thought was going well – and how much outsiders enjoy the drama of family conflict.

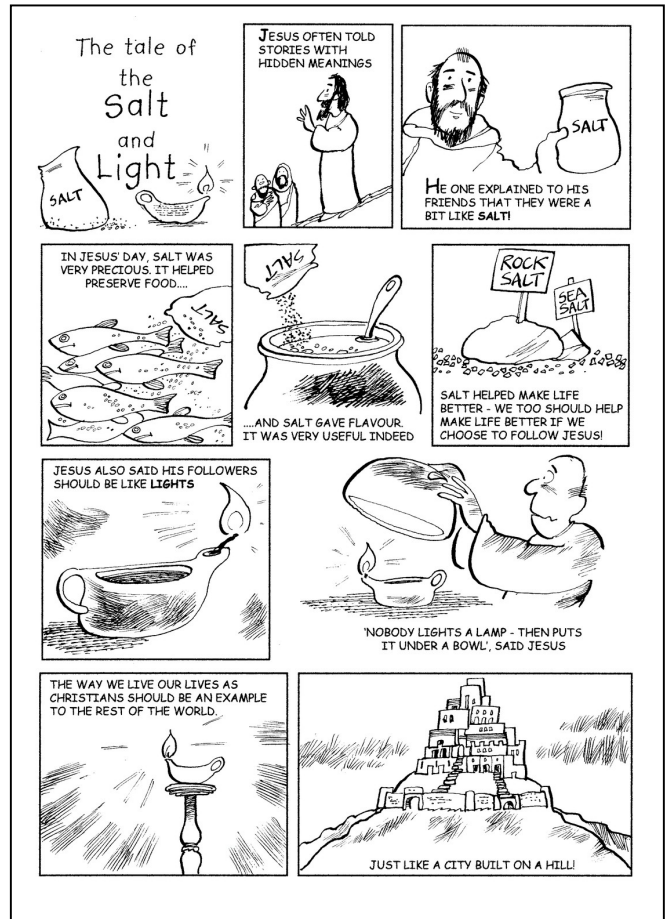
As with Mothering Sunday, it is important for us to recognise that these days of celebration can bring out horrible memories for many people, and to treat all those we encounter on those days with gentleness. Many online marketing departments offer a chance to remove all Fathers' Day material for those on their marketing lists, usually to help those who are grieving the loss of a parent. Perhaps we can do something similar, and keep an eye out for those in our congregation and beyond who may struggle with the associations that Fathers' Day might bring, whether that is grief or trauma.

In the meantime, let us all take time to read and reflect on the *good* advice given in the main body of Canon Paul Hardingham's article.

Prayer for June 2026

Father,
Here we are in June – a beautiful month and a month when we remember a beautiful follower of Yours, Barnabas. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith and he encouraged Your people to remain true to You in what must have been dangerous times.
Lord, in these dangerous days, when so much seems alien and out of control, how we all need to be encouraged to be steadfast in our faith and in our lives.
How we need to remember that You are our faithful, sovereign Lord; that You never change; that in Jesus You have won the victory over sin and death. If we put our trust in Jesus, we are secure for all eternity.
Thank You for the example of Barnabas. Help us to be encouraged and to encourage others. May we enjoy June in all its beauty, knowing that nothing can separate us from You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Quiz & Chips – May 2026

The May quiz, whilst lower on numbers (thanks to Eurovision?) was another success for our ongoing fundraising for local charities.

This month saw an inspiring talk from John from Wallingford Accessible Boat Club, who talked about the benefits they were able to provide both their clients and their carers.

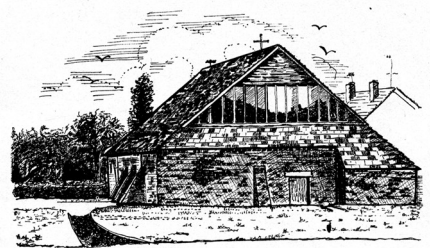
An enthusiastic team from WABC joined us and scoped the wooden spoon.

At the top of the table it was a very thing, with Gangrene beating Phoenix by just one point!

A great quiz, and a fun night for all involved.

The June Quiz (on the 20th) will be the last in the current season, but dates for next season are now available – so put them in your diary now.

St Peter's Church Quiz & Chips Dates for 2026-27



2026

19th September

17th October

21st November

2027

16th January

27th February

17th April

15th May

19th June

Contact quiz@stpeters-didcot.org.uk, or Hugh on 01235 811465.



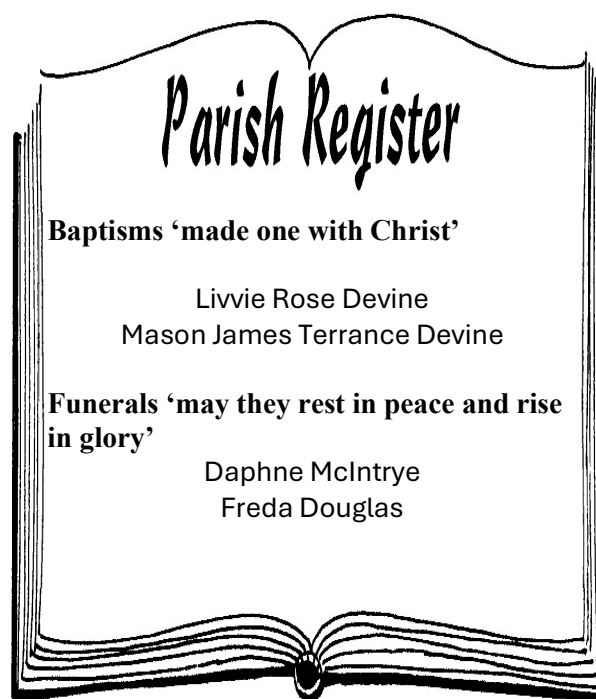
<p>1st: Visitation (trans) Readings: Psalm 85, 150; 1 Samuel 2: 1-10; Mark 17: 1-11.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Edwin Road; Elder Close; Loyd Road. Parents and those trying to conceive, grandparents and those who share in caring for children as they grow up.</p>	<p>2nd: Readings: Psalms 5, 6; Joshua 7: 16-end; Luke 10: 38-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cockcroft Road; Mowbray Road. Carers, particularly young carers looking after parents and siblings.</p>	<p>3rd: Martyrs of Uganda Readings: Psalms 119: 1-32; Joshua 8: 1-29; Luke 11: 1-13.</p> <p>Between 1885 and 1887, at least 45 Christian men were executed by the then king of Buganda, Mwanga II for their faith.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Barnes Road; Barnes Close. Wednesday Church, those with dementia or learning disabilities and their carers and family.</p>	<p>4th: Corpus Christi Readings: Psalm 147; Proverbs 9: 1-5; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-17.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Moreland Road; Miles East. Those preparing for their Confirmation or Baptism.</p>
<p>5th: Boniface Readings: Psalms 17, 19; Joshua 9: 3-26; Luke 11: 29-36.</p> <p>Born in 675 in Wessex. Boniface was an Anglo- Saxon missionary to the Franks. He was killed in Friesland in 754.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Green Road; Green Close. Our Director of music and choir.</p>	<p>6th: Ini Kopuria Readings: Pss 20, 21, 23; Joshua 10: 1-15; Luke 11: 37-end.</p> <p>A police officer in the Solomon Islands, he formed the Melanesian Brotherhood to take the Gospel to non- Christians in Melanesia.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Royal Berkshire Close. Our Police Station and PCSOs</p>	<p>7th: Trinity I Readings: Psalms 38; Deuteronomy 6: 10-end; Acts 22: 22-23: 11.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Queensway; Hardings Strings. Those who read the Scriptures in church.</p>	<p>8th: Thomas Ken Rdgs: Psalms 27, 30; Joshua 14; Luke 12: 1-12.</p> <p>One of the great hymn writers in the Anglican tradition.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Tavistock Avenue; Bowness Avenue. Pebbles Baby Church.</p>
<p>9th: Colomba Readings: Psalms 32, 36; Joshua 21: 43-22:8; Luke 12: 13-21.</p> <p>An Irish abbot and missionary to the Picts in Scotland and founder of the Community at Iona.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Warner Crescent; Morse Road. The Iona Community.</p>	<p>10th: Readings: Psalms 34; Joshua 22: 9-end; Luke 12: 22-31.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: South Park Avenue; Downs Road; Wantage Road. Bishop Gavin and all who work at Church House.</p>	<p>11th: Barnabas Readings: Psms 100; 101, 117; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Acts 4:32-end</p> <p>He travelled with and on behalf of St Paul, with a mission to the Gentiles. He was martyred at Salamis in 61</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Newlands Avenue; Larch Drive. St Peter's ministry in the parish.</p>	<p>12th: Readings: Psalm 31; Joshua 24: 1-28; Luke 12: 41-48.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Glebe Rd; Lynnmouth Rd. Our friends in Churches Together in Didcot and District.</p>
<p>13th: Readings: Pss 41, 42, 43; Joshua 24: 29-end; Luke 12: 49-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Craven Way; Hillary Drive; Lockinge Close. Those who keep the church clean and tidy.</p>	<p>14th: Trinity II Readings: Psalm 45; Deuteronomy 10: 12-11: 1; Acts 23: 12-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cullen Place; Hanover Court. Those who prepare the intercessions for Sunday worship</p>	<p>15th: Evelyn Underhill Readings: Psalms 44; Judges 2; Luke 13: 1-9.</p> <p>Underhill was an Anglo- Catholic Spiritual Director and writer on Christian Mysticism.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Clarence Place; Frideswide's Court. Parents teaching their children the faith.</p>	<p>16th: Richard Readings: Psalms 48, 52; Judges 4: 1-23; Luke 13: 10-21.</p> <p>Bishop of Chichester, with a reputation for helping the poor. Also famous for the prayer ascribed to him.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Colbourne Road. Wantage Convent, the former Community of Alton Abbey and the community at Cuddesdon</p>

<p>17th: Readings: Ps 119: 57-80; Judges 5; Luke 13: 22-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Barleyfields; Elbourne. Theological colleges, those preparing for their ordinations.</p>	<p>18th: Readings: Psalm 56, 57; Judges 6: 1-24; Luke 14: 1-11.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Drake Avenue; Collingwood Avenue. St Peter's ministry to those who are planning a wedding.</p>	<p>19th: Readings: Psalm 51, 54; Judges 6: 25-end; Luke 14: 12-24.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Park Road; Park Close. Those sitting exams this term.</p>	<p>20th: Readings: Psalms 17, 19; Job 10; Romans 6: 1-14.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Garden Close; Rutherford Place. Those who raise funds for the ministry of St Peter's.</p>
<p>21st: Trinity III Readings: Psalm 49; Deuteronomy 11: 1-15; Acts 27: 1-12.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Norreys Road; Norreys Close. Our Sunday School leaders.</p>	<p>22nd: Alban Readings: Psalm 71; Judges 8: 22-end; Luke 15: 1-10.</p> <p>The first British martyr; a Roman soldier who sheltered a priest fleeing persecution and was converted to Christianity. When other soldiers came to search for the priest, Alban offered himself in the priest's place.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Meadow Way; Brunel Road. Didcot Barracks.</p>	<p>23rd: Etheldreda Readings: Psalm 73; Judges 9: 1-21; Luke 15: 11-end.</p> <p>Aethelthryth was an Anglo-Saxon princess who, although married to the King of Northumbria, became a nun and founded a convent & monastery at Ely.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Portway; Wheatfields. St Peter's ministry to the housebound and elderly.</p>	<p>24th: John the Baptist Readings: Psalm 50, 149; Malachi 3: 1-6; Luke 3:1-17.</p> <p>The birth of John the Baptist - 6 months before Christmas.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cromwell Drive; St Ann's Court. Those who put together the Church magazine and weekly news-sheets.</p>
<p>25th: Readings: Psalm 78: 1-39; Judges 11: 1-11; Luke 16: 19-end..</p> <p>Prayer intentions: St Hilda's Close; St Hugh's Rise. The Anglican Communion, and the Diocese of Europe.</p>	<p>26th: Readings: Psalm 55 Judges 11: 29-end; Luke 17: 1-10.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Campion Hall Drive; Mansfield Gardens. Didcot Library, those who rely on its services, and its staff.</p>	<p>27th: Cyril Readings: Psalm 76, 79; Judges 12: 1-7; Luke 17: 11-19.</p> <p>Bishop of Alexandria and one of the Church Fathers. He was Bishop during a time when many Christians were expelled from the Church for heresy .</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Stonesfield; Pebble Drive. Didcot Community Hospital, all who use the facilities and who work there.</p>	<p>28th: Patronal Festival Readings: Psalm 50; Deuteronomy 15: 1-11; Acts 27: 33-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Linacre Close; Balliol Drive. Those who provide refreshments for services and events at Church.</p>
<p>29th: Ss Peter & Paul Readings: Psalm 71, 113; Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 11:1-18.</p> <p>Our patron saint. Prayer intentions: Sycamore Way; Willow End. All Christians persecuted for their faith.</p>	<p>30th: Readings: Psalm 89: 1-18; Judges 14; Luke 18: 1-14.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Buckingham Close; Balmoral Road. Those who work maintaining the Church grounds.</p>		

Year's Mind for June

1		14	Dorothy West
2	Violet Walker Diane Evans Maureen Henbest	15	Robert Howse
3	Thomas Hansford Leonard Pratt	16	Jacob Collingbourne William Brewerton Elizabeth Goodall
4	Phillip Lewis Edward Creed Jack Pattinson June Buckel	17	Ernest Bishop Alexander Lamb Victoria Wright Marleen Ellis Dennis Taylor
5	Murdo Fraser Arthur Drewitt	18	Courtney Hooper Robert (Bob) Wilson Fry
6	Sheila Skelton Margaret Sinclair Gwen Hooper	19	George Poole Matthew Creed Valerie Griffiths
7	Edna Head Kathleen Willis	20	Harold Robinson Leonard Pearson David Morgan
8	Ted Goodall Vi Houghton Kenneth Naylor George Courtier Maureen Belcher	21	Florence Huggins Margaret Teague
9	Edith Mitchell Eric Hoskins Molly Fergusson	22	Francisco Mondejar Thomas Fedrick
10		23	Kevin Thomas Samuel Stewart
11	Frank Burton John Francis Ella Ritson	24	William Buckingham Michael Tallett
12	Gordon Buckingham Elsie Hansford Frederick Grimes Joan Johnston	25	Peggy Pease Michael Neary
13	Annie Hill Shirley Beadle	26	William Bishop George McLean Florence Fernback
		27	Albert Williams Robert Jefford
		28	Alfred Burton
		29	Lucy Newman Jacqueline (Jean) West

30 Harold Warburton
Lionel Bushnell
Cyril Culliford
Sylvia Pointer



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'Learn, Laugh, Live!' if you are retired or semi retired why not consider meeting up with like minded individuals and enjoy a healthy, convivial walk or learn to play an instrument, exchange horticultural ideas in a gardening group, or try one of the Wine Appreciation groups, then consider joining the **Didcot & District U3A** with over **30 Interest Groups** (full details can be found on **Didcot.u3a site.uk**) there must be something for **You ?!**

New members are always warmly welcomed to join (first visit is 'free to see') and chat over tea and biscuits at the monthly meetings are held on the **third Tuesday of every month** for this nationwide self-help teaching and learning organisation in the **Didcot Civic Hall, meetings start 2:30 pm.**

Meetings during the Summer months include;

May 19th AGM plus **Emma Teasdale**, who will be raising the awareness of domestic abuse by reducing the risk.

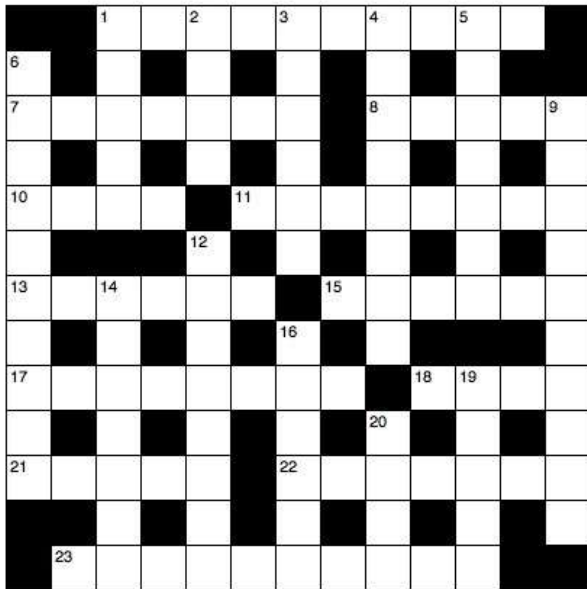
June 16th An ABC of Victorian painters from **Simon Evers**.

July 21st A is for Arsenic (poisons used in Agatha Christie novels) by Dr Kathryn Harkup

August 18th - The Flanders and Swan story - James Mitchell and James Williams

Don't delay, more information for those wishing to **'Learn, Laugh, Live!'** head over to **Didcot.u3asite.uk**

June Crossword



Down

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10)
- 12 Put in jail (Acts 22:19) (8)
- 14 Aceturn (anag.) (7)
- 16 Discharge (Acts 21:3) (6)
- 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!' (Revelation 19:7) (4)

Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (4)
- 11 Fraud (2 Corinthians 6:8) (8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis 26:25) (4)
- 21 'As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22 Or I live (anag.) (7)
- 23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans 13:4) (10)

Church Calendar for June 2026

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS MONTH

Wednesday 3 *Martyrs of Uganda*
10.00AM-Wednesday Church

Thursday 4 *Barnabas the Apostle*
9.30am—Said Mass

Saturday 6
Wedding

Sunday 7 *Trinity 1*
10.00am-Parish Mass

Monday 8 *Thomas Ken*
9:15AM- Pebbles Baby Church

Thursday 11 *Barnabas the Apostle*
10.00am—Said Mass

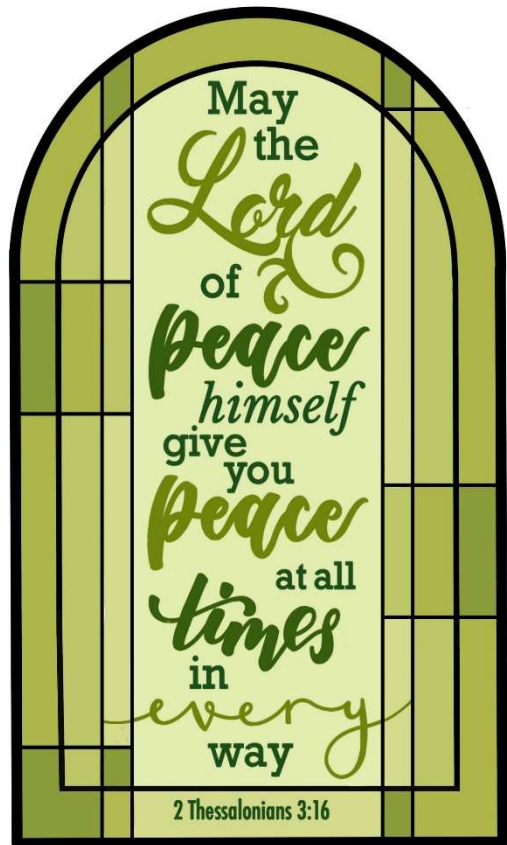
Sunday 14 *Trinity 11*
10.00am—Parish Mass

Thursday 18 *Bernard Mizeki*
10.00am —Said Mass

Sunday 21 *Trinity 111*
10.00am—Parish Mass

Thursday 25
10.00am —Said Mass

Sunday 28 **PATRONAL FESTIVAL**
10.00am—Parish Mass



ONLINE SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS MONTH

Monday - Thursday & Saturday
9.00AM Morning Prayer

Sunday
10.00AM - Parish Mass—live
streamed from church



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