

# Welcome

To the Benefice of Epperstone, Gonalston, Oxton & 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 7<sup>th</sup> June

8 am Holy Communion Woodborough  
10 am The Ark Woodborough

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June

11 am Holy Communion Oxton  
6 pm Compline Woodborough

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

12 noon Holy Communion Woodborough  
& shared lunch

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June

9.30am Holy Communion Epperstone  
11 am Open Air Service Gonalston

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June

10 am Holy Communion Woodborough  
11 am All Age Service Oxton

## Home Communion

Do you know someone who would appreciate receiving communion in their own home?

Please contact the office and we can organise this: 07951 143162

[office.egowbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:office.egowbenefice@gmail.com)



## THE ARK ON SUNDAY



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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month  
10 am

St Swithun's Woodborough

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Everyone welcome

For further information contact  
Annie Hill  
07890 776809



Oxton Village Hall

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
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 10<sup>th</sup> June  
9:30 - 11am

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June  
9.30 - 11am

Contact Annie for more details  
07890 776809

## Coffee Drop In at Oxton Church



Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June  
10.00 - 11.30am

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

## WOODBOROUGH COFFEE DROP IN

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month  
10am-12pm



**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**



## GONALSTON OPEN GARDENS



Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June

1 - 5pm

Information & Tickets  
[www.gonalston.com](http://www.gonalston.com)

## READY TEDDY JUMP!

Teddy Bear Parachute Jump  
Followed by Tea & Praise



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Oxton Church

2.30pm Registration & Jump  
3.30pm Tea and Awards Ceremony  
4pm Short Praise Service

**Open to ALL AGES!**

Registration forms at the back of Oxton  
Church from 1<sup>st</sup> July - £1 entry

## CHOIR PRACTICE



Holy Cross Church Epperstone  
Wednesday evenings 7.30pm

Contact Geoff on 07447 127335  
or email at [thcniel@outlook.com](mailto:thcniel@outlook.com)

## Church Contacts

### Administrator & Safeguarding

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### Children & Families worker

Annie Hill 07890 776809

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### Churchwardens

#### Epperstone

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#### Gonalston

Neil Allen 07976 844261

Liell Francklin 07870 555712

#### Oxton

Mike Newell 07850 965221

Helen Lees 07866 364102

#### Woodborough

Ray Goddard 07961 755457

#### Facebook

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](mailto: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](mailto:office.egowbenefice@gmail.com)

### HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY

**ST ANN'S FOOD BANK**



**We are collecting for St Ann's food bank, who are desperately in need of tinned and dried food and toiletries. Please leave any donations in the trolley in Woodborough Church porch or 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 Woodborough Church, please scan this QR code to be taken to our giving site.



Thank you for your kind donation

## Epperstone, Gonalston, Oxton & Woodborough

### Benefice June 2026



Dear friends,

There is something very unique about walking through the doors of a church. We leave behind the noise, pressure, uncertainty, and the endless demands of life, and inside, there is often a sense that we have entered a different space altogether. A sacred space where hearts can slow down and our souls can breathe again.

Church buildings are not simply bricks, stone, wood, and glass. They are places that have for centuries been soaked in prayer. For generations people have come through the doors bringing their grief, their joys; fears, gratitude, confusion, and hopes. The prayers whispered over centuries seem almost to linger in the walls themselves. Maybe you too have felt that special peace as you step inside, and especially when the church is empty and silent. We are blessed to be able to open three of our churches each day and will continue to enable that.

Jesus himself said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Perhaps that invitation is felt most the moment we open the church door. We do not need to have polished prayers. We simply come as we are. Sometimes the greatest prayer is simply sitting quietly in God's presence, allowing the stillness to bless us.

Our churches are always here as a place of welcome, prayer, and peace. Whether you come to a service or an event, or to sit in silence, or simply to pause for a few moments in a busy day; everyone is always welcome.

Blessings,

The staff team.