

July Diary

July 6th & 27th

NHS Blood Donation in the Hall and Hervey Room all day

July 7th

12.30pm Funeral of Eileen Fox followed by refreshments in the Hall

July 9th

2pm Bible Book Group

July 11th

10.30am Prayer Partners Coffee Morning in the Hervey Room

July 14th

2pm Tea@2 in the Hervey Room

July 15th

7pm Standing Committee Meeting at The Rectory

July 16th

2pm WFPS Leavers' Service in Church

July 20th Mothers' Union Deanery Afternoon Tea at the Bell Plantation

7.30pm WFGS in the Hall

July 22nd

2.15pm Songs of Praise at St John's

Every Wednesday in term time – 1.30pm Tiny Tots

Every Thursday –

9am Morning Prayer on Facebook

11am Holy Communion at St John's

7pm Choir Practice – term time only (6.30pm for school age choristers)

1st & 3rd Sundays in term time –

6.30pm Youth Café for Years 6-8 at the Church Hall & Youth Life for Years 9 and above at The Rectory (July 5th & 19th this month).

Date	Time	Service	Readings
1 st July	10am	Holy Communion	Amos 5. 14-15,21-24 Matthew 8. 28-end
5 th July Trinity 5	8am	Holy Communion	Romans 7. 15-25a Matthew 11. 16-19, 25-end
	10am	Holy Communion	1 Peter 2. 4-6, 9-10 Luke 4. 14-19
6 th July	4pm	Peter's Praise	
	7pm	Evening Prayer	
8 th July	10am	Holy Communion	Hosea 10. 1-3,7-8,12 Matthew 10. 1-7
12 th July Trinity 6	8am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 55. 10-13
	10am	Holy Communion	Matthew 13.1-9,18-23
	4pm	Peter's Praise	
	6pm	Choral Evensong	Psalms 60. 2 Samuel 7. 18-end. Luke 19.41-20.8
13 th July	7pm	Evening Prayer	
15 th July	10am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 10. 5-7, 13-16 Matthew 11. 25-27
19 th July Trinity 7 MU Celebration	8am	Holy Communion	Romans 8. 12-25
	10am	Holy Communion	Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43
	4pm	Peter's Praise	
20 th July	7pm	Evening Prayer	
22 nd July	10am	Holy Communion	2 Corinthians 5. 14-17 John 20. 1-2, 11-18
26 th July Trinity 8 29 th June	8am	Holy Communion	Romans 8. 26-end
	10am	Holy Communion	Matthew 13. 31-33,44-52
	4pm	Wild Worship	
27 th July	7pm	Evening Prayer	
29 th July	10am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 25. 6-9. John 12. 1-8

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search 'St Peter's, Weston Favell'

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If you are interested in joining a Life
Group, contact Wendy Wheeler,
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Welcome to our July Newsletter!

Dear Friends

As I write, June is passing in a whirlwind of activity. So many special services and events! Huge thanks are owed to all who have been part of special events like the Eden Project Picnic, our stewardship Sunday, the confirmation service and Revd Hilary's first presiding. July arrives with equal excitement, as we celebrate with Canon Michael the golden jubilee of his ordination as priest.

This month we also have some grateful thanks to share as we say farewell to some colleagues from our church school. Every July we share in a Leavers' Service to send our year 6's off in style. This year we also have to part professionally (though hopefully not in friendship) from some of the staff too. Head teacher Sarah Heslop wrote in a letter to parents:

Mrs Rich has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher at Stanton Cross Primary School from September 2026. For 18 years, Mrs Rich's contribution to the life and success of our school has been significant. She has been an exceptionally knowledgeable and supportive SENCO, a passionate leader of music, and a highly valued member of our senior leadership team. While we will be very sorry to see Mrs Rich leave, we are equally delighted for her as she takes this exciting next step in her career.

Mrs Rands has taken the decision to retire at the end of this academic year. Since joining WFPS in 2002(!) Mrs Rands has been a much-loved and highly respected teacher. We are especially grateful for her exemplary teaching of

Religious Education and her leadership of the distinctively Christian ethos of our school, which she has nurtured with great passion and conviction. We wish Mrs Rands every happiness in her retirement.

We will also be saying goodbye to another much-loved colleague, Mrs Foreman, who is retiring after an incredible 33 years of service at WFPS. Over the years, Mrs Foreman has cared for and supported generations of children, and her kindness and warmth will be fondly remembered by so many members of our school community.

Miss Johnson, who has taught at WFPS for the past five years, will also be leaving us to join a school closer to her home. We thank Miss Johnson for her commitment to the children, as well as her strong leadership of the art curriculum. We wish Miss Johnson every success and happiness in her next role.

And of course, Mrs Heslop herself is leaving as she retires. She has served the school for 22 years, with a break to go to Rectory Farm School as head teacher, and she saw the school through as successful an OFSTED inspection as is possible last year. Mrs Heslop suggested our Shakespeare Project.

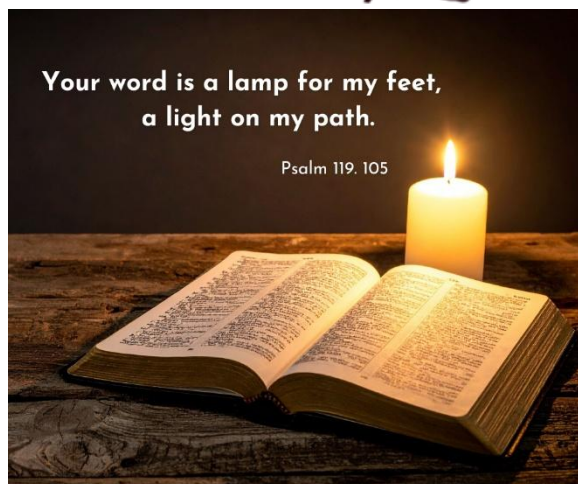
Please pray for all these wonderful colleagues, and for the new ones who we look forward to getting to know in September, especially Louise Cook, our new head teacher.

I'll be taking some much needed retreat time later this month, from July 27th until August 1st. As ever, when I am away you are still very much supported by the other members of the ministry team.

Blessings

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Beverley". The script is cursive and fluid, with a large, stylized 'B' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.

Bible verse of the month



Psalm 119.105

Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

Right at the centre of the Bible in the midst of its longest chapter are these beautiful words. They point us to the essential part that the scriptures play in our lives, a source of wisdom and guidance, a place where we encounter the LORD and allow ourselves to be transformed by him. This verse also points us to Jesus, the word of God, the light of the world. Perhaps St John had this verse in mind when he connected the word who was God in creation to light shining in our lives. As you pray with this verse, consider how Jesus and the scriptures shed light into your life, and ask God to help you to carry that light to others.

Pastoral Concern? If you or someone you know need support, or communion at home or in hospital, please call Sue or Canon Beverley

Anna Chaplain and Lay Pastors' Coordinator
Sue Pinington, 07710 774990



ECO TIPS FOR JULY:

It's Plastic Free July and this year we're thinking about laundry, a top source of microplastic pollution. Fibres from synthetic clothes (polyester, nylon, and acrylic for example) shed tiny fibres during washing and drying. These enter the sewage systems and are hard to filter out. Use a microfibre bag or ball to catch the fibres.

**CHOOSE
TO REFUSE
SINGLE-USE PLASTIC
PLASTICFREEJULY.ORG**

Learn more about reducing plastic pollution in the laundry process at plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/plastic-free-laundry/ and more about this year's campaign at plasticfreejuly.org.



Can you make a donation to St Peter's?
Use your smartphone camera to connect using this QR code, or contact the office for more information.

Safeguarding

Everybody has the right to be safe from harm. If you or someone you know might not be safe, call Joy or Canon Beverley

Parish Safeguarding Officer
Joy Matsell,
07906 378617



Saturday 29th August
St Peter's Church and Church Hall
Show open 2-4 pm
Auction of produce at end



Fruit and vegetables, plants and flowers, cookery, handicrafts, photography and children's classes

See details, schedule and entry form on:
www.westonfavellgardensociety.com
www.westonfavellallotments.co.uk
www.wfvrassoc.co.uk

Entry forms (and photos) to be handed in by Sunday 23rd August

Enquiries to Sue Wray 07704358700, susanmwrap@aol.com

Any profit made after costs have been met will be donated this year to The Lewis Foundation who source, package and hand deliver free gifts and support packages to cancer patients.

Tips for showing fruit and vegetables available online on allotments website above and in allotment summer house.

VILLAGE SHOW 2026

Our next Village Show is coming up on Saturday 29th August and I do hope many of you are thinking of entering as well as visiting.

We have many craft classes, some new classes for the Plants and Flower classes which hopefully will embrace what is in flower in August! And some interesting and inviting flower arrangement classes.

Baking classes are much the same, but no men only class this year. Preserves too, but with chutney and any pickled vegetables added.

Children's classes are slightly different, using either recycled or natural materials as well as the usual classes.

All your children and grandchildren are eligible **because** they are your family.

Photography has new, interesting classes, this year, and of course our usual Weston Favell Garden Society, Members only, class, for a begonia.

Please do consider entering, I have heard so many comments over the years saying, I can do better than that! Well please do enter and see.

We will have our usual tombola, please let me know if you have any items to contribute, and our usual delicious tea/coffee and cakes depending on your usual wonderful baking contributions, again please let me know asap if you will be able to donate your usual wonderful creations.

Our chosen charity this year is the Lewis Foundation who provide comforts for cancer sufferers. We will be having a spokesperson for this charity at the Residents August coffee morning who can explain more.

Entry forms are available online, on three sites, Residents, Garden Society and Allotments Ass. but please deliver a hard copy to me at 33, Ridgeway, or the North Porch of the church by the Sunday before the show, Sunday 23rd August.

Please stay for the Auction of Produce, straight after the show, there are some wonderful bargains of home-produced food and other items to be purchased at bargain prices, which all contribute to the charity we have chosen.

Sue Wray, susanmwrap@aol.com

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**On Sunday 12th July at 6pm, we have Choral Evensong.
 Please join us. All are welcome.**



Weston Favell Centre Foodbank
c/o Emmanuel Group of Churches
Weston Favell Centre
Billing Brook Road
Northampton
NN3 8JR
Email: info@westonfavellcentre.foodbank.org.uk

Date: 16th June 2026

St Peter's Church
High St, Weston Favell, Northampton

Dear St Peter's,

Please accept our sincere gratitude for your generous donation of 199.8 kg food donation Jan-May 2026. Because of these food donations, 32 families have been provided with food and reminded that their community cares for them. It is through the efforts of yourselves that we can keep the food bank afloat, especially at this present time when things are difficult for everyone. A huge thank you for your generosity, from all of us at the Weston Favell Centre Food Bank.

Thank you for your kindness,

Weston Favell Centre Foodbank

Thank you!



Reflections from Paul Minton's Placement at St Peter's.

I'm Paul Minton, and you may have seen me in a cream alb at the front of the church in the past few weeks. My home parish is All Saints, Flore, part of the Upper Nene Benefice, and as the final part of my training to become a Reader, I have been on placement with St. Peters to learn more about the practical side of ministry. I am very grateful to Revd Beverley and the whole ministry team for helping and guiding me through this training.

It has been a joy to worship in a church with a choir that uplifts the spirit each Sunday.

It has been interesting, and instructive, to see how a single parish organises a variety of services through Sunday and the week, as opposed to our multi- parish benefice where fitting in services for all 7 churches seems to dominate our programme. I shall move on with some ideas to ponder.

Being a welcoming church is so important for growth, and I can say I received a most warm welcome. Thank you all for your warmth and friendship.

Paul Minton

CONFIRMATION SERVICE – June 21st

The additional ministers in the group photo are Canon Chrys Tremththamor (St Alban's); Liz Roache (St Alban's) and Gail Smith (St George's)



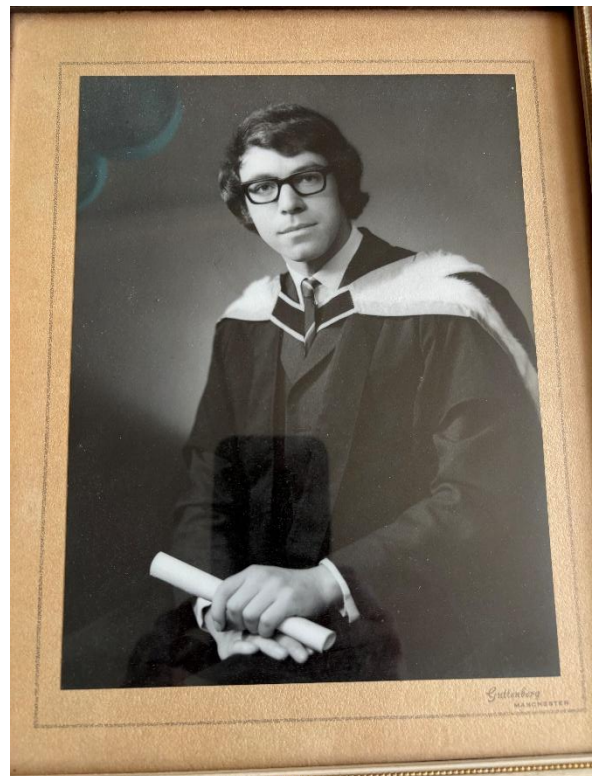
The candidates are from left to right: Gan Thayanithy, Kelvin Nyarko, Willie Dweh, Bishop Ed Condry, Oliver Kelly (St George's Wootton), Janet Kirkland, Amanda Stevenson (St Alban's)



50 Years of Ministry

Fifty years is a long time and I find it difficult to believe I have been a priest for all that time. The ordination service has not changed greatly and I am looking forward to taking part in the ordination of The Rev. Dr. Hilary Halstead on 27th June in Peterborough Cathedral. A week later on 5th July I celebrate my golden jubilee with a service at 10am here at St. Peters led by myself with guest preacher, Bishop Brian Castle.

I was ordained in Southwark Cathedral and started my ministry at Caterham on the edge of south London. It was an interesting parish with two hospitals, one of which was a large mental hospital which had been run before the war by Felicity's grandfather, the head doctor there. I remember the residents singing with great gusto, Sing Hosanna and other choruses. There was also an army barracks. After my ordination my training rector went on holiday saying the parish should be quiet while he was away. Unfortunately the IRA had other ideas and blew up a pub used by the army. I spent time visiting the injured soldiers in Redhill hospital.



Going from a student environment where I had studied for a Masters degree in Theology to working in a parish was demanding, one moment discussing a baptism service, the next talking to the bereaved about a funeral. Thankfully a number of families were very kind inviting me round for meals. On one occasion there was a dreadful squealing noise. Oh that must be Sophie, somebody said. Sophie turned out to be a piglet looked after by the lady next door. A while later I met her daughter, Felicity and this led to romance and our marriage.



We moved to Kidbrooke, a tough parish near Blackheath where I was Priest in Charge of a Daughter church. The local gangster lived a few doors from the vicarage. The church was run by people from a more affluent area. I soon realised the church would never grow unless it had proper local leadership. The diocese agreed and I became the Team Vicar. In those days there were still men around who had served in the First World war. Listening to their stories about the trenches was harrowing stuff. Also hearing from elderly people about the difficulty of affording a doctor before the advent of the National Health Service.

Our two children Rosalind and Justin were born in Kidbrooke. We decided to move out of London and I applied for the post of Vicar of Earls Barton. I was called for interview and had to face 16 people, members of the Diocesan Board of Patronage, sitting round a huge table in the then Archdeacon's house. Thankfully I got the job and spent several years there. Immediately I was faced with the task of helping to raise in today's money, about half a million pounds to repair the Anglo-Saxon church tower, erected around AD970. We were helped by the actor Derek Nimmo, to launch the

appeal and a local shoe boss, William Barker agreed to chair the committee. We raised the money, helped a bit by the Queen Mother, who had visited there just a few months before I was appointed.



The church had been run in a very traditional way by the Rector and his wife. Instead I gradually built up a large lay team of wardens, Readers and Pastoral Assistants; about 14 of us in total which was a good step forward. One feature that still continues was singing carols in the centre of the village on Christmas Eve. Somebody suggested we should try and get permission to close the Square for 40 minutes. We actually got this permission and up to 2,000 people attended these services.

Music has always played an important part in the worship I have led. At Earls Barton we were fortunate to have a large choir and also a Worship Band we used at All Age services.

Wishing to teach the Christian faith, has always been a key aim of my ministry and helping people to see how Jesus can be Lord of our lives. Bishop Bill Westwood got me involved in helping to run the then Board

of Readers and a new training programme was instituted.

Later I was appointed the Rural Dean of Wellingborough and started meetings between faith leaders and local Councillors on social issues helped by the Chief Executive of the Council who lived in Earls Barton.

Later still I was appointed a Canon of Peterborough Cathedral and was asked to represent the diocesan clergy on the Cathedral Council.

In 2009 I became Team Rector of Daventry. I was at the town church which had in those days a very large number of baptisms, weddings and funerals and the Team Vicars in the surrounding villages helped take some of these services. We also met regularly for prayer and discussion. Sadly when I left, the then Bishop, who didn't like team ministries, dissolved it. I have always tried to make the Occasional Offices, Baptisms etc, special for all concerned which has helped some people to start coming to church.

I have always tried to work with other Churches and helped to start two Councils of Churches. In Daventry I worked particularly closely with the Roman Catholic priest, Msr Sean Healy who was also the Vicar General of the Diocese. The big event was a procession of witness on Good Friday, which attracted good numbers from the four churches.

When I retired from full time ministry, I was asked by Bishop Donald to act as one of the Bishop's retirement chaplains liaising with the Pensions Board, which I still do. I also take some services here and in other parishes aiming particularly to support Canon Beverley and others.

Canon Michael Webber

Farewell to Sarah Heslop

For our local schools July is often a time for change. The children in year 6 at Weston Favell Primary School will be moving on to

new secondary schools, and they go with our prayers and best wishes.

But this is also a time of change for the staff at our primary school, and this year we are very sad to be losing five of our long-standing and most loyal members of staff, as outlined by Beverley in her introduction. In fact they probably have given over 90 years of service between them!



We are very sad to be saying good-bye to our Headteacher, Mrs Sarah Heslop. She has been Head for the past 4 years and led us through our outstanding Ofsted inspection in 2025, but her long-standing connection to the school goes back over 20 years including 18 years as Deputy Head. Taking over the role of Head Teacher from Mrs Ramshaw was not an easy task but Sarah has accepted the challenges of the job with a big smile and a "can do" attitude that brings out the best in both children and staff. We shall miss all our retiring colleagues but hope that they can find time in retirement to do some of the things on the "wish list" that have not yet been possible. Thank you to all our school leavers.

Peter Halstead