

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 5th July

8 am Holy Communion Woodborough
10 am The Ark Woodborough

Sunday 12th July

11 am Family Communion Oxton
3.30pm Tea and Praise Oxton
(following Teddy Jump event)

Wednesday 15th July

12 noon Holy Communion Woodborough
& shared lunch

Sunday 19th July

9.30am Holy Communion Epperstone
11 am Holy Communion Gonalston

Sunday 26th July

10 am Holy Communion Woodborough

Sunday 2nd August

8 am Holy Communion Woodborough

Sunday 9th August

11 am Holy Communion Oxton

Sunday 16th August

9.30am Holy Communion Epperstone
11 am Holy Communion Gonalston

Sunday 23rd August

10 am Holy Communion Woodborough

Sunday 30th August

6 pm Compline Woodborough

THE ARK ON SUNDAY



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

**1st Sunday of the month
10 am**

St Swithun's Woodborough

Sunday 5th July

No Ark in August

Everyone welcome

**For further information contact
Annie Hill 07890 776809**



Oxton Village Hall

**Sunday 12th July
10am-11am**

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



**This month with teddy
parachute making!**

**For more information contact
Sandra Hall 0115 9653901**



St. Swithun's, Woodborough

Play Church

Wednesday 15th July

Wednesday 22nd July

9.30 - 11am

**Contact Annie for more details
07890 776809**

Oxton Church Coffee Drop In



**Wednesday 22nd July
Wednesday 26th August**

10.00 - 11.30am

All welcome for a coffee and a chat!

WOODBOROUGH COFFEE DROP IN

10am- 12noon

**Wednesday 1st July
Wednesday 5th August**



Woodborough Church Fellowship

The Institute, Roe Lane

Tuesday 14th July 2-4pm

Simon Mellor

Building my own Houses

All Welcome

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

READY TEDDY JUMP!

**Teddy Bear Parachute Jump
Followed by Tea & Praise**



**Sunday 12th 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 1st July - £1 entry



Holiday Play Sessions

Wednesday 26th August - Woodborough Church

Thursday 27th August - Epperstone Church

**Friday 28th August - Oxton Church
Followed by a picnic in the park!**

All 9.30am - 11am

**For more information please contact
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Church Contacts

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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

HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY ST ANN'S FOOD BANK



Special Appeal:
Boxes of Cereals and Tinned
Food needed urgently!

**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 Gonalston
Church, please scan this QR code to
be taken to our giving site.



Thank you for your kind donation

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Benefice July & August 2026



Dear Friends

As we move through July and August, let us reflect on the powerful words from Psalm 46:10: "Be still, and know that I am God." In a world rushing by, filled with noise and constant demands, these words invite us to pause and centre ourselves on God's presence. Stillness is rarely easy; the bustle of work, family worries, and the unending stream of news often leave little room for quiet. Yet, it is in those moments of quiet that God whispers to our hearts. By allowing ourselves to be still, we make space for God's reassurance, comfort, and guidance.

To "Be still" is more than an instruction; it is a call to trust and surrender. We are invited to let go of our need to control every outcome, placing our fears and plans in His hands. This act of stillness is an expression of faith, a recognition that God is present and active, even when we do not see or understand His ways. The psalm reminds us that knowing Him goes beyond head knowledge or doctrine; in stillness, we discover His unfailing love, His strength in our weakness, and His peace in life's storms. We remember His sovereignty, and that nothing can separate us from His care.

In stillness, our burdens seem smaller. We realise we are not alone, and our lives have meaning anchored in Him. Let us accept the psalmist's invitation, whether in prayer, or in nature, to have a quiet awareness trusting that God is working, loving, and leading us forward. May our prayer be that over these next two months we may all come to know, more deeply, that He is indeed our God and to pray for all taking time to rest and be refreshed. We also pray for all who will be receiving exam results during these months which will shape their decisions for the future. Amen

With every Blessing from The Staff team.