



August Newsletter

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This month many of us, including some of our clergy, take a well-earned rest. While things will be quieter across the benefice, there is still lots going on. August is a great time to pause and take stock. If you need to speak with a member of the clergy, please call 0118 981 6252.

If you are on holiday during August, I hope you have a great time and are able to recharge your batteries. For those parents who were clever enough to book your children into the CTAT Holiday Club, I hope you have a well-deserved rest each day during that week!

Please pray for our families. For children beginning their summer holidays and for parents who are having to adjust their busy lives. We also pray for all our local teachers who will hopefully also get a well-earned break!

At St Paul's Messy Church will take place as usual on 2nd Sunday of the Month (11th August) however RISE won't restart at St Mary's until September. Oaks and Acorns is also taking a summer break. August will end with a 5th Sunday benefice service at Silchester.

This month we welcome Castor Bending who begins their training with us as an Ordinand. Cas will be with us across the benefice two days a week (including Sundays) for practical ministry experience while they complete their studies at Sarum College. I know you will make Cas really welcome, which ever church they find themselves working in.

Whatever you get up to this month, we pray that you are able to rest and we look forward to seeing you at the some of the events detailed in this newsletter.

Events at the end of July...

Monday 27th July to Friday 31st July – Tadley Holiday Club takes place at Tadley Common Methodist Church and St Mary's Tadley.

Groups taking a break...

Youth Group – takes a break for the summer holidays but will meet again on Friday 4th September at St Paul's.

Oaks and Acorns – takes a break until Friday 11th September.

RISE – takes a break but will be back on 20th September.

Events in August...

Every weekend in August from 2pm to 4.45pm – refreshments at St Mary the Virgin, Silchester. The Missions and Charities Group invite everyone to drop into St Mary the Virgin during August to enjoy refreshments and some time in this beautiful church. The refreshments are in aid of St Michael's Hospice and Tadley Food Bank.

Sunday 2nd – our First Sunday services take place, giving some of our talented lay leaders the opportunity to lead our worship. At St Mary's, Tadley we'll be thinking about Rest and Recreation. While at St Paul's, Simon and Sally lead our Café Worship. Holy Communion will take place as usual in the side chapel at St Paul's at 9am. And at Silchester Karen will be leading our service for all ages.

Saturday 8th to Sunday 23rd – Tadley Scarecrow Trail. This year our Youth Group have created an entry which will be displayed outside St Mary's. We don't want to give too much away, but the theme is 'A night at the theatre'. Do go along and see what they have made and support the scarecrow trail, which this year runs over two weeks.

Sunday 9th at 10am – Messy Church. It's holiday time but Messy Church continues with lots of crafts, lots of food, and lots of fun! Messy Church is free. Arrive and leave when you are ready, take part in as much or as little as you like.

Sunday 9th at 5pm – Evening Prayer in St Peter's. Come and soak up the atmosphere and worship in our ancient church.

Monday 10th from 10.30am to midday – St Paul's Morning Get-together. Come and find food and friendship as we share real coffee, cake, games, and chat. This is the first of our two Morning Get-togethers in August. Everyone is very welcome.

Sunday 16th at 10.30am – St Mary's main service of Holy Communion. Please note there is no RISE this month.

Friday 21st from 8am to 10am – St Mary's Breakfast. Join us for a cooked or cold breakfast, with tea and real coffee. This month's breakfast is raising money for Local First Responders. There's a guaranteed warm welcome!

Monday 24th from 10.30am to midday – St Paul's Morning Get-together. This is the second of our Get-togethers in August. There will be lots of real coffee, cake, games, and chat at this morning as well!



Castor Bending

Hello! I am looking forward to beginning my training for ordination this autumn – it has been a long journey: I initially felt called to ordained ministry at the age of 17, and I am now 40! So, it is exciting to be moving on to this next stage and seeing what God has in store.

I grew up in Tadley and attended St Luke's as a child and St Paul's as a teenager. I was a member of Tadley Youth Drama and Christchurch Players Pantomime, and was also involved in other ecumenical projects through my teens. I studied Theology at The University of St Andrews, Scotland, but in my final year I had some serious health struggles. This led me to put my ordination plans aside after graduation, and I 'fell into' a career in IT and web development while I worked on stabilising my chronic health problems.

I moved to Basingstoke and was a part of the Community Church for a while before moving to All Saints' Church where I have been for the last ten years. While at All Saints', I have been preaching, part of the welcome, pastoral and prayer teams, leading a small group and on the PCC and Deanery Synod.

I still live in Basingstoke with my two cats, Ruben and Luna. In my free time, I love playing Dungeons and Dragons or board games with friends, video gaming and visiting National Trust places. I dabble with arts and crafts now and then, and enjoy journalling.

I will be training with Sarum College, Salisbury, and working in placement across Tadley Benefice for two days a week. It's great to be 'back' in Tadley, and I am very much looking forward to getting to know you all!



Mission & Charities Group

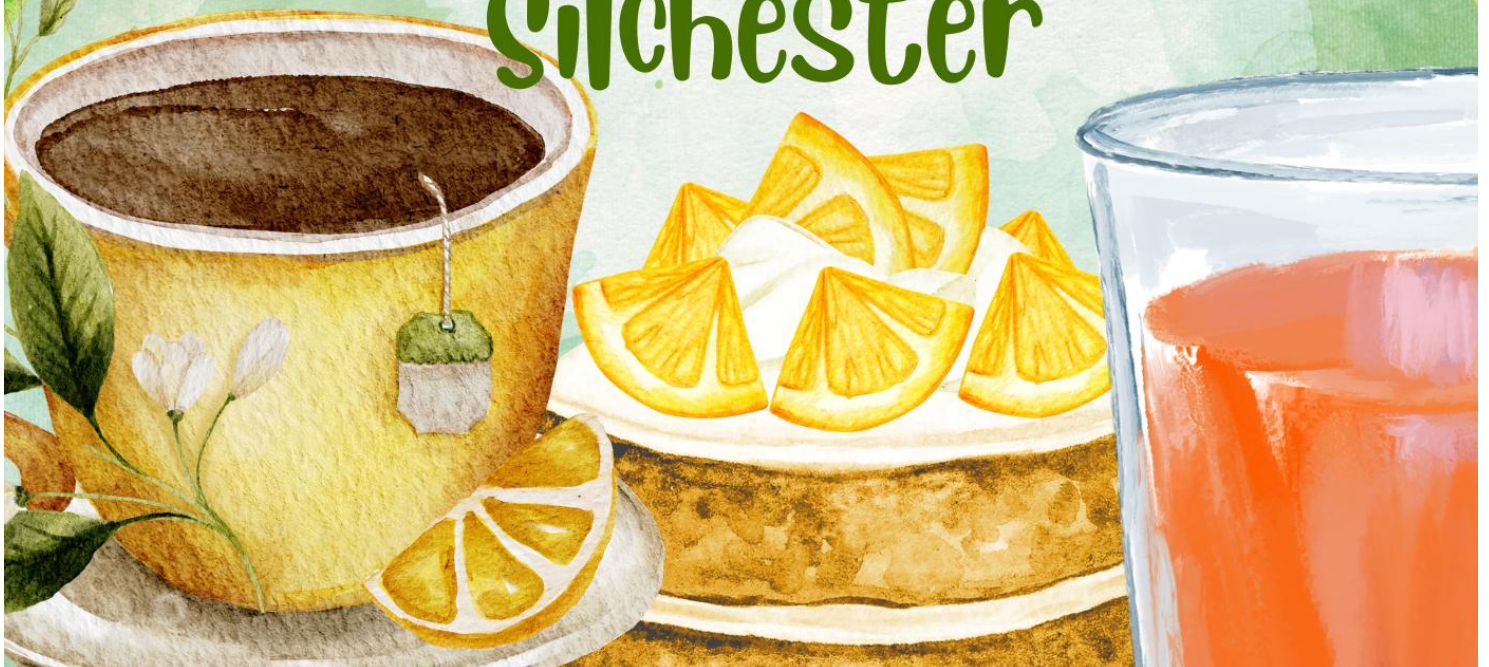
Join us for...

Refreshments

Every weekend in August

2pm to 4.45pm

St Mary the Virgin
Silchester



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SILCHESTER COUNTRY Fayre

Silchester Playing Field

RG7 2NJ

CRAFTS
TOMBOLA
TEA TENT
& LOTS MORE!

SATURDAY **5** SEPTEMBER

12pm - 4pm



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St Mary the Virgin, Silchester

Invite you to an afternoon of

Praise Pitch & Pastries!

An afternoon of worship, rounders, tea, & cake!

Sunday 6th September

Tea @ 3pm / Rounders @ 4pm / Worship @ 5pm
Silchester Playing Field, RG7 2NJ

**Bring a picnic tea, a rounders team,
and voices for worship!**

Please contact Revd Karen at revkarenw24@gmail.com
or on 07525 494025 for any queries
and to register a team.

Wednesday 26th at 11.30am – Pamber Heath Mission Group meets at St Luke's.

Thursday 27th at 4pm – Prayer Group Let's Pray! meets at St Mary's, Tadley.
An opportunity to meet and pray for our world, our communities, our friends, our families, ourselves. Everyone welcome. (Please note, this is a later start time than usual.)

Saturday 29th from midday – Pub Gathering at the Pelican, Pamber Heath.
A chance to meet with others for either a drink or lunch and to share time together. Why not bring a friend? Company free, drinks and lunch to be paid for.

Sunday 30th at 10am – Our Church Families join together for our 5th Sunday Benefice Service. The service will be at St Mary the Virgin, Silchester, and will be led by Revd Karen and Revd Steve. We will be thinking about pilgrimages. Come along and hear about some personal journeys and pilgrimages undertaken by some of our church family. You are very welcome to join us at 9am at Silchester Village Hall as we make a pilgrimage walk to the church.

Vocations focus of the month

Each month we will focus on a vocation in our churches. This month we pray for those who provide hospitality. While hospitality is a key lever to church growth it is also what Jesus modelled in his ministry. We give thanks to all those who welcome us, provide tea, coffee, cake, and of course delicious breakfasts! We give thanks for their ministry. If you would like to find out more about joining a coffee rota or helping with breakfasts please speak with Steve or any of the clergy.

Looking ahead to September

Saturday 5th September from 11am – Silchester Village Fayre

Sunday 6th September from 3am – Rounders, picnic tea, and evening worship on the Green in Silchester.

Sunday 13th September – Battle of Britain Commemoration service at St Mary's, Messy Church at St Paul's, and Centenary Songs of Praise in Silchester Village Hall.

Other regular events and home groups...

Mondays	Christian Meditation Group in Silchester
Tuesday	St Paul's Gardeners meet
	Prayer Group meets online at 7.15pm
Wednesday	St Mary's café from 8.30am
	Wednesday Weeders meet at St Mary's
	Living Word online homegroup meets
Thursdays	Home Group meets at 7.30pm in Tadley
	Coffee Morning at St Luke's from 10am to 11.30am
Fridays	Tadley Men's Shed meets at St Mary's
	Home Group meets in Pamber Heath

Worship this Month in our Churches

Date:	Services at St Paul's, Tadley – RG26 3PB
Sun 2 nd	9am Holy Communion in the Side Chapel (Rob) 10am Church on the Green Café Worship (Simon and Sally)
Sun 9 th	10am Messy Church (Elizabeth & the Messy Church Team)
Sun 16 th	9am Holy Communion in the Side Chapel (Rob) 10am Morning Worship (Rob)
Sun 23 rd	9am LEGO Church (Steve and the LEGO Church Team) 10am Church on the Green All Age Communion (Steve)

Date:	Services at St Luke's, Pamber Heath – RG26 3DX
Wed 5 th	10am Midweek Morning Prayer (Linda)
Wed 12 th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Myles)
Sun 16 th	11am Holy Communion (Cathy and Linda)
Wed 19 th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Cathy)
Wed 26 th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Cathy)

Date:	Services at St. Marys, Tadley – RG26 4HQ
Sun 2 nd	10.30am Morning Worship (Chris Burge, Pauline and Lay Team)
Wed 5 th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Chris and Rhoda)
Sun 9 th	10.30am Holy Communion (Linda)
Wed 12 th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Karen and Paddy)
Sun 16 th	10.30am Holy Communion (Cathy)
Wed 19 th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Steve and Charles)
Sun 23 rd	10.30am Holy Communion (Karen and Charles)
Wed 26 th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Steve and Charles)

Date:	Services at St Mary the Virgin, Silchester – RG7 2HH
Sun 2 nd	8am BCP Holy Communion (Karen) 10am Holy Communion for All Ages (Karen)
Sun 9 th	10am Holy Communion (Karen)
Sun 16 th	10am Morning Worship (Colin)
Sun 23 rd	10am Holy Communion (Cathy)
Sun 30 th	10am Benefice Holy Communion – Pilgrimage (Steve and Karen)

Date:	Services at St Peter's, Tadley – RG26 3AX
Sun 9 th	5pm Benefice Evening Community – Evening Prayer (Colin)

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