

Pew Sheet for 12th July 2026

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Saturday 11th July

10.00 – 11.30am Churches Together Coffee Morning (with cake) at Hinton Methodist Chapel supporting Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability
2pm Wedding at Boddington William and Jeanette

Sunday 12th July

9.30am Holy Communion at Eydon
10.00am Morning Prayer at Boddington
11.00am Common Worship Communion at Aston Le Walls
11.00am Café Church at Byfield
1pm Barbecue at Rectory

Wednesday 15th July

9.45am Holy Communion at Byfield
11.45am Prayer Group Woodford Halse

Thursday 16th July

11.15am School Leavers Woodford Halse
2.30pm School Leavers Boddington

Saturday 18th July

3-5pm Tea & cakes in Byfield churchyard under shade (inside if wet)

Sunday 19th July

9.30am BCP Communion at Aston le Walls
10.00am Family Service at Eydon
11.00am Holy Communion at Woodford Halse. Baptism of Arthur



Saturday July 18th 3-5pm Alfresco Teas

with cake outside Byfield church under shade or inside if wet or too hot.

On Sunday James, Bea, David and I would like to invite people from across the benefice to join us at 1pm at the Rectory for a BBQ. This will be the third year that we have organised a summer BBQ and in previous years it has provided a good opportunity for people from across the benefice to meet together, to chat to old friends and maybe make some new ones. Unfortunately, in previous years the weather has not been particularly kind to us and last year was as memorable for the torrential downpour as it was for the warm and friendly atmosphere. So far this year's weather forecast is looking more promising but rain or shine it would be good to welcome you for food and friendship.

We sometimes talk about the church as being a bit like a family, but it is easy to somehow separate off going to church on Sundays from the rest of our daily lives. According to the book of Acts the earliest Christians spent a lot of time together, meeting in private houses where they would eat together as a community and support one another as friends as well as pray together and worship God. I hope that the BBQ on Sunday gives us a chance to spend time eating together as the family of God in this benefice and supporting one another in friendship after we have prayed together and worshipped in church.

Everyone is welcome but please could you let me know if you are planning on coming and if you have any allergies or special dietary requirements so that James and I can make sure that suitable food is available. We look forward to seeing you there.

Every blessing

Clare

Bishop Alex will be coming to Woodford on 18th October for a confirmation service. This will be one of his first commitments in the diocese after being installed as Bishop of Brixworth towards the end of September. If there is anyone from across the benefice who is not confirmed and who would like to join Chris and Colin from Woodford in publicly affirming their faith at this service, please speak to Clare for more information.

Sunday 12 July 2026 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our
understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above
all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Or **Genesis 25:19-end**

PSALM Psalm 65 [or 65:8-end]

R Be joyful in God, all the earth.

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away. **R**

Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of
your house, even of your holy temple.
With wonders you will answer us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas. **R**

In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might.
You still the raging of the seas,
the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing
your praise. **R**

[You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out
the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and
bless its increase. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
May the pastures of the wilderness flow
with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.
May the meadows be clothed with flocks
of sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.] **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you,

though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

