

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 6th September

8 am Holy Communion Woodborough
10 am The Ark Woodborough

Sunday 13th September

11 am Holy Communion Oxton
6 pm Choral Evensong Epperstone

Wednesday 16th September

12 noon Holy Communion Woodborough
& shared lunch

Sunday 20th September

9.30 am Holy Communion Epperstone
11 am Holy Communion Gonalston

Sunday 27th September

10 am Holy Communion Woodborough
11 am All Age Worship 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

THE ARK ON SUNDAY



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

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

St Swithun's Woodborough

Sunday 6th September

Sunday 4th October

Everyone welcome

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



Oxton Village Hall

**Sunday 13th September
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 9th September
Wednesday 23rd September**

9.30 - 11am

**Contact Annie for more details
07890 776809**

Oxton Church Coffee Drop In



All welcome for a coffee and a chat!

**Wednesday
23rd September**

10.00 - 11.30am

**WOODBOROUGH
COFFEE DROP IN**

10am- 12noon

**Wednesday 2nd September
Wednesday 7th October**



Woodborough Church Fellowship

The Institute, Roe Lane

Tuesday 8th September 2-4pm

Jill Hicking

Plants from the Bible

All Welcome



CHORAL EVENSONG

**Holy Cross Church
Epperstone**

Sunday 13th September, 6pm

Bringing Choral Music into the Community
in a special service
to mark our Patronal Festival

Followed by Wine and Refreshments

This is a free event, generously sponsored by
The Choral Evensong Trust
www.choralevensongtrust.org/uk



*Six In-depth Studies
Connecting the Bible to Life*

Fortnightly on Thursdays
24th September,
8th, 22nd October
5th, 19th November
3rd December

7.15pm for 7.30-9pm

**St Swithun's Church,
Woodborough**

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Benefice Churches of Epperstone
Gonalston Oxton Woodborough

Woodborough Woods School

recently had its inspection as a Church of England School. The inspector's report praised the school's many strengths including that the school's vision of growing together, following Jesus' example to "love your neighbour as you love yourself" shaped a culture where all flourish, relationships are warm and respectful and there is a nurturing environment where all care deeply for one another, behave well and show genuine kindness. The quality of RE was also noted as enabling people to deepen their understanding. Well done Woodborough Woods and thanks to Annie for all she does.

ST ANN'S FOOD BANK

HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY

Please leave any donations of tinned
& dried foods in 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 Oxton Church, please scan this QR code to be taken to our giving site.



Thank you for your kind donation

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

safeguarding.egowbenefice@gmail.com

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Benefice September 2026



'My friends, be patient until the Lord returns. Think of farmers who wait patiently for the spring and summer rains to make their valuable crops grow. Be patient like those farmers and don't give up.'

[James 5: 7-8]

September is here again...where does the time go?

As Autumn approaches we begin to prepare for our Harvest Festivals in our churches. There have been many times when we have held our services in September, and the farmers haven't managed to complete the harvesting of their crops. This year has proved to be very different! As I write at the beginning of August, across our benefice most of the wheat is done, and almost all the barley has been harvested.

The summer has been very hot and dry which poses problems for farmers and gardeners alike... the yields are not so good! We only have to look at our lawns and grass areas around us to realise that we are in a drought. Farmers rely on grass for fodder both for grazing in the fields and for hay for winter feed. Many have taken one cut for hay, but a second cut isn't looking very promising at the moment. The grain crops may be safely in the barn now, but working in the fields comes to a standstill as it is too dry to consider preparing the fields for sowing crops again.

Prices of fruit, vegetables, bread etc. are all seen to be increasing on our weekly shopping bills... the climate change is having an effect on both producer parched and consumer.

Gracious God, we lift our lands to you. We pray for farmers who have been working under the hot sun with dry soil, and for consumers facing rising costs and scarce food. Send healing rain to the earth and teach us all to share our resources with care and fairness. AMEN