

OAK HILL GROUP OF PARISHES

(Alderton, Gt. Washbourne,
Dumbleton & Wormington)

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Great win – well done Dumbleton

Dear Friends

With summer now settled in and around us, there is a noticeable softening of pace in our parishes. The days stretch out, the gardens filled with colour, although with the lack of rain, lawns look rather brown! Summer has a way of reminding us that rest is not a luxury but a gift – one God encourages us to receive with open hands.

This time of year, also brings its own shared rituals. We've watched Wimbledon with its comforting traditions: the quiet before a serve, the collective intake of breath during a long rally, and of course the strawberries and cream. The finals of the FIFA World Cup certainly gave us moments of national excitement – times when we gathered in living rooms, pubs and community halls to cheer, hope and occasionally groan together! The cricket season has now unfolded with the 'T20' 'The Hundred,' and we have the Commonwealth games on TV as I type.

These sporting moments, whether triumphant or tense, remind us how deeply we value being part of something larger than ourselves. They draw us into community, into shared emotion, into the simple of joy of being together.

Scripture often uses the imagery of summer – growth, ripening, gathering – to speak of God's quiet work in us. Recently in our weekly scripture readings, Jesus tells stories of seeds taking root and harvest coming in their season. These images reassure us that God is present not only in the dramatic moments of life but also in the slow, steady unfolding of ordinary days.

So perhaps this summer, amid the matches, the holidays and the gentle hum of parish life, we might allow ourselves to be more attentive to the beauty around us, to the people who cross our path, and to the still, small voice of God. Rest is not idleness; it is an act of trust; when we pause, we make space for gratitude, healing and parish life.

Whatever your plans – whether you're travelling, tending the garden, watching sport or simply enjoying the long evenings – I pray that this season brings you peace, refreshment, and a renewed awareness of God's enduring love.

'The Lord's my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters,
He restores my soul.' [Psalm 23 vs 1-3]

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable time as we journey through the rest of the summer. Julia x

ALDERTON

Summer Fair: For the second year in recent times, we had a lovely sunny day for the Fair and it was good that it wasn't quite so hot! I would like to **THANK ALL** the people who helped in many different ways - the people who made cakes, the stall holders, drinks makers, people putting up gazebos and people carrying tables and chairs back and forth from the village hall - all very much appreciated. And a big thank you to everyone who came to support the afternoon - you are appreciated too! And because of this, we have raised £1,898.90 for Church funds which will be put towards the Church running costs and general maintenance.

North Cotswold Foodbank: As many of you know, there used to be a Foodbank collection box in the Alderton shop and any donations have always been very gratefully received. Hopefully this will continue with the new owner but in the meantime a collection box will be available in Alderton Church if you would still like to donate. The central Foodbank store, which is located in Guiting Power, serves seven different outlets in the North Cotswold area. These are in Winchcombe, Bishops Cleeve, Stow on the Wold, Moreton in Marsh, Bourton on the Water and Chipping Campden. The latest list of required items is always available on the website, under donate, along with information about how they help local people in crisis. <https://northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk> The donations will be collected as before and taken to the store.

Armed Forces Service: this was lovely informal service where people enjoyed hearing a personal testimony from a young RAF member and a young Royal Navy recruit, together with a description of life in the army from a young soldier. A collection was made for the Armed Forces charity, the SSAFA and £124.20 was raised.

Alderton Bells: On September 9th, there will be a visiting team of bellringers who will be ringing from 10.15am - more bells for you to enjoy!

GREAT WASHBOURNE

Just to say a huge '**THANK YOU**' to all who contribute to the upkeep of the church and churchyard, including locking/unlocking, cleaning, flower arranging and mowing, your help is much appreciated and is very much reflected in the presentation of St Mary's as a warm, welcoming and safe space for all who visit.

Some dates for your diaries. **Harvest Lunch September 20th**, and the **Family Quiz on November 14th**. More details to follow.

DUMBLETON

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the Pig Roast on the 27th June. The weather was kind and we able to sit in a lovely garden and enjoy the food. Thanks to all who provided food, raffle prizes and help on the day. A special thank you to Sue and Fred Invine for use of their wonderful garden. We raised an amazing total of £1,700 for church funds.

Please note the Service in **Sunday 16th August is Choral Evensong at 6.00pm** and is replacing the 10.30am Service

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5th "ST PETER'S CHURCH GIFT DAY with TEAS ON THE GREEN" 3-5pm. This is the annual event where we ask the Village for donations in aid of St Peter's Church Funds. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy tea (or coffee) and delicious cakes sitting on the green by the church. It is always a friendly social afternoon enjoyed by all.

Please come and help us to raise the much-needed funds towards the upkeep of our beautiful church. We would like to invite you to help decorate the church for this occasion by putting a small arrangement of flowers in a teapot or similar container in church at a spot to suit you by Saturday morning.

The **Kenelm Singers Concert** at the end of September with more details next month.

AND YET another date for your Diary! **SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER. 'HARVEST SUPPER' at the VILLAGE CLUB.** More details nearer the time.

WORMINGTON

Auction of Promises with "Champagne, Wine & Canapes" – **Saturday 22nd August 6pm** by kind invitation at Mathew Rose's, 1 Wormington Farm Cottages (in marquee if wet) £12.50 a head to include a drink and canapes.

Organised by the Wormington Village Society & Wormington PCC – proceeds to WVS and St Katharine's Church. Please contact WVS or Angela Piercy for more details: wormingtonvillagesociety@gmail.com angela.piercy@hotmail.co.uk

Café Church Sunday 30th August – Theme "Food for thought" 5pm all welcome. Feast dishes served. Collection to North Cotswold Food Bank (canned and dried food donations also welcome)

SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2026

Lectionary Year A

If you wish to receive personal prayer for yourself or a family member/friend after the Service, please speak to Julia

2 nd August 1 st Sunday [Proper 13] T9 Green	9.00am GREAT WASHBOURNE HC CW	10.30am DUMBLETON HC WITH BAPTISM READINGS TBA	Isaiah 55.1-5 Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14.13-21
9 th August 2 nd Sunday [Proper 14] T10 Green	9.00am WORMINGTON HC CW	10.30am ALDERTON HC CW	1 Kings 19.9-18 Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33
16 th August 3 rd Sunday [Proper 15] T11 Green	9.00am GT WASHBOURNE HC CW	6.00pm DUMBLETON CHORAL EVENSONG	Isaiah 56.1, 6-8 Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15. [10-20] 21-28
23 rd August 4 th Sunday [Proper 16] T12 Green	6.00pm WORMINGTON CHORAL EVENSONG	10.30am ALDERTON HC CW	Isaiah 51.1-6 Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20
30 th August 1 st Sunday [Proper 17] T13 Green	5.00pm - WORMINGTON CAFÉ CHUUCH		Jeremiah 15.15-21 Romans 12.9-end Matthew 16.21-end

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