

THE PINK SHEET

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A Note from Rev Ali

Well — it seems extraordinary that two whole months have passed since my first contribution, and yet so much has already happened. Before I share some news and new endeavours from across the benefice, I want to pause and sincerely thank you all for your welcome and kindness. Over the course of our move, you have made us feel truly at home, and we are deeply grateful for the many kindnesses shown to us.

The role of **interim priest-in-charge** is a very particular ministry within the Church of England. Although I am a *vicar* in the usual sense — able to do all the things you would expect of a parish priest — this post is a **fixed-term role** with **specific objectives and priorities**.

They usually join parishes as an agent of **change, equipping and enabling** PCCs and congregations to address barriers to growth and change, enabling self-reflection to recognise areas of strength and weakness across four key themes: missional potential, financial health, buildings fit for mission, and effective leadership and governance.

It is a role shaped by imagination, encouragement, and purposeful movement — and it is a privilege to share that journey with you.

Ecology Matters: A New Benefice Hub

We care deeply about our **places** as well as our **people**, and so we are launching a new **Ecology Hub** across the benefice. This will bring together all our environmental and outdoor initiatives into one place — so we can join in and share the incredible work of our communities in one place.

From **Rewilding and tending** our **churchyards** — encouraging biodiversity and gentle stewardship of our sacred spaces, to **Net-zero**

commitments, Ambles and walks to outdoor church and more - we want to share in the amazing work of the community.

In the meantime, please feel free to wander round the churchyards to reflect and enjoy their peace and natural beauty.

Sunday 18th October from 10:30 – St Mary's Church

The annual churchyard tidy followed by lunch at Julia and Alan's. Please let Julia know if you are coming to lunch.

If you would like to join a group of others in the local area who care about ecological concerns or simply enjoy outdoor leisure, contact me: revdaliwilliams@gmail.com or 07848961759.

Arts & Culture Across the Benefice

We are also passionate about the **arts**, with numerous concerts and creative events scheduled across the area. Particular events for August and September are:

Monday 10th August at 4:30 p.m. – Creative Oundle Organ Recital

As part of the Creative Oundle for Organists, a free organ recital will be held in Titchmarsh Church with tea & cakes for sale from 4 p.m. Playing the organ will be Leeds City organist Darius Battiwalla who will present a rich variety of music by Bach, Mendelssohn, Alain, Demessieux and an improvisation. There will be a retiring collection.

Tuesday 2nd September 2026, 7pm - The Great Gatsby

After the stunning performance of Jane Eyre by 'This is My Theatre', they return to St Rumbold Church with an electrifying stage performance of **F. Scott Fitzgerald's Great Gatsby**

'Step into the roaring 1920s, where the champagne flows, the jazz trumpet blows, and the American Dream gleams with irresistible allure'

Tickets £16 are available now from Liz Doherty, liz.sdoyle@hotmail.com.



4th September - STRINGFEVER comes to Pilton

Stringfever is a dynamic and genre-defying string ensemble renowned for combining virtuoso musicianship with infectious energy, humour and theatrical flair. Equally at home in the worlds of classical, jazz, pop and film music, **Stringfever** delights in crossing musical boundaries with a mix of classical favourites film music and comedy along with vocal percussion in a unique show that is bound to entertain and amuse you! Please take a look at their website (<https://stringfever.co.uk>; www.facebook.com/stringfeveruk) and, if interested, contact ctreffgarne@gmail.com for a ticket (£20 adults, £10 children).



All-Age & Family Worship

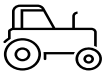
We are having a quieter August in the churches worshipping life – services as follows:

2 nd August	10.30	Titchmarsh	Family Communion
9 th August	10.30	Wadenhoe	Family Communion
16 th August	10.30	Aldwincle	Family Communion
23 rd August	10.30	Stoke Doyle	Family Communion
30 th August	10.30	Pilton	Family Harvest Festival
6 th September	9.00	Achurch	Holy Communion
	10.30	Titchmarsh	Back to School Service and Patronal Festival
	16.00	Stoke Doyle	Harvest Festival
13 th September	10.30	Wadenhoe	Family Communion
	16.00	Aldwincle	Tea, Cake and Worship
	18.00	Titchmarsh	Compline
20 th September	9.00	Titchmarsh	Morning Prayer
	9.00	Pilton	Holy Communion
	10.30	Aldwincle	Family Communion
	17.00	Achurch	Harvest Festival
24 th September	19.30	Online	Praise
27 th September	9.00	Stoke Doyle	Family Communion
	11.00	Titchmarsh	Harvest Festival
	14.00	Clopton	Harvest Festival
	18.00	Wadenhoe	Patronal Festival



Our **all-age family worship** continues to grow, and I warmly encourage you to join us at the 10.30am services for a more interactive service - gathering, exploring and reflecting together.

Keep an eye out for upcoming **special services** such as:



Sunday 30th August, 10.30am – Pilton Benefice Harvest festival.

Come and celebrate our wonderful farmers and farming communities - Any local produce welcome with proceeds from sale going to Thrapston Food Bank.

Sunday 20th September 5pm - Achurch, Thorpe Waterville, Lilford and Wigsthorpe

We will be celebrating harvest at St John the Baptist Church, Achurch on Sunday 20th September with a service at 5pm. If the weather is suitable we may be outside!

There will be opportunities for children and young people to take part. Sing your favourite harvest hymns.

Following the service, we have our wonderful BBQ, with salads and puddings.

Tickets are £10 for all over 11 years. Younger people are free. Purchase by cash in advance or credit card accepted on the day.

To help with planning the food it would be very helpful if you could please let us know by 12th September if you and your family wish to come along. We would like to hear about any special dietary requirements well in advance.

Please let Trish or Carolyn know by
emailing: cabrawn@hotmail.com or farnsworth.trish23@gmail.com

Sunday 27th September 11am - Titchmarsh Harvest Festival

Come and celebrate and then join us for a 2-course lunch at 12 for 12:30. There'll be a licensed bar, raffle, sale of produce and a silent auction of promises. Tickets for the lunch are £12 for over 12s, £6 for 5-12 year olds and under 5s are free. Please contact Julia Powell 01832 732283, ju.powell@btinternet.com to secure your place and advise of any allergens. Child friendly options will be available.

Sunday 27th September - Clopton Harvest Extravaganza!

Come along for all the joys of Rogation and harvest! Exact timings TBC!

These are joyful, welcoming services where children and adults alike can worship together.



Community Events

Saturday 3rd October – Titchmarsh Whodunnit?

Can you work it out amongst all the clues and red herrings? A **Murder Mystery evening** is being organised in St Mary's Church. These are always good fun with lots of plot twists and turns. As usual, there will

be a licensed bar & a raffle. Tickets are £17.50 each which includes a 2-course supper. Tables of 8-10 are available to book or we will find you someone friendly to sit with. To book your ticket please contact Jackie Rowe on 07710165635 or jackie.rowe47@outlook.com

Church floodlighting at St Mary's Church

With thanks for sponsorship of the floodlights in June & July:

- Jackie Rowe for the week commencing 22nd June to celebrate Stephen Barber's 70th Birthday
- Myrtle Seery for the week commencing 20th July to celebrate her grandson, James Hazell, who is playing wheelchair basketball for England at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow

If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting to commemorate a person, a birthday, an anniversary or a significant life event for £30 a week please contact Jackie Rowe on 07710165635 or jackie.rowe47@outlook.com

It is also possible to sponsor a chair in memory of a loved one for £125 or £100 with Gift Aid. An entry will be made in the Book of Remembrance and an engraved plaque put on the chair. Contact details for Jackie Rowe as above.

Church floodlighting at St Peter's Church

If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting which starts when the clocks, change please email john.pawlyn@outlook.com. The cost is £15/week.

Looking Ahead

We have all sorts of fun in the pipeline for later in the year, including:

- Patronal Festival Feasts
- Pop up Forest Church
- Carol-oke
- The Annual Church Quiz Saturday 14th November with quizmaster Duncan Williams! More details in the next TT
- And a few surprises still to come!

If you have ideas or opportunities do email me! I'd love to hear from you!

Rev Ali

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to Catherine, **our outgoing Advertising Co-ordinator** for her support of our community life and Pink Sheet publication. You have quietly enabled so much of our communication and we are deeply grateful for all you have given.

As Catherine steps down, we are looking for someone to take on the role of **Advertising Co-ordinator** for the Pink sheet. This is an important role: helping local business owners place adverts to support the smooth running of the publication and fund its printing costs. If you enjoy friendly communication, light administration, and supporting the life of the parish, we would love to hear from you! Do contact Rev Ali for an informal conversation - revdaliwilliams@gmail.com or speak to Erika, John, or a member of the editorial team.

Other news from around the Benefice

Birds of a Feather will not be holding a meeting in Aldwinckle Village Hall in August. We will be back for our meeting on **3rd September** when Rachel Dixon will be coming along to talk to us about Volunteer Action and at our meeting on **1st October** we have Maureen Weston from the Oundle Yarn Bombers coming to speak to us.

We meet in Aldwinckle Village Hall on the first Thursday of the month and meetings start at 7.30 p.m. As well as speakers we also have time for tea, cake and a chat afterwards! Please do come along we would love to see you - visitors are very welcome. The visitor's fee is £4.00. If you require further information please contact either Susan Stamper on 01832 734166 or Lynn Payne on 01832 721175.

Friendly Club - third Thursday of each month, Village Hall. Meet old friends and new, 2.30pm – 4.15 pm. Refreshments. All welcome.

Oundle and Thrapston Trefoil Guild - is a friendly group for adults, we are connected to Girlguiding (but you don't have to have been!), offering friendship, fun activities and opportunities to join the wider movement. It's a place to make new friends, try new things and keep the guiding spirit going—whatever your background.

We usually meet in Aldwinckle Village Hall on the **second Wednesday** of the month from 7-9pm. For more information please contact the Chair, Lara Fox on 01832 274598 or the Secretary at oandt-trefoilguild@hotmail.com.

Aldwincle coffee morning – second Thursday in each month, Village Hall. Come and chat with friends; books available to borrow, refreshments. 10am – 12 noon. All welcome.

Pub nights - Saturday 1st August and Saturday 5th September, 7-11pm, Aldwincle Village Hall. Cash and card payments accepted. All very welcome.

News from Trinity School

It has been another incredibly busy and successful term here at Trinity Primary School, with lots to celebrate as we head into the summer holidays.

Like many schools, we were affected by the exceptionally hot weather in recent weeks. Unfortunately, our Summer Fayre had to be cancelled due to the 37°C heat to ensure everyone remained safe. We also had to postpone our Sports Day, but we were delighted to reschedule it for a cooler day. The event was a huge success, with pupils showing fantastic determination, teamwork and sportsmanship. Thank you to all the families who came along to support and cheer on the children.

We are also delighted to welcome Miss Hannah Campbell to the Trinity family. Miss Campbell joins us as assistant headteacher and will be relocating from London over the summer.

As one school year comes to an end, we are excited to welcome our new Reception children and their families to Trinity. We look forward to meeting everyone over the coming weeks and can't wait to see our newest pupils begin their school journey with us in September.

During the summer holidays, Premier Sports will be hiring our school site to run their holiday club. Please note that there will be no Trinity school staff on site during this period and school staff are not running the club. Should you need to contact the school, please use the out-of-hours contact number displayed on the sign at the front of the school.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our pupils, families, governors and the wider village community for your continued support throughout another fantastic year. We wish everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at Trinity.

Macmillan Coffee morning

– Saturday 26th September,
Aldwincle Village Hall,
10am-noon. Cake and
plant donations very
welcomed.



Thrapston U3A

18th September, Thrapston Plaza, 10am-12 noon

Mel Harvey is a master of close up magic. Hear his story and be prepared to be amazed.

Members £1, Visitors £3 (includes refreshments). Find out more: email publicity1thrapstonu3a@gmail.com, thrapstonu3a.co.uk

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