

All Saints Church Awbridge August 2025



*“O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name
in all the earth!”*

Psalm 8 v 1



As August arrives we can relax and rest a while with our families and friends during the summer holidays.

We enjoyed our breakfast village hall service in July looking at the story of the Good Samaritan and how we could follow in his footsteps and try to act as Jesus would in some situations. For social events we had a wonderful BBQ with trains event to raise funds for the church and enjoyed a great afternoon with local friends.

At the end of term at Awbridge School we again held Prayer Spaces for Year 6 enabling pupils to have some time to think about issues such as leaving primary school and the changes that will mean, having dreams for their future, being unique and also part of a team, letting go of difficult things and making footsteps on their new journeys ahead. Thank you to Year 6 at Awbridge School for taking part.

Eco-tip for August: How can we contribute to nature?

Private gardens, churchyards and other outdoor spaces can make a significant contribution to nature. We can take action to care for plants, wildlife and soil in the places where we live and around our churches. Caring for the earth was the first instruction God gave to humans. This doesn't mean we all need to be professional gardeners but perhaps try to learn one new thing this month that you can do for a garden space. Read more about nature-friendly gardening at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2024/04/environmentally-friendly-gardening-10-toptips.

Our next Messy Church will be at the end of the school holidays on Friday 29 August with an ECO summer theme from 3 30pm – 5 30 pm at Braishfield Church Rooms.

Our next church social and fundraising event will be on Saturday 20 September, a Jazz Evening with live music, licensed bar, BBQ with salads, tickets £15 per person. It will be at Awbridge Village Hall from 7 00 pm. For more information please contact James Alexander email: jdalexander350@gmail.com or 07785 724531.

Future events for your diary:

Saturday 20 September: Jazz Evening and BBQ 7 00 pm at Awbridge Village Hall

Sunday 28 September will be our **Family Harvest Festival** at the church from at 9 30 am, so do come along and enjoy the fruits of the season and wonderful harvest flowers. Donations of non-perishable food items will also be given to Southampton City Mission Basics Bank.

Services and Events in August

Sunday 3 August	9 30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 10 August	9 00 am Family Breakfast Service in the village hall
Sunday 17 August	9 30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 24 August	9 30 am Morning Worship
Friday 29 August	3 30 pm Messy Church at Braishfield Church Room
Sunday 31 August	10 00 am United Benefice Holy Communion at St John's Farley Chamberlayne
Sunday 7 September	9 30 am Holy Communion

Other Activities:

Awbridge Coffee Hub:	Meets every Tuesday in the church rooms from 9 15 - 11 30 am
Prayer Meeting:	Meets before Coffee Hub on 5 & 19 August from 8 45 am
Awbridge House Group:	Meets 5 & 19 August 7 00 for 7 30 pm venues TBC Please contact Fred Tucker on 07740 027007
Craft & Chat Group:	Meets Fridays 1,15 & 29 August from 10 30 - 12 30 in the Committee Room of Awbridge village hall Please contact Sue Franklin on 01794 322185
Lunch Club:	On Wed 13 & 27 August from 12 noon in the church rooms Please contact Sarah Keith on 01794 340707
The Ark Toddler Group:	Restarts on Friday 5 September Please contact Lynda Tucker on 07884 492314

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