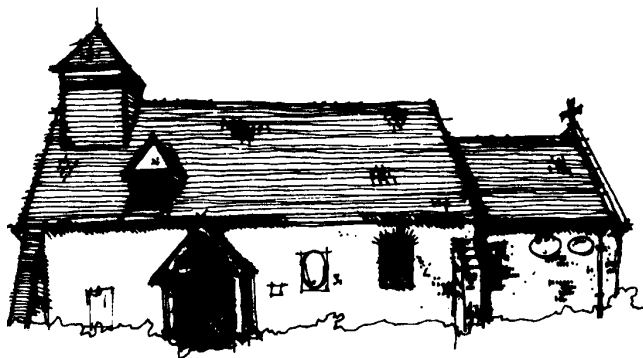


Five Alive!



A Monthly Magazine

for the parishes of Michelmersh, Awbridge,
Braishfield, Timsbury and Farley Chamberlayne

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**Deadline for
SEPTEMBER edition**

Mon 18th August

This edition
will be available by
Sunday 23rd August

From Reverend Anthony Cross

Dear friends,

“School’s out for summer” sang Alice Cooper in 1972. For many people, the close of the academic year brings endings and beginnings. Over the past few weeks we have had leavers’ services and events for the Year 6 students in our village schools. Some of them have been at the same school for seven years, so moving on from that familiar environment to senior school is a massive change.

This summer has seen changes for me, too. I finished my studies at Sarum College in Salisbury and was then ordained deacon in Winchester Cathedral on the 29th of June. I started my new role as curate on the 1st of July. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the welcome I have received across all of our churches and villages as I have travelled about. It is a pleasure to be your curate, and I look forward to spending the next three to four years with you. Thank you too for the generous gift of a stock. This holds the oil for anointing that I can use when visiting people.

As we begin this new season in our lives, my prayer is that God will continue to do wonders in our communities as we hold to the fundamentals of Christian faith: loving God and loving others.

May God bless you all.

Anthony

All Electoral Roll members are invited to a

**Cream Tea at the Rectory
on Saturday August 2nd**

Please let Tom or Maryanne know at which time
you would like to attend!

(12.30 - 2.00pm or 3.00 - 5.00pm)



Please park at Braishfield Church Room [SO51 0QH]
and walk up to the Rectory

(There is limited parking at the Rectory for
those with restricted mobility)

A warm welcome to our new curate, **Rev Anthony Cross**, ordained deacon with eleven others in a joyful service in Winchester Cathedral on Sunday 29th June, by Bishop Philip. In her sermon, Bishop Rhiannon said “these new clergy are right at the start of their new journey as ordained ministers. Whether as chaplains or in parishes, their job is to serve people and communities, and as such they get the honour of weeping with those who weep and rejoicing with those who rejoice.”

Anthony will be with us in the capacity of training curate for the next few years. He has been licensed to take services in the five parishes of the Braishfield Benefice and in King’s Somborne, with which we are grouped.



Pictured after his ordination, Anthony with Jane and Tom on the green outside the Cathedral. Anthony will wear his stole tied at the side until he is ordained as a priest, signifying that he is currently a deacon, ready to serve.

For more photos of the ordinations see the diocesan website <https://winchester.anglican.org/>



We will mark the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day on Friday 15th August with a Service of Commemoration in All Saints, Braishfield at 7.00pm, for the whole benefice.

Afternoon Tea, jointly organised by All Saints and the Braishfield Village Association will be available from 5pm, in the Church Room. Everyone is very welcome.

What is remembered on VJ Day?

Victory over Japan Day, also known as VJ Day, is an important date in history – marking the end of the Second World War. Without the brave sacrifices of those who fought in the campaign in the Far East we would not have the way of life and freedoms we enjoy today. We recognise and pay tribute to them on VJ Day.

On 8 May 1945, the end of the war in Europe was marked – known as Victory in Europe Day. Following this end of fighting, the UK, US, France and USSR - otherwise known as the Allies – gave Japan a deadline of 26 July to also stop. An estimated 71,000 service personnel from the UK and the Commonwealth died fighting the Japanese. This included 12,000 people who perished in a prisoner of war camp. The deadline passed without any sign of peace. This prompted the US President Harry Truman to make the decision for the US to drop the atomic bomb on two Japanese cities – Hiroshima on 6 August and Nagasaki on 9 August. Around 214,000 people were killed in the blasts and Japan was forced to surrender.

15 August 1945 marked the end of the Second World War and is known in the UK as VJ Day. British Prime Minister Clement Attlee announced two days of national holiday on 15 and 16 August to celebrate the end of fighting. All over the world there were street parties and parades.

This was a bitter-sweet time, however. The happiness felt because of the war being over and the Allies being victorious, was accompanied by sadness. Millions of people had died in the global conflict and many veterans and civilians were left with physical and mental trauma.

(Information from 'Help for Heroes' website.)

If you have family members who served in the Far East in WW2 or know of people from this area who did, do mention this to Rev Tom or to Sarah at the Benefice Office: braishfieldbenefice@gmail.com.

Coffee Morning

with a difference!



By kind invitation of the Head
Verger, we are invited to a tour of
Romsey Abbey

Tuesday 12th August

EVERYONE WELCOME

10.30am

If you haven't already done so, please
book your place with Cilla on

cillamayne@gmail.com

by 1 August 2025

*Arranged by members of
St Andrew's Church, Timsbury, **for the community.***

All Saints' Braishfield Summer BBQ!



Saturday 16th August
from 4.00pm

in the Church Car Park -
Church Room if wet

Enjoy good food and good
company with friends from
the village and All Saints

Please bring your own drinks

Bowl for donations (suggested minimum £5)

Essential to let Stephen Treglown have names
by Monday 11th August for catering purposes

stephen.treglown@gmail.com [01794 502150]
Everyone is very welcome!

Violin and Cello concert

On Saturday 20th September at 7.30 in All Saints Church Braishfield, there will be a violin and cello concert supported by BMADS (Braishfield Music and Drama Society).

Musicians Caroline Banwell (violin) and Pieter van der Grinten (cello) will be performing a selection of pieces from their repertoire, including Boccherini sonata in D, Mozart K423, Gliere 8 pieces, Handel Halvorsen passacaglia and Scottish fiddle tunes. Very experienced players, over the years Caroline and Pieter have played in many chamber music concerts across Europe as well as closer to home.

The duo is donating their performance to raise funds for the Brain Tumour Charity, a charity very close to their hearts. The entry price will be £10 to cover costs and donations for the fund will be accepted during the evening.

If you would like to attend, do get in touch with me, Wendy Quarendon and your name will be added to my list. It promises to be a super evening.

wendy@quarendon.net 01794 368015 07811 190 291

News from All Saints Awbridge

At the end of term Mary Savage and Rev Jane again held **Prayer Spaces for Year 6 at Awbridge School**, 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. The pupils valued the opportunity to be involved.

Our next 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 7pm. For more information please contact James Alexander -

email: jdalexander350@gmail.com or 07785 724531.

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.

Update on the Michelmersh Monthly Draw

As a reminder: The draw was set up in October 2015 as a way of contributing to the running costs of St Mary's Church, Michelmersh. It is also a bit of fun as 50% of the income is included in a monthly draw with 3 prizes. 1st prize wins 56%, 2nd prize wins 28% and 3rd prize wins 16%. Tickets are £5/month each and there is no limit on how many we can sell or who buys them!

We have had a good response (around 35) so far and the applications are still coming in. The funds received to 31 July will be included the first draw to take place on 1 August. The winners will be individually notified soon after and we will also announce them here in the September issue, and so on. If you haven't had a chance to complete your application form yet and would like to, please contact

Franny Hornblow: franny@prmotors.biz, 07881821513, or
Hannah Hunt: hannah.hunt@outlook.com, 07914338560.

Thank you.

Coffee and Chat with Cake!



Thursday 14th August
from 10.30am

including Stall with Art work, Plants and Produce
to raise funds for our Vestry Project

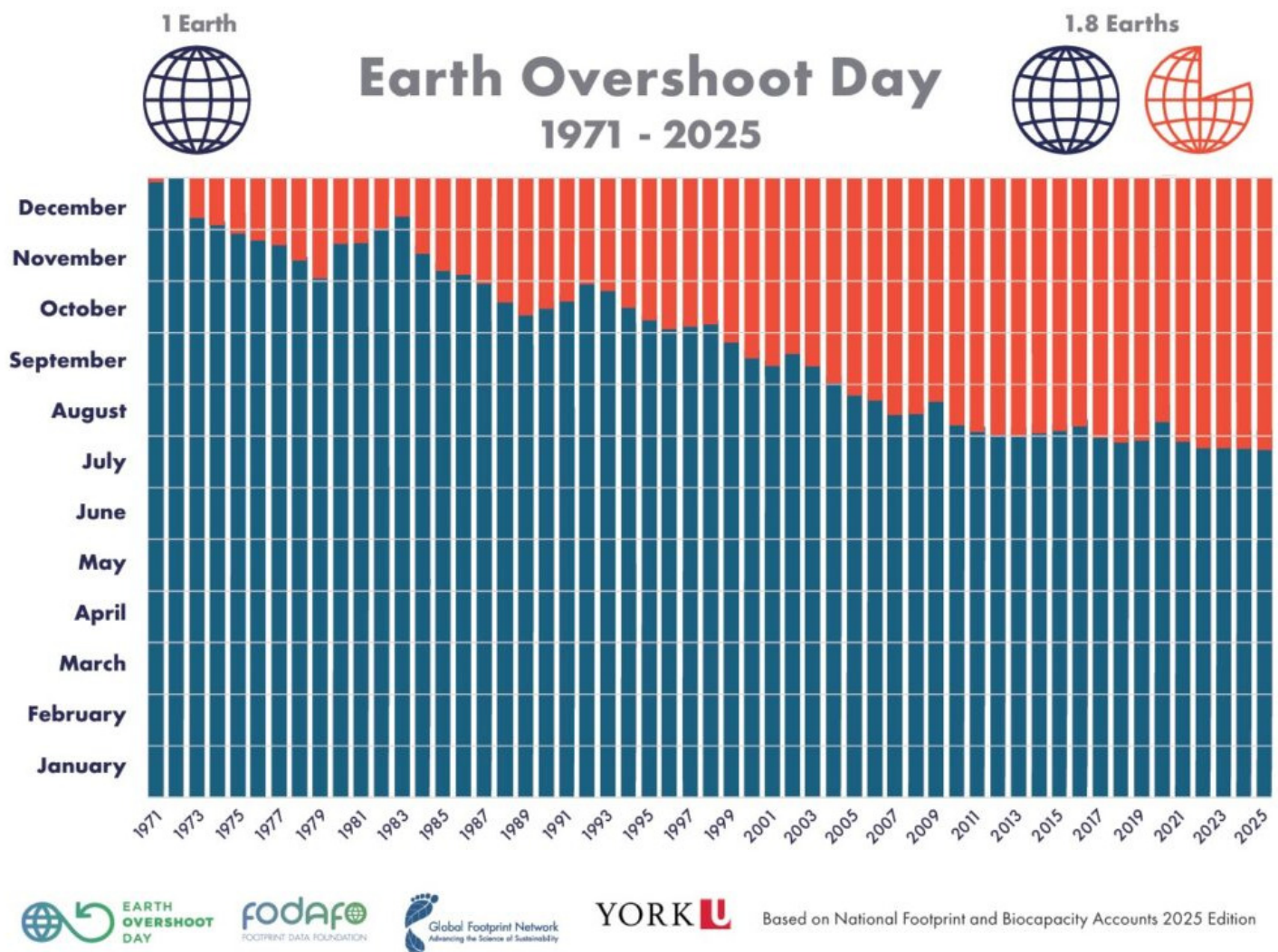
at St John's Church,
Farley Chamberlayne
SO51 0QP

Every second Thursday of the month.
Come along, meet friends and neighbours.
All welcome!

Something to think about....

Have you heard of Earth Overshoot Day? It's the date when humanity's demand on nature surpasses our Earth's capacity to replenish nature during the entire year. Calculated by Global Footprint Network, the international sustainability organization that pioneered the Ecological Footprint, this date is based on the National Footprint and Biocapacity Accounts maintained by York University.

Back in 1971 we were just about 'breaking even' - using in a year only what could be replenished in a year - see the table below. This year, Earth Overshoot Day fell on 24th July.



Earth Overshoot Day falling on July 24th means that humanity is currently using nature 1.8 times faster than Earth's ecosystems can regenerate. The overshoot occurs because people emit more CO₂ than the biosphere can absorb, use more freshwater than is replenished, harvest more trees than can regrow, fish quicker than stocks replenish, etc.

But our small individual efforts to reduce/re-use/recycle make a difference. It's good to see that the date of Overshoot Day is flattening out - now to push it to later in the year? More info at *Global Footprint Network* www.footprintnetwork.org.



TACK & TABLE TOP SALE

WHEN

**Friday 12th September
6.30pm - 9pm**

WHERE

**Braishfield Social Club
SO51 0QF**



FURTHER INFO

Please call Ali

07305 558492

TICKETS

£1.00 (on the door)

Table Top

£8.00

Tack Table

£10.00

Trade

£20.00

REFRESHMENTS

Tea

Coffee

Homemade Treats

Squash for kids

BENEFITING

All proceeds to:-


**Farley Chamberlayne
Church**



Rev Tom with Rev Anthony and Andy Brooks in front of the Messy Church stand at Braishfield School Fete. They had a good number of visitors. The church-run 'Sparks' After School Club will begin again in the Autumn Term.


**AWBRIDGE
COFFEE
HUB**

BREASTFEEDING
WELCOME
HERE




Tuesdays: 9.15am - 11.30am

Open to all
A friendly atmosphere
Delicious cakes & pastries
Fairtrade tea & coffee
Money raised goes to charity


FAIRTRADE

All Saints Church
Church Lane
Awbridge
SO51 0HN



Favourite Hymns and Pimms

Come and join us at
Braishfield Social Club SO51 0QF
on Sunday September 21st - 5pm
to sing favourite hymns and enjoy a glass of Pimms!

Hymn requests to Rev Tom by Sunday 14th Sept
tbenson09@aol.com 01794 368335

We will include all we can.....

If the weather is fine we will be in the garden!



Overview of events in the Benefice in August

General

Cream Tea at the Rectory Sat 2nd August (see p. 3)

VJ Day Afternoon Tea 5.00pm and Service 7.00pm Friday 15th August
All Saints, Braishfield (see p. 5)

Awbridge

Coffee Hub Every Tuesday 9.15-11.30 am Church Rooms. All welcome

Prayer Meeting Tuesdays 5th & 19th August 8.45 am in Church

Awbridge Housegroup Tuesdays 5th & 19th August 7 for 7.30pm

Craft & Chat Group Fridays 1st, 15th & 29th August 10.30am-12.30pm
Committee Room, Awbridge Village Hall - contact Sue Franklin 01794 322185

Awbridge Lunch Club Wednesdays 13th & 27th August at 12 noon, Church Rooms

The Ark All Saints Church Baby and Toddler group, every Friday in term times

Braishfield

Singalong for All re-starts in September

Village Voices Monday 28th July, Monday 18th August, 2-4pm, Church Room

Summer BBQ in the Church Car Park Saturday 16th August 4.00pm

Farley Chamberlayne

Coffee and Chat Thursday 14th August from 10.30am in the church (see p. 8)

Michelmersh

Michelmersh and Timsbury Lunch Club Thursday 31st July 1.00pm Jubilee Hall. Contact Sarah Medley 07817 043422 or sarahmedley5@gmail.com (Next one Thurs 4th Sept.)

Timsbury

Coffee Morning Tuesday 12th August 10.30 am Tour of Romsey Abbey, *book by 1st August* (see p.6)

Celtic Prayer Tuesday 26th August 11.00am in the church

King's Somborne

Marquee Market Saturdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th August 10 -12 noon outside the church

FORWARD DATES:

Ride and Stride Saturday 13th September - all day

Bible readings for AUGUST

SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST - 7th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Old Testament Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14, 2.18-23

Epistle Colossians 3.1-11

Gospel Luke 12.13-21

Psalm 49.1-12 (or 1-9)

SUNDAY 10th AUGUST - 8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Old Testament Genesis 15.1-6

Epistle Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Gospel Luke 12.32-40

Psalm 33.12-end

SUNDAY 17th AUGUST - 9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Old Testament Jeremiah 23.23-29

Epistle Hebrews 11.29-12.2

Gospel Luke 12.49-56

Psalm 82

SUNDAY 24th AUGUST - 10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Old Testament Isaiah 58.9b-end

Epistle Hebrews 12.18-end

Gospel Luke 13.10-17

Psalm 103.1-8

SUNDAY 31st AUGUST - 11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Old Testament Proverbs 25.6-7

Epistle Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Gospel Luke 14.1, 7-14

Psalm 112

SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER - 12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Old Testament Deuteronomy 30.15-end

Epistle Philemon 1-21

Gospel Luke 14.25-33

Psalm 1



Universal Prayer for Peace

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth;
lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust;
lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

Each day at noon people of all faiths and none use this 'Universal Prayer for Peace'. This forms a wave of prayer and hope rippling each day around the globe.

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST - 7th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am	King's Somborne	HOLY COMMUNION BCP	T.Benson
9.30am	Awbridge	HOLY COMMUNION	T.Benson
9.30am	Braishfield	FAMILY WORSHIP	A.Manners
10.00am	Timsbury (& Michelmersh)	MORNING WORSHIP	M.Hatfield
10.00am	King's Somborne	MORNING WORSHIP	Lay led
2.00pm	Awbridge	BAPTISM	T.Benson
6.00pm	Farley Chamberlayne	EVENING PRAYER BCP	T.Benson

SUNDAY 10th AUGUST - 8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am	Farley Chamberlayne	HOLY COMMUNION BCP	J.Thompson
9.00am	Awbridge Village Hall	FAMILY BREAKFAST SERVICE	T.Benson
9.30am	Braishfield	MORNING WORSHIP	A.Cross
10.00am	King's Somborne	HOLY COMMUNION	J.Thompson
11.00am	Timsbury	FAMILY SERVICE	T.Benson
6.00pm	Michelmersh	HOLY COMMUNION	J.Thompson/A.Cross

FRIDAY 15th AUGUST

7.00pm	Braishfield	VJ COMMEMORATION SERVICE
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SUNDAY 17th AUGUST - 9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30am	Awbridge	HOLY COMMUNION	J.Thompson
10.00am	Timsbury	HOLY COMMUNION BCP	Archdeacon Jean Burgess
10.00am	King's Somborne	HOLY COMMUNION	T.Benson
11.15am	Farley Chamberlayne	FAMILY SERVICE	A.Cross
6.00pm	Braishfield	EVENING PRAYER BCP	T.Benson
6.00pm	Michelmersh	EVENING PRAYER BCP	A.Cross

SUNDAY 24th AUGUST - 10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am	Michelmersh	HOLY COMMUNION BCP	T.Benson
9.30am	Awbridge	MORNING WORSHIP	A.Cross
9.30am	Braishfield	HOLY COMMUNION	T.Benson
10.00am	King's Somborne	HOLY COMMUNION	Visitor
11.15am	Farley Chamberlayne	MORNING PRAYER BCP	T.Benson
6.00pm	Timsbury	EVENING PRAYER BCP	T.Benson

FRIDAY 29th AUGUST

3.30pm	Braishfield	MESSY CHURCH	Team
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SUNDAY 31st AUGUST - 11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am	Farley Chamberlayne	UNITED BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION	TB/JT/AC
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SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER - 12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am	King's Somborne	HOLY COMMUNION BCP	T.Benson
9.30am	Awbridge	HOLY COMMUNION	T.Benson
9.30am	Braishfield	FAMILY WORSHIP	tbc
10.00am	Michelmersh (& Timsbury)	MORNING PRAYER BCP	A.Cross
10.00am	King's Somborne	MORNING WORSHIP	Lay led
1.00pm	King's Somborne	BAPTISM	T.Benson
6.00pm	Farley Chamberlayne	EVENING PRAYER BCP	A.Cross