

Five Alive!



A Monthly Magazine

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

OCTOBER 2025

THE UNITED BENEFICE OF BRAISHFIELD

including the parishes of Michelmersh, Awbridge, Braishfield,
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may be sent to Sarah at the
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NOVEMBER edition

Mon 13th October

EARLIER THAN USUAL

This edition

will be available by

Sunday 19th October

From Rev'd Tom Benson

Dear Friends,

As our long, hot Summer with its hose pipe bans and wasps moves into Autumn with rain and cooler, darker evenings we can see the grass turn green once again and the shrubs begin pick up. All of this might give us something of a sigh of relief and it serves to remind us that humankind doesn't have everything sewn up neatly, that the world and its seasons continue onwards. I often find a comfort in that sense that there is a flow, a pattern to the world that we can sometimes lose sight of - especially in such turbulent times as these. Once again, we have our Harvest services and our Remembrance services all of which give us time to reflect on events before we start the hectic Christmas preparations.

On the 31st of October, the 1st of November and the 2nd of November we will be holding services of Remembering in our churches. These are a time where we invite you to come, remember and give thanks for the life of loved ones that have passed away. When we lose someone that we dearly love the world can seem to carry on without us, we can feel under a lot of pressure to 'move on' and it is very often a lonely time. These services aim to be a space to acknowledge our loss, give thanks for the lives of our loved ones and pay our respects. There is no time limit for grief so everyone is welcome whether your loss is recent or not.

The times of the services are :

Friday 31 st October	Awbridge 7pm Timsbury 7pm
Saturday 1 st November	Michelmersh 3pm Farley Chamberlayne 3pm
Sunday 2 nd November	Braishfield 3pm King's Somborne 3pm

I do hope that you have a joyful and settled Autumn and see you soon.

God Bless, Tom

Braishfield



Custom and Classic

Custom and Classic Bike Show

*In support of Hampshire &
Isle of Wight*

Air Ambulance

Braishfield Social Club

4th October 12:00-17:00

Free Entry

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Introducing the next Bishop of Basingstoke, Venerable Kelly Anne Betteridge, currently Archdeacon of Bodmin in the Diocese of Truro



Kelly will be the 7th bishop of Basingstoke, following the Rt Revd David Williams who became the Bishop of Truro earlier this year. She will be the first female bishop of Basingstoke and will be consecrated as a bishop on Wednesday 15th October at Southwark Cathedral and welcomed formally at a service at St Mary's Andover on Saturday 15th November.

Kelly is originally from Wiltshire, the daughter of a farm foreman - she says she “grew up with a strong connection to the countryside.” After

graduating in 1992 with a degree in education and theology, Kelly began her ministry as a youth and children's worker before becoming an All-Age Advisor for the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS), delivering training, creating resources and shaping policy relating to children's ministry. Kelly then completed her MA in contextual theology in 2010 at Queens College Birmingham and was ordained at Coventry Cathedral the same year. She served as a curate at St Nicolas Nuneaton, and in 2014 she became the vicar of St Nicolas and priest-in-charge of Weddington and Caldecote, before moving to become the Archdeacon of Bodmin.

Kelly is married to Simon, who is the National Director of Linking Lives and is also head of community development for Compassionate Communities UK. Together they share a passion for building intergenerational communities of blessing. She also has two stepchildren - “with their partners, our granddaughter, parents, siblings and cats, we have our own growing community of blessedness!” she says.

She enjoys being creative, as well as reading, baking, live music & theatre, and walking, saying: “We've done several distance walks and a Mont Blanc charity trek in 2022. But most of the time though I'm happy just pottering in a local wood, examining moss and lichen!” She also loves travelling and has had the opportunity to lead groups on trips to the Dominican Republic, Ghana, and to visit Tanzania with Tearfund.

As Bishop of Basingstoke, Kelly will have a key leadership role across the Diocese of Winchester, especially in ministry development, as well as having a particular pastoral care for parishes, chaplaincies and schools across the seven deaneries of Basingstoke, Alton, Alresford, Andover, Odiham, Winchester and Whitchurch.



Oasis bookshop at 25 Church Street in Romsey is part of Oasis Christian Trust. It aims to:

- be a welcoming Christian presence on the high street
- be a place where Christian books and resources can be browsed or bought
- be an outlet for fairly traded goods
- pass on excess income to charitable causes

COULD YOU BE A TRUSTEE ?

We are in urgent need of trustees if our work is to continue. No specific expertise is needed, but experience in finance, HR, IT or listed buildings would be useful.

Please consider whether you could serve God and the community in this way.



Further details from
john.pennells@oasisromsey.co.uk
or call in at the shop and talk to the staff

Oasis Christian Trust
Registered charity 1171906
www.oasisromsey.co.uk



Awbridge Church Sponsored Walk

A continuation of the Clarendon Way sponsored walk, will take place on Sat 11 October from Broughton and finishing at Winchester Cathedral, approx. 13 miles.

If you would like to take part or sponsor a walker, please contact Roger Savage, email: roger@choice-plants.co.uk. There are options for a shorter walk as well. This is to raise funds to help cover the costs of running our church.



Awbridge BBQ and Jazz evening - good fun had by everyone: the BBQers, the musicians, the bar-tenders and the rest of us! Big thank you to everyone!



The Michelmersh Monthly Draw – August 2025 winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Michelmersh Monthly Draw:

1 st prize	Peta Hunt	£43.40
2 nd prize	Marjorie Duguid	£21.70
3 rd prize	Franny Hornblow	£12.40

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%. Winners are announced on or before the 15th of the month and advised by email and bank transfer or letter and accompanying cheque.

If you haven't joined yet please use the link to the application form below
<https://forms.gle/rm5bUL3Kxg1BJKsD7>
or contact either of us for a hard copy.

Franny Hornblow: franny@prmotors.biz, 07881821513

Hannah Hunt: hannah.hunt@outlook.com, 07914338560

Contemporary Worship

at

All Saints Church Awbridge

Sunday 12 October 6.30 pm

We have just enjoyed our first new Contemporary Worship Service with a band from the deanery, and other deanery leaders and members of our deanery's churches joining in. It was a wonderful service of celebration, and it will continue on the evening of the second Sunday of each month.



All Saints Church, Awbridge

**CHILDREN'S
FILM CLUB**

**Thursday 30th October
2:30pm**



Romsey Foodbank Harvest List

- ✓ Tinned Meat
- ✓ English Breakfast Tea Bags
- ✓ Tinned Sweetcorn & Carrots
- ✓ Cereal (no porridge please!)
- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Custard & Rice Pudding
- ✓ Tinned Spaghetti
- ✓ Sweets & Chocolate
- ✓ Squash
- ✓ Baked Beans



This is the time of year when we celebrate Harvest with Lunches, Suppers and special Services. At Harvest we also try to give some food to needy people. This year, again, parishes across the Deanery are supporting the Romsey Foodbank, part of the Trussell Trust (www.romsey.foodbank.org.uk). In the last year, 627 families received 7-day supplies of food and necessities – over 6,000 meals. In the cost-of-living crisis there continue to be many families in need.

THE FOODBANK

WAYS YOU CAN HELP



FIND OUT WHAT IS NEEDED



PICK UP EXTRA ITEMS WHEN YOU SHOP



COLLECTING



SORTING

THEY DO A GREAT JOB AT THE FOODBANK



GOSSIP POSITIVELY

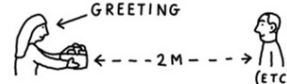


DONATE MONEY



FUNDRAISE

MIGHT HAVE TO BE ONLINE NOW



GREETING

VOLUNTEER
(REALLY IMPORTANT AS MANY VOLUNTEERS OVER 65 AND NOW SELF-ISOLATING)

WHY IS THE NEED FOR FOODBANKS INCREASING?



ASK AWKWARD QUESTIONS

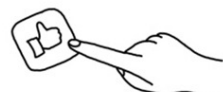


BUT CHECK LOCALLY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

ASK PEOPLE FOR FOODBANK DONATIONS RATHER THAN PRESENTS



LIKE THE SOCIAL MEDIA PAGE

Our Rural Dean, Rev James Pitkin, has shared this cartoon.

The self isolating comment refers back to lock down when it was created - the need for volunteers, understanding and gifts of food has not decreased.

House of Opportunity Christmas Shoeboxes



Chris Chisholm of Farley Chamberlayne will be filling boxes and would welcome help. She is very happy to accept donations of shoe boxes and fillers like soft toys, balls, skipping ropes, cars and school pencils, crayons and exercise books; toiletries for babies, children and adults, hairbrushes, soap and toothbrushes, toothpaste, sweets, warm nightwear and pants, socks, gloves, hats and scarves for children and adults, torches, sewing kit etc

and £4 to cover the transport.

Empty shoeboxes and items to go in them can be left in a box at the back of St John's Church at Farley – if you can cover the boxes with Christmas paper at home ready to pack, all to the good!

NB House of Opportunity say NO Food (except sweets) books, seeds, talc, aerosols, medicine, battery operated toys, homemade items (except hats, gloves and scarves) broken or dirty items. The boxes are checked and these things taken out in their Salisbury HQ. Check if in doubt

at christmas@houseofopportunity.org or suggestions.christmasbox.org

Wrapping and Packing Sessions at Oakfield SO51 0QR

Bring your own scissors please!

Monday	13th Oct	2pm - 6pm	with tea and cake
Wednesday	15th Oct	10am - 1pm	with Coffee and cake
Thursday	30th Oct	11am - 3pm	with coffee and sandwich lunch
Tuesday	4th Nov	10am - 1pm	with Coffee and cake
Saturday	8th Nov	11am - 3pm	with coffee and sandwich lunch

Many thanks

Chris Chisholm +44788 774 8224

Oakfield, Farley Chamberlayne, Braishfield SO51 0QR

Please note - Five Alive will be published earlier than usual next month.

The deadline for the November edition is

Monday 13th October.

Five Alive will be ready for distribution on Sunday 19th October



Vocations Morning

**Saturday 18 October
9:30am – 12:30pm**

St Boniface Church, Hursley Rd,
Chandler's Ford SO53 2FT

Do you think God might be calling you to use your gifts to serve Jesus Christ, but you're unsure of what your next step might be?

Join Bishop Rhiannon and Revd Dr Amy Roche, along with members of the Mission & Ministry Team, to find out more about the pathways available for both lay and ordained ministries. There will be a particular focus on opportunities for lay ministry including Exploring Theology, Bishops Commission for Mission and Bishops Permission to Preach.



For more information and to book,
please contact Tracey Nicholls:
Tracey.Nicholls@winchester.anglican.org
01962 710983



Coffee, Croissants and Chat

with Speaker



“Men shedding Light on their Activities”

Tuesday 14th October

10.30am

Everyone welcome to come to meet others, chat, eat and be entertained

at St Andrew's Church, Timsbury

Pop the date in your diary. Every second Tuesday of the month to come along to meet friends and neighbours, enjoy refreshments and be entertained!

*These events, though organised by members of St Andrew's Church **for the community**, are not religious in nature*

There is no charge, but donations appreciated towards the toilet fund

A date for your diary!

Everyone is invited to All Saints Awbridge on Sunday 2nd November, for a communion service led by Bishop Philip, Bishop of Winchester, during which the new organ will be dedicated.

The service will be at 10.00am and will be our only morning service that day

A full church to celebrate harvest festival at St Andrew's, Timsbury, with the Michelmersh Junior Silver Band on Sunday 21st September.



And great traditional ploughman's fare to follow.
Praise God for the Harvest!



Light Party Celebration

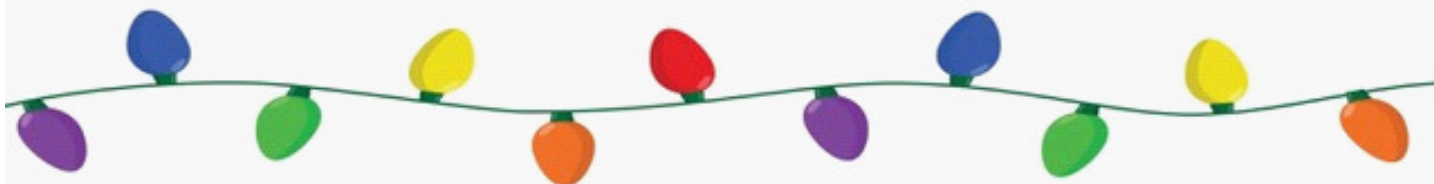
Friday 31 October 11.00 to 13.00

at

All Saints Church Braishfield

messy activities – celebration - feast

Contact Rev Jane Thompson for details
jane.thompson@me.com & 01794 – 502035



Our end of summer Eco Messy Church was great fun! There were 70 of us - 30 adults with 42 children to enjoy the afternoon together, and the BBQ that we finished with! Join us at the next one at the end of October - see above!

Overview of events in the Benefice in October

General

Bike Show at Braishfield Social Club Sat 4th October 12noon-5.00pm (see p.4)

Messy Church Friday 31st October (see p.13)

Awbridge

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

Prayer Meeting Tuesday 7th & 21st October 9.00am

Awbridge Housegroup Wednesday 8th & Thursday 23rd Oct at 7 for 7.30pm

Craft & Chat Group Fridays 10th & 24th October 10.30am-12.30pm
Committee Room, Awbridge Village Hall - contact Sue Franklin 01794 322185

Awbridge Lunch Club Wednesdays 8th & 22nd October at 12 noon, Church Rooms

Sponsored Walk Broughton to Winchester Sat 11th October (contact Roger Savage roger@choice-plants.co.uk)

Children's Film Club Thursday 30th October 2.30pm in the church (p.8)

The Ark All Saints Church Baby and Toddler group, every Friday in term times, 9.30am - 11.00am (not Friday 31st October)

Braishfield

Harvest Supper Saturday 4th October, Church Room 6.000pm

School Harvest Festival in church Wednesday 8th October 2.00pm

Singalong for All Monday 20th October 2.30-4.00pm, Church Room

Village Voices Monday 27th October, 2-4pm, Church Room

Farley Chamberlayne

Coffee and Chat Thursday 9th October 10.30am

Michelmersh

Michelmersh and Timsbury Lunch Club Thurs 9th October 1.00pm Jubilee Hall. Contact Sarah Medley 07817 043422 or sarahmedley5@gmail.com

Michelmersh Harvest Supper Sat 18th October, 6.30pm The Barns

Timsbury

Coffee Morning Tuesday 14th October 10.30am (see p. 12)

Celtic Prayer Tuesday 28th October 11.00am in the church

FORWARD DATES:

Awbridge Church Quiz Sat 15th November, 7.00pm, Village Hall To book contact James Alexander jdalexander350@gmail.com

Bible readings for OCTOBER

SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER - 16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Old Testament Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4

Epistle 2 Timothy 1.1-14

Gospel Luke 17.5-10

Psalm 37.1-9

SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER - 17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Old Testament 2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c

Epistle 2 Timothy 2.8-15

Gospel Luke 17.11-19

Psalm 111

SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER - 18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Old Testament Genesis 32.22-31

Epistle 2 Timothy 3.14- 4.5

Gospel Luke 18.1-8

Psalm 121

SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER - LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Old Testament Jeremiah 14.7-10, 19-end

Epistle 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

Gospel Luke 18.9-14

Psalm 84.1-7

SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER - 4th SUNDAY before ADVENT

Epistle Revelation 15.1-4

Gospel Luke 10.38-42

Psalm 150



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 OCTOBER

SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER - 16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am	King's Somborne	HOLY COMMUNION BCP	T.Benson
9.30am	Awbridge	HOLY COMMUNION	T.Benson
9.30am	Braishfield	HARVEST THANKSGIVING	A.Cross
10.00am	Timsbury (inc. Michelmersh)	MORNING WORSHIP	J.Thompson
10.00am	King's Somborne	HARVEST THANKSGIVING	H.Rowe
6.00pm	Farley Chamberlayne	EVENING PRAYER BCP	T.Benson

SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER - 17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am	Farley Chamberlayne	HOLY COMMUNION BCP	J.Thompson
9.00am	Awbridge Village Hall	FAMILY BREAKFAST SERVICE	J.Thompson
9.30am	Braishfield	MORNING WORSHIP	A.Cross
10.00am	King's Somborne	HOLY COMMUNION	Visitor
11.00am	Timsbury	FAMILY SERVICE	J.Thompson
6.00pm	Michelmersh	EVENING PRAYER BCP	A.Cross
6.30pm	Awbridge	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	J.Thompson

SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER - 18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30am	Awbridge	HOLY COMMUNION	T.Benson
10.00am	King's Somborne	HOLY COMMUNION	Visitor
10.00am	Timsbury	HOLY COMMUNION	J.Thompson
11.15am	Farley Chamberlayne	FAMILY SERVICE	T.Benson
3.00pm	King's Somborne	MESSY CHURCH	Team
6.00pm	Braishfield	EVENING PRAYER BCP	J.Thompson
6.00pm	Michelmersh	HARVEST THANKSGIVING	T.Benson & A.Cross

SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER - LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY *Clocks change today!*

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

FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER

11.00am	Braishfield	MESSY CHURCH	Team
7.00pm	Awbridge	REMEMBERING SERVICE	J.Thompson
7.00pm	Timsbury	REMEMBERING SERVICE	T.Benson

SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER

3.00pm	Michelmersh	REMEMBERING SERVICE	T.Benson
3.00pm	Farley Chamberlayne	REMEMBERING SERVICE	J.Thompson

SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER - 4th SUNDAY before ADVENT

10.00am	Awbridge	UNITED BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION with DEDICATION OF NEW ORGAN	Bishop Philip
3.00pm	King's Somborne	REMEMBERING SERVICE	T.Benson
3.00pm	Braishfield	REMEMBERING SERVICE	J.Thompson