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Greenway Benefice - Badgeworth, Shurdington and Witcombe with Bentham.

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" Mark 16:15

2025 Benefice Worship Pattern

1st Sunday of the month

8am	St Paul's	BCP* Holy Communion
9:30	St Paul's	Worship
11am	Holy Trinity	Worship
11am	St Mary's	Worship

2nd Sunday of the month

8am	St Mary's	BCP* Holy Communion
9:30	St Paul's	Worship
11am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
11am	St Mary's	All-age Worship

3rd Sunday of the month

9:30	St Paul's	Holy Communion
11am	Holy Trinity	BCP* Morning Worship
11am	St Mary's	Holy Communion

****These are services using the Book of Common Prayer***

4th Sunday 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion

***January, April, July, October at Holy Trinity Badgeworth
February, May, August, November at St Mary's Great Witcombe***

March, June, September, December at St Paul's Shurdington

5th Sunday Benefice Service at 10am "Let's Worship"

usually in Shurdington Church of England Primary School

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT OUR NOTICEBOARDS AND ONLINE FOR SEASONAL SERVICES SUCH AS CHRISTMAS, EASTER, HARVEST ETC.

Find us on social media on Facebook:

@GreenwayChurches

SHURDINGTON CHURCH HALL

School Lane, Shurdington

Lettings for groups and private functions.

Rates £25 large room, £20 small room per session

Further details from the church administrator by
emailing greenway.bswb.office@gmail.com

WITCOMBE & BENTHAM VILLAGE HALL

Enquiries should be made to the Custodian

07518 137635

witcombevillagehall@gmail.com

www.witcombevillagehall.co.uk

BADGEWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Our lovely old school hall is an excellent venue for meetings, rehearsals, receptions and small parties, seating a maximum of 50 people.

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Car park opposite the hall for hall users.

Hire charge £25 per session

(8am-1pm, 1-6pm, 6-11pm).

For enquiries and bookings, please email

badgeworthvillagehall@gmail.com

or call 07895 764947.

Badgeworth Village Hall Management Committee

SHURDINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Centre consists of two spacious halls, a room which links both, and a grassed open space.

Events may be booked by following the 'Bookings' link on our website : shurdingtoncomcentre.net

Email: bookings@shurdingtoncomcentre.net

Tel: 07483 303190

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by Wednesday 15th October



Pastoral Letter

Daniel writes



October 2025

Dear Friends,

As the long days of summer gently slip into the golden glow of autumn, and rain continues to pour, our parish is once again wrapped in the beauty of the harvest season. The lanes around us tell their own story, of hedgerows heavy with berries, and orchards with fruit that almost seems to shine in the softer sunlight. It is a time of year that encourages us to stop for a moment, to breathe, and to take notice.

Harvest has always been more than simply the gathering of crops. It is, at its heart, an invitation to gratitude. In a world where it is so easy to rush from one thing to the next, we can forget to pause and appreciate what we have. Yet the sight of stacked hay bales and buckets of apples, reminds us that much of what we depend on has been quietly growing for months, tended by hands that rise early, work hard, and care deeply about what they produce. When we sit down to eat, we are sharing in the fruits of many people's labours, farmers, drivers, shop workers, and so many others. To notice this and to give thanks, even in the simplest way, can bring a sense of grounding and perspective amongst the rush of our daily lives. Harvest is also about sharing. Traditionally, this was the time when communities came together not only to

celebrate but to look after one another. In centuries past, people brought what they had, grain, vegetables, eggs or fruit to make sure that everyone could enjoy the season's bounty. The custom of the harvest festival grew out of that generous instinct, and we will celebrate our own harvest festivals in each of our churches on the 5th of October. Continuing this long tradition of generosity, care and love for those in need. All of our food donations from these services go to our local food banks; Greenway Gifts and the Family Haven. We distribute food to anyone who feels that they have a need.

And finally harvest reminds us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves. The steady turning of the seasons can be a gentle teacher: what is planted and nurtured will, in time, bear fruit. This is true in the fields, but also in our lives. The kindness we offer, the time we give, the care we show, these are like seeds that grow into something good, often in ways we do not see straight away.

So as autumn settles in, I encourage you to celebrate this harvest season in whatever way feels right for you: take a walk and notice the colours, the falling conkers and the changing light; enjoy the taste of something freshly baked or picked; share what you can with someone who might need it. Above all, take a moment to be thankful, not just for food, but for friendship, for community, and for the simple beauty of this time of year.

With every blessing,
Rev'd Daniel

Benefice Diary

October

Friday	3	Harvest Supper	26
Saturday	4	Coffee and Chat	28
		Family Experience	6/21
Sunday	5	Harvest Festival	6
Monday	13	Open Monday	12
Tuesday	14	MU	23
Thursday	16	Gardening Society supper	11
Friday	17	Book Club	13
		Witcombe Quiz	29
Saturday	18	MU Coffee Morning	22
Wednesday	22	Julian Meeting	8
Saturday	25	Coffee Morning +	25
Monday	27	Open Monday	12

November

Saturday	1	Coffee and Chat	28
Friday	7	Quiz at Badgewort h	34
Monday	10	Open Monday	12
Tuesday	11	MU	23
Friday	14	Book Club	13
Saturday	22	Coffee Morning +	25
		Bingo and Fish'nChips	19
Monday	24	Open Monday	12

Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) Greenway Gifts
 Every Thursday in term-time Community Choir

Special Church Services October & November

Our usual pattern of services is on the inside back cover of this magazine. Here are the additional services for October and November.

Care Home Worship

Please contact us to confirm, but usually, Badgeworth Praise is held on the first & third Wednesdays of each month, at 11:30am in Badgeworth Court – contact Rachel Cottell. On the third Wednesdays, we usually offer Holy Communion. For Chargrove Praise at Chargrove Lawn please contact Sue Padfield. Holy Communion is offered at Atherton House in the lounge, usually on the first Wednesdays of the month at 11am – contact Reverend Daniel.

Thursday prayers:

On 2nd October and 6th November, prayers will be in school at 8:30am, followed by 9am morning prayer in St Paul's church.

Usually, on other Thursdays in the month (2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th), morning prayer is online at 9am on zoom. Please email greenway.bswb.office@gmail.com for the link to the meetings.

GREENWAY FAMILY EXPERIENCE Sat 4th October

On Saturday 4th October at St Paul's Church, you are invited to another Greenway Family Experience, this time with an Eco/Harvest theme. Weather permitting, some of our time will be spent outside. We start promptly at 3pm, ending with tea and cake at 4pm.

Suitable for all ages, buggy and wheelchair friendly, with disabled facilities in the church hall. If you haven't tried one of our family experiences, do come along – you will receive

a warm welcome, and a potentially much needed hot drink at the end!

HARVEST Sunday 5th October

At the end of Eco-Week which started on 28th September, we celebrate Harvest in all three churches, on Sunday 5th October. All are welcome as ever. The services are at 8am and 9:30am at St Paul's Shurdington, and 11am at both St Mary's Great Witcombe and Holy Trinity Badgeworth. Donations of tinned goods gratefully received, generally donated to Greenway Gifts (our food bank).

HALLOWE'EN Friday 31st October

As usual, St Paul's Church will be open from 5pm to 7pm. Drop in to see lots of candles, disco lights and for sweets of course! Nothing scary, so suitable for all ages. We love to welcome everyone by sharing Christ the light of the world. Last year we had 100 visitors – can we beat that this year?

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9th November

We invite you to our services of Remembrance. 9:30 at St Paul's, **10:50** at Holy Trinity and **10:55** at St Mary's. There is also the usual 8am service that morning, but it isn't specifically a Remembrance Service.

ADVENT SUNDAY 30th November

At **10am** we will have a service in **school** for Advent – singing “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” and “Hills of the North Rejoice”, among other favourite Advent songs, and lighting the first candle on our Advent wreath.

At **3pm** you are invited to our **Christingle** Service at **Witcombe Village Hall**, where you get to make your own Christingle as part of the service, and we sing our first Christmas carols!

DECEMBER – We are making plans, of course! Dates will be published in the November magazine and online.

Greenway Benefice Churches

How to find us:

Holy Trinity Badgeworth
Church Lane
Badgeworth
Gloucester
GL51 4UL

(Registered Charity number 1209315)

St Paul's Shurdington
School Lane
Shurdington
Cheltenham
GL51 4TF

St Mary* the Virgin Witcombe with Bentham
Great Witcombe
Gloucester
*GL3 4TS**

**turnings off Ermin Way or Birdlip Hill*

You can also see more information on A Church Near You.

Simply type “A Church Near You Badgeworth” or “A Church Near You Shurdington” or “A Church Near You Witcombe” into your search engine.



Useful Phone Numbers:



Furniture Recycling Warehouse	01452 331333
Removal of Bulky Waste	01684 295010
Glos Highways	0800 0 514 514
Faulty Streetlights	0800 0 514 514
Police (non-emergency)	101
101 is 15p, the local call number is	01452 726920
Fire/Police/Ambulance	999
(emergency only)	
NHS 'Out of Hours'	08454 220220
NHS Help line	111
Adult social services and	
District nurses	01452 328224
Samaritans	116123
Citizens Advice	01452 527202
Children's social services	01452 328213
CARE direct	0800 444000
Electricity Power Loss	0800 328 1111
Water Services &	0800 783 4444
Emergencies	
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999
Emmaus*	01452 413095

*at Chequers Road, Gloucester:

Collections and Sale of furniture, electrical goods etc.

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Julian Meeting

Meeting in silence with God

Please do join us for 30 minutes of silent prayer followed
by a cup of tea together.

Time: 2:30pm Wednesday October 22nd 2025

Place: 52 Lambert Avenue, Shurdington. GL51 4ST

Ian & Wendy Davies (01242 861293)



Shurdington church and village organisations

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Verger		
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Shurdington Pre School	Kelly Clifford	07867813627
Gardening Society	Mr. G. Woodruffe	07792269353
Scout Group	Mrs Louise Slee	
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Friendship Club	Mrs Maureen West	(01242) 863991
Children's Society	Mrs Helen King	(01242) 862505

In time of illness if you would like a visit and / or to be remembered in prayer please contact Clare Stewart (01242) 862598, Sue Padfield (01452) 862509.

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Witcombe Under 5s	Kyla Hill	thevictoria@btinternet.com



Badgeworth church and Village organisations

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PCC Treasurer	Mrs Hazel Cotton	(01452) 857180
Gift Aid Officer	Mr Roger Brown	(01242) 239179
Sacristan	Mrs Sue Avery	(01242) 520388
Verger	Mrs Rachel Cottell	(01452) 715034
Captain of Bells	Mr David Turner	(01452) 712302
Electoral Roll Officer	Mr Roger Brown	(01242) 239179
Parish Council Clerk	Mrs H.L. Jones	07840073143
Village Hall	Mrs Rachel Cottell	(01452) 715034
Friends of Church	Mrs Beverly Pickering	(01452) 712907



SHURDINGTON & BADGEWORTH GARDENING SOCIETY



October is a beautiful month of autumnal colours and first frosts. This is the perfect time to tidy up and cut back in the garden.

If your greenhouse is fairly empty this is a good time to clean and disinfect it. This lets in more light and prevents pests and diseases from over wintering. After tidying borders mulch with bark chips or well rotted manure, this will insulate plant roots and keep weed growth in check. Clear fallen leaves from lawns to allow light to the grass.

We meet on 16th October for our Fish and Chip supper. This is the only meeting that you have to prebook. If you wish to join us please contact Gary Woodruffe (07792269353).

There are lots of other jobs to be getting on with in the coming month. Hopefully the weather will allow us to get outside and get on with them.

Stay safe keep gardening

Janette Willis (Secretary)

Could you offer your time and expertise?

St Paul's Church needs a Gift Aid Officer, while Holy Trinity Church needs a Treasurer. Both post holders can provide excellent handovers and support going forward. You do not need to be Christian, but should be able to embrace our ethos. Experience in book keeping/accounts is necessary.

Please contact Susan, revsusancooke@gmail.com, if you might be able to help. Susan can put you in touch with the current post holders as well.

Thank you!

Open Mondays at Shurdington Community Centre

Century Hall from 11am – 4pm
Second and last Monday of the month.

Refreshments

No charge and all are welcome.

Newspapers, jigsaws, table tennis, charge your phone or just have a chat.

Between 2pm and 4pm, there will be a family film showing on our cinema system.

Play facilities for children and on the last Monday of the month, an **NHS run Baby Hub**.

All welcome



Supported by: **Shurdington Parish Council, Tewkesbury
Warm Spaces**

**Community Fund, Gloucester Thriving Communities,
National Grid Community Matters
Gloucestershire Community Foundation**



BOOKS AND BANTER

book club

We are a friendly bunch of book lovers, meeting ten times a year in Beauty and the Teacup in Shurdington at 6pm, usually on the second Friday of the month. *New members are always welcome.*

Our next meeting is on Friday 17th Oct.

Please note that this is not the 2nd Friday!

Here are the remaining dates for 2025 for your diaries:

14th November

& 12th December 2025

If you'd like to join, please email revsusancooke@gmail.com or ask Wendy in Beauty and the Teacup or just turn up! All welcome! *Susan & Wendy.*

Shurdington Community Wellbeing activities

Event	Day & Time	Details	Contact
Bingo @CC	First Friday of every month	£8 to play, profits go to charity.	Just turn up
Books and Banter @BATT	Monthly, on Fridays, 6pm	Reading group (10 meetings a year)	Susan Cooke revsusancooke@gmail.com 01242 321806 or
Busy Hands @SC	2 nd Weds of each month, 10am 12noon	Monthly crafting activity, open to all	Beth Jones 07411121806 or Charlotte
Cards and socialising @BATT	After lunch till 3pm, Weds – Sun	Come along for a game of cards or a board game	Just turn up!
Chair Based Exercise Class @CC	Every Thursday 11am	Free Tea, coffee and snack. Suitable for everyone	miles@pendulumfitness.co.uk Or call Miles on
Clubbercise Combat @CC	Saturday 9am - 9:45	£6 per session, pay on the door	
Crafty Afternoon @BATT	1st Weds of the month 2pm-4pm	Join in with a craft project or bring your own	Wendy Lovett or Beth Jones

50+ Dance Fitness Class @CC	Thursdays, 10am 11am	First class free	Prue Howlett pruehowlett@gmail.com
Friendship Group Lunch @BATT	Thursdays 12:30pm	All welcome, no need to book. Special offer meal, pudding & hot drink = £12.95	Wendy Lovett w.lovett63@gmail.com 07786986002

Greenway Community Choir @SPCH	Thursday evenings, term time only 7:30pm	All welcome, no auditions, free of charge	Susan Cooke
Greenway Gifts @SPCH	Mondays 9 to 10am (except Bank Holidays) And on 3 rd Mondays, this includes cake and chat	Village foodbank, no referral necessary	Susan Cooke
Open Mondays @CC	11am - 4pm 2nd & 4th Mon of month	Refreshments, games, relax, family film from 2pm, free	Just turn up
Pilates Classes @CC	Every Tuesday 6:30 7:30pm	Suitable for all levels and ages	Call Kate on 07974370572 or email kp@elkstonegrove.c
Prize Bingo @BATT	Last Fri of the month, 7pm	Families welcome	Wendy Lovett

Theatre trip @BATT	Thursday matinee, once a month		Wendy Lovett
Whist Weds @BATT	Every Wednesday 7pm		Wendy Lovett

Venue key CC = Community Centre BATT = Beauty and the Teacup

TBI – The Bell Inn SPCH – St Paul's Church Hall SC = Shurdington Chapel

Meeting Jesus online

For many people, gaming is a space for competition, creativity, and connection. For the Revd Jay Niblett, Rector of Rivervale Churches, he also sees gaming as a platform to explore faith and meet Jesus.

Jay runs a gaming portal, Eden Forge, with business partner Josiah Holloway. Eden Forge offers individually crafted Sunday School sessions for children aged 7-12, which are run virtually and in person at local churches. It provides a Minecraft Online Club open to young people across the world, and it also offers teaching for young people and their parents or guardians as they start to learn the basics of Minecraft.

Jay said: “Gaming is a powerful platform for building relationships and discussion. For children, particularly children who maybe aren’t connected to churches or places where it’s a bit more rural, they can connect with other young people in the online world and use Minecraft to learn about the Bible and faith.”

In the summer, Jay ran a free, two-day holiday gaming club in Meon Vale, introducing children and young people to popular games like FIFA and Mario Kart.

They also entered a custom-built Minecraft world, where meeting Jesus was key to the success of the mission.

Jay said: “They entered the cave as a team, encountering dangerous creatures and obstacles. The world was designed to be challenging, so teamwork was essential. Then Jesus arrived in the game, who intervened to help them succeed. It illustrated the idea that God gives us what we need when we need it in life.”

Eden Forge was born out of lockdown, when Jay began exploring how games could support safe conversations. During this time, he

encountered Land of Promise, a Singapore-based initiative creating biblical storylines within Minecraft. After testing one of their virtual worlds with his own children – walking through a desert while experiencing the story of Moses – Jay recognised the potential of gaming to provide new opportunities for exploring faith.

“You could use Eden Forge to go through a six or seven-week course, but through gaming,” Jay said. “The average age for a gamer is 30 years old – many adults are gaming, why not meet them there? It seems like now’s the time to find any angle where we can connect and see people and become the Church of the future for the next generation. Gaming can help do that.”

Longer term, Jay’s vision is to start regular online gatherings for young people, and occasional events for adults. These would encourage discipleship and fellowship and eventually would evolve into structured resources for churches to run short faith courses within a game.

Find out more at edenforge.gg.

A life of prayer: The diocesan prayer companion

The diocesan prayer calendar has been relaunched this autumn under the new name, the Diocesan Prayer Companion. This prayer scheme aims to support people in praying for the people, places and projects of this diocese and beyond.

Each Sunday contains a collect and a prayer focus for the week to come, looking at different areas of the Life vision. There are daily prayer prompts to encourage prayer for benefices, schools, the diocese and beyond, uploaded quarterly to the diocesan website.

Prayer is integral to our relationship with God and our growing in faith as followers of Christ.

Bishop Rachel said: “If we want a relationship with someone to deepen and grow, we need to spend time with that person. It can be no surprise that the same is true between us and God.”

You can download the Prayer Companion from <https://gloucester.anglican.org/living-faith/your-prayer/calendar-of-intercessions/>

If you'd like to try praying, or reignite your prayer life visit <https://gloucester.anglican.org/living-faith/your-prayer/> for more resources and support.

Events and training

More details for all these events at gloucester.anglican.org/events

Impact weekend 2025, St Andrew's Church, Churchdown, GL3 2JT, 10 to 12 October

A weekend of worship, teaching, fellowship and fun, including a quiz night, a hog roast, and kids and youth events.
<https://stastb.churchsuite.com/events/i1lc2qhb>

A Blackbird Sang – a festival of words and music, St Mary the Virgin Church, 10 to 12 October.

An upcoming weekend of music, poetry and worship at St Mary's Church, Dymock, inspired by the Dymock poets.
<https://gloucester.anglican.org/event/a-blackbird-sang-a-festival-of-words-and-music/>

Museum of the moon, Tewkesbury Abbey, Church Street, Tewkesbury, GL50 5RZ, 16 October to 4 November. A lunar installation by Luke Jerram, illuminating the Abbey with light, sound and wonder.

<https://www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk/themoon/>

Poppy Fields by Luxmuralis, Gloucester Cathedral Nave, College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LX, 17 to 25 October

An immersive Luxumarlis installation, combining projections, poetry readings by Eddie Redmayne, and opportunities to support the Royal British Legion.

<https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/poppy-fields-by-luxmuralis>

ALL WELCOME
ANOTHER FUN EVENING at WITCOMBE



BINGO & FISH'nCHIPS

at Witcombe with Bentham Village
Hall GL34TB

on Saturday, 22nd November, 7pm

★CHRISTMAS-THEMED PRIZES★RAFFLE★

Tickets: contact Christine 01452 862399
christinedyermmx@btinternet.com

*Organised by WSF/St Mary's PCC in aid of
Church & Community*

Greenway Benefice - Badgeworth, Shurdington and
Witcombe with Bentham.

Eco-Week 2025

28th September – 4th October

This year, Eco-Week starts on Sunday 28th September,
with a launch at our 4th Sunday
service at St Paul's Church Shurdington at 10.30am. It
runs all week. You are invited to join
in. Do anything "eco" and let others know what you're
doing. Invite others to join in too.

This is our chance to celebrate our beautiful world and all
that it holds! This is open to
individuals, churches, families, schools, businesses, clubs
– in other words, anyone who would like to do something
special for our environment.

Find Eco-Week on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ecoweekgreenway>

And why not take a look at Greenway Churches page too:

<https://www.facebook.com/greenwaychurches>.

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation"

Mark 16:15



THE GREENWAY CHURCHES
FAMILY EXPERIENCE
HARVEST EXPERIENCE

St Paul's Church Hall, Shurdington

Saturday 04/10/2024 @ 3pm

Join us as we explore the wonderful
churchyard at Shurdington, experience the
autumn changes and celebrate Harvest.

Suitable for all ages, part of the GREENWAY
FAMILY EXPERIENCES program, run by
Badgeworth, Shurdington
and Witcombe with Bentham Churches.

Coffee morning

in the

Church Hall

Saturday 18th

October

10-12noon

Raffle, Plants, Books



Mothers' Union Branch Meeting 9th September, 2025, St Paul's Church Hall

We celebrated our return after a long ,hot summer with a lovely Communion Service centred around 'Friendship'. Rev'd. Ian Gobey and Rev'd. Susan Cooke (Both great friends and supporters of our Branch) led the service with our faithful friend John Stanley on the keyboard.

We sang three hymns 1. When I needed a neighbour 2. Make me a channel of your peace 3. What a friend we have in Jesus. Anna read the first lesson Hebrews 10 23 - 25 and Katrina read John 15 12 - 18. Rev'd Ian gave a humorous but thoughtful talk about the different kinds of friendship and reminded us all the Jesus had commanded us to 'Love one another as he Loves us". The Prayers were led by Chris Nation and every member was named in an act of Prayer.

It was a thoughtful and meaningful service appreciated by us all. After the service we shared a delicious slice of Janet's Victoria Sandwich with a cup of tea and there was time for a chat and catch up on all our news and renew friendships.

Next meeting Tuesday October 14th - Mark King will be our speaker

Saturday October 18th - Coffee morning 10 - 12noon

Future Date. Tuesday November 11th - Rev'd. Daniel Newman

St Mary's Church

100 Club

The club was set up to raise money for the Church, the incentive being four prize draws plus a Christmas draw annually.

Each draw comprises three winning share numbers with a first prize of £100 and two runners up of £25.

The Christmas draw has an additional £100 prize.

That's 13 winners in a year!

This year's draws will take place at community events in June, September, December and March '26.

You are now invited to renew your shares, or to join, for the current year beginning 1st April, 2025.

Existing share holders wishing to renew their shares for another year (£12 per share) need only to pay by BACS* **or** by cheque* or cash sent to Sue Padfield (Churchwarden) Woodview Cottage, Birdlip Hill, Witcombe, GL34SN.

For new applicants, forms are available from Sue Padfield (01452862509 suepadfield@btinternet.com) or in church. The purchase price is £12 per share; multiple share purchases are possible.

*Cheques should be made payable to St Mary's Church 100 Club. Payments by BACS to

St Mary's Church 100 Club

40-22-09 a/c 72514125 ref 100 Club.



COFFEE MORNING PLUS



RAFFLE, BOOKS, PLANTS COFFEE, CAKE, BRIC-A-BRAC

SHURDINGTON CHURCH HALL
10-12 NOON

4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

**25th October,
22nd November**



IN AID OF THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHURCH HALL

Harvest Supper

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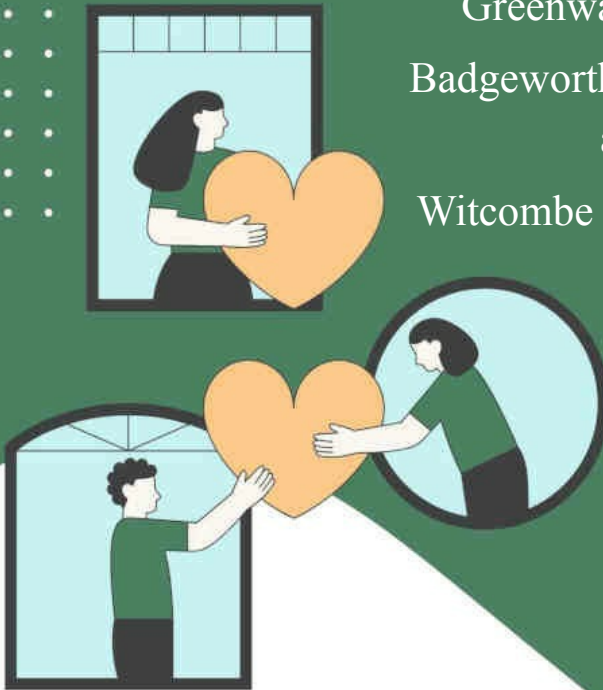
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Friday, 17th October, 7.15 for 7.30pm

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Cake and Chat

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Saturday, 6th December
10.30am – 12noon

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–Christmas Wreath-making–
–Table decorations– etc.

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31st October 2025

St Paul's Shurdington

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You are warmly invited to visit

from 5pm to 7pm



Enjoy lights and sweets, remembering that Jesus is the light of the world. There is nothing to fear at Halloween!

Why not bring a carved pumpkin to display on the church path? Perhaps a smiley face, or a cat or a cross shape?

Hope to see you! St Paul's team.



Quiz Night and Raffle
(in aid of Holy Trinity Church funds)
on Friday 7th November '25
7.30pm
at Badgeworth Village Hall

Light snacks (crisps, biscuits & cake) will be provided during the break, along with tea and coffee.

Please bring any other drinks you would like.

£10 per person, pay on the door.

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Contact: Paul Stanfield on 07989358683
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The Urgency of Snails

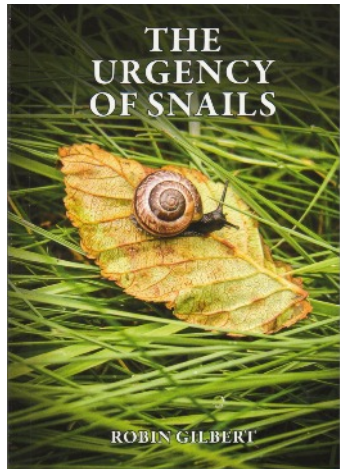
My third poetry collection *The Urgency of Snails* has recently been published by Graffiti Books. All the fifty-four poems are about, or have a close connection to, the natural world, and many of them have their origins in the Wide Valley or other places, such as Lineover Wood, not far from here. A short poem from the collection is printed below.

Copies are available for £7 (plus p&p, where applicable).

Robin Gilbert

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Lineover Wood
a “reduction” poem



**These woods of oak and ash and lime
are blessed with ferns and Roman snails
and, in their June glory, orchids -
Pyramidal, Common Spotted, Butterfly -
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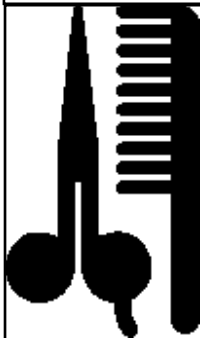
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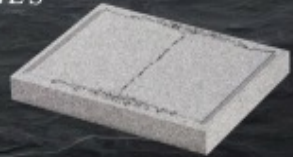
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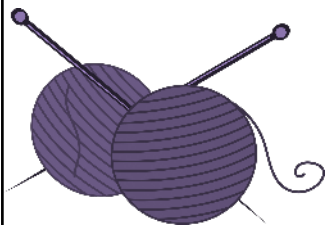
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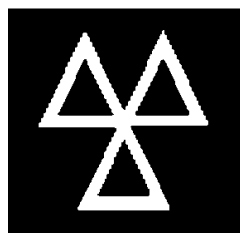
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