

All Saints Church Awbridge - June 2026



Celebrating Community
*“Behold how good and pleasant it
is to dwell together in unity”*
Psalm 133 v 1



Thank you to everyone in the village community who supported the wonderful fete in Awbridge in May and to all those in the village who took part. The church stalls were a great success raising over £900 from plants, crafts, puzzles, games and fabrics, thank you for all your support and enabling us to benefit from these funds. Thank you too, to everyone who helped with the stalls and those who donated items.

150th Anniversary of All Saints Church 1876-2026 In May we had very entertaining evening with Bishop Rhiannon of Southampton who came to our Pearly Gates the Rehearsal event which was very well attended and enjoyed by all. It was wonderful to hear Rhiannon’s personal faith story and how she has come to our area to work with churches, especially in Southampton and Bournemouth in the next few years. The event raised a valuable funds for our church restoration funds so thank you to everyone who supported it and helped to organise the evening.

Our next anniversary event is the inaugural Awbridge Organ Festival with recitals on Wednesday evenings 3, 10, 17 & 24 June, 7- 8.30 pm, at All Saints Awbridge. Entry by donations, with summer evening Pimms being served during the interval. For further information contact Chris, email: chris.s.thompson@me.com

In August there will be an exhibition in the church, for our 150th Anniversary. If anyone has photos or information on the church history (1876-2026) that they would like us to include please contact Katie Walton, email: katie.walton@unigit.co.uk. We are looking particularly for local families’ links with the church and the history of the stained glass windows.

Our Breakfast Service in May looked at different kinds of love and how during the season of Thy Kingdom Come we can pray for members of our family and friends to enjoy their own faith journey.

Our contemporary worship service is very well attended with informal worship and a live band; our next one is on 14 June from 6.30 pm.

Eco-tip for June. Our meadow at church is looking spectacular now in its third season. Why not take part in citizen science or a local nature event. Citizen science is a way for people to get involved in scientific research or data collection. There are many projects to choose from and it’s easy to make a contribution. Invite others to get involved with you too. Here are some projects that you could help with: Search your local beach with a shore survey: wildlifetrusts.org/shoresearch Spend ten minutes counting pollinators: ukpoms.org.uk Join in with Churches Count on Nature (6- 14 June): arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/churches-count-on-nature/ Do a Bee Walk: beewalk.org.uk Join Great Big Green Week (6-14 June): greatbiggreenweek.com

Services and Events

Wednesday evenings 3,10, 17 & 24 June	The Awbridge Organ Festival 7.00 pm Organ Recitals in Awbridge Church
Sunday 7 June	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 14 June	9.00 am Family Breakfast Service in Awbridge Village Hall 6.30 pm Contemporary Worship
Sunday 21 June	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 28 June	10.00 am United Benefice Service at King's Somborne

Regular Activities

Coffee Hub	Every Tuesday in Awbridge Church Rooms from 9.15 – 11.30 am
Prayer Meeting	Before Coffee Hub on 2 & 16 June from 9.00 am
Awbridge Housegroup	Tuesday evenings 9 & 23 June, 7 for 7.30pm at Chanwel
Craft & Chat	Fridays 5 & 19 June from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm, in Awbridge Village Hall Committee Room Please contact Sue Franklin - 01794 322185
Lunch Club	Wednesdays 10 & 24 June, 12 noon, in Awbridge Church Rooms Please contact Sarah Keith - 01794 340707
The Ark Toddler Group	Fridays, during term time from 9.15 am to 11.00 am in Awbridge Village Hall Please contact Lynda Tucker - 07884 492314

Useful Church Contacts

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