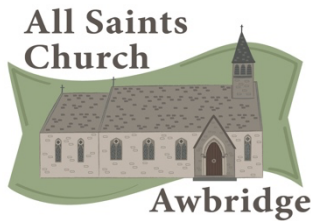


All Saints Church Awbridge - July 2026



*"And what does the Lord require
of you, to love mercy and to
walk humbly with your God"*
Micah 6 v8



The first Awbridge Organ Festival was held last month featuring our beautiful new organ with recitals by amazing organists and musicians to create a memorable celebration of music for the summer in our newly decorated church. Thank you to all who took part with their wonderful musical skills, and for all those who came and supported these evenings.

Summer Sax and BBQ is our next anniversary event on Saturday 18 July 7 pm - 10 pm, at Awbridge Village Hall, with the Second Wind Saxophone Quartet, who played for us last year and are welcomed back for another evening of entertainment with a BBQ, desserts, plus a raffle and a licensed bar! Tickets at £20 per person, are available from www.awbridge.church on the 150 Celebrations page, or by scanning the QR code on the adverts using your mobile phone. For more information please contact James Alexander by email at jdalexander350@gmail.com

The 150th Anniversary (1876 – 2026) Exhibition will take place in the church during the daytime from Mon 3 August to Friday 14 August. If anyone has photos or anecdotes or other information about the church history that they would like us to include please contact Katie Walton by email at katie.walton@unigit.co.uk. We are particularly looking for local families' links with the church and the history of the stained-glass windows.

Our special **150th Anniversary Service** on Sunday 9 August at 10 am will be led by Bishop Rhiannon, the Bishop of Southampton. Everyone is very warmly invited to join us and celebrate.

We are delighted to share the news that in May our Associate Priest Revd Jane Thompson was installed as an Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral. The role of an Honorary Canon is to link local communities with the Cathedral. Jane has been offered this honour by Bishop Philip as a mark of appreciation for her dedicated service to God's church and kingdom having been involved in a broad range of activities in the life of Awbridge Church, the Braishfield Benefice, Romsey Deanery and the Winchester Diocese. Many congratulations Jane.

Messy Church took place during the May half-term looking at the Fruit of the Spirit in the character of Jesus. The next session will be on Friday 28 August in the Braishfield Church Room.

Prayers Spaces will be taking place in July at Awbridge school. This is for Year 6 pupils with prayer activities enabling them to look back at their time at school and to look forward to the challenges and excitement of moving on to new schools for Year 7.

Eco-tip for July. It is Plastic Free July and this year A Rocha is thinking about laundry, a top source of microplastic pollution. Fibres from synthetic clothes (polyester, nylon, and acrylic for example) shed tiny fibres during washing and drying. These enter the sewage systems and are hard to filter out. Maybe we could use a microfibre bag or ball to catch the fibres. Learn more about reducing plastic pollution in the laundry process and about this year's campaign at www.plasticfreejuly.org

Services and Events in July

Sunday 5 July	9.30 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Deanery Contemporary Worship
Sunday 12 July	9.00 am Family Breakfast Service at Awbridge Village Hall
Saturday 18 July	7.00 pm Summer Sax & BBQ Evening at Awbridge Village Hall
Sunday 19 July	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 26 July	9.30 am Morning Worship

Other Activities

Coffee Hub	Every Tuesday in the Church Rooms from 9.15 – 11.30 am
Prayer Meeting	Before Coffee Hub on 7 & 21 July from 9.00 am
Awbridge House Group	Tuesdays 7 & 21 July from 7.30 pm at Chanwel House
Craft & Chat	Fridays 3, 17 & 31 July from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm In Awbridge Village Hall Committee Room Please contact Sue Franklin - 01794 322185
Lunch Club	Wednesdays 8 & 22 July from 12 noon in the 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

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