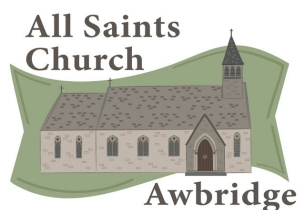
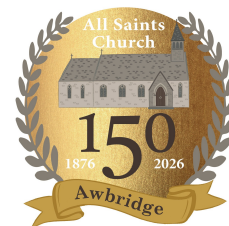


All Saints Church Awbridge - August 2026



*"Shout to the Lord, all the earth.....
For the Lord is good
and his love endures for ever:
his faithfulness continues
through all generations"
Psalm 100 v1 & 5*



150th Anniversary of All Saints Church 1876-2026

In July we enjoyed a fabulous evening of **Summer Sax and BBQ** at Awbridge Village Hall, with The Second Wind Saxophone Quartet and fabulous food, entertainment and fun. With many thanks to all who came, supported this event and raised valuable funds for the church.

As it is now August, we reach the main events of the year with a **150th Anniversary Exhibition** in the church. This will be open Mon 3 August – Friday 14 August during the daytime. On Sunday 9 August it will be open from 12 noon. The exhibition will try to tell the story of the church through the stained glass, through records of families who lived in the village, through clergy, through visitors, and others associated with the church over the years. Each window sill will reflect some of these ideas together with meadow style flowers which surround our village and the land on which the church is built. Refreshments will be available Friday 7 to Sunday 9 August.

Our **150th Anniversary Service** is on Sunday 9 August at 10.00 am with Bishop Rhiannon, Bishop of Southampton. This will be a celebratory service of Holy Communion with some fizz to follow. All Welcome.

A new special event **Hymns and Pimms** will take place on Sunday 30 August from 5.00 – 6.30 pm at the church. If you would like to request a favourite hymn there will be a suggestion box in church nearer the time. Do come and join in. All donations welcome.

A special service took place at Winchester Cathedral in July for the priesting of Revd Anthony Cross followed by his first service of Holy Communion at King's Somborne, it was extra special as his father is also a priest and was able to preach at this service. We wish Anthony many blessings for his future work.

Now it is the school holidays it can be a time to relax from some of those term time routines. At the end of term the Year 6 pupils at Awbridge were able to take part in Prayer Spaces enabling them to look at their time at school and the challenges and excitement of moving on to new schools in Year 7. This involved painted feet footprint journeys, praying for countries taking part in the World Cup and letting go of our worries!

Messy Church is at the end of the holidays on Friday 28 August, 3.30 – 5.30pm at Braishfield Church Rooms.

Advance Notice: our **Harvest Festival** will take place on Sunday 27 September with a collection of foods and goods for Southampton City Mission followed by **Harvest Lunch** at the village hall and a talk by Revd Tom Benson on his recent motorcycle expedition following the journeys of St Paul.

Eco-tip for August: If you like flowers and butterflies why not join in the Big Butterfly Count, it is open till 9 August, see <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>

We can also look after wildlife in the heat as drought and dryness can be dangerous for wildlife. Provide water for birds and insects - put a dish of water out to help wildlife stay hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds, and even badgers, foxes, and deer could benefit. A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning. These small actions make a big difference and are just some of the ways we can live out our calling to care for God's creation. See the blog on looking after wildlife in the heat for more warm weather eco tips:

arochoa.org.uk/looking-afterwildlife-in-the-heat/.

Services and Events in August

Sunday 2 August	9.30 am Holy Communion
Mon 3 - Fri 14 August	Daytime 150 th Anniversary Exhibition at Awbridge Church
Sunday 9 August	10.00 am 150 th Anniversary Service of Holy Communion
Sunday 16 August	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 23 August	9.30 am Morning Worship
Sunday 30 August	10.00 am United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at St Andrew's Church, Timsbury 5.00 pm Hymns & Pimms at Awbridge Church

Other Activities

Coffee Hub	Every Tuesday in the church rooms from 9.15 – 11.30 am
Prayer Meeting	Before Coffee Hub on 4 & 18 August from 9.00 am
Awbridge House Group	Tuesdays 11 & 25 August from 7.30 pm at Chanwel House
Craft & Chat	Fridays 14 & 28 August from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm in Awbridge Village Hall Committee Room Please contact Sue Franklin - 01794 322185
Lunch Club	Wednesdays 12 & 26 August, 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 from 4 Sept in Awbridge Village Hall Please contact Lynda Tucker - 07884 492314

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