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OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2026



Our Benefice Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the many blessings of our Benefice life together,
and pray that we may always be a blessing to one another.

We pray for all whom you call to worship and serve amongst us.

Grant us vision, courage and love.

Grant us open hearts to welcome, include and work alongside one another

That together we may serve your kingdom faithfully,
to share your steadfast love with all.

In this place and in this time.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2026

Sunday 4 October

- 9am ZOOM Morning Prayer
- 11am Holy Communion at Guiting Power
- 11am Matins BCP at Upper Slaughter
- 3pm Wild Worship at Temple Guiting Churchyard
- 6pm Holy Communion at Temple Guiting

Sunday 11 October

- 9am Patronal and Harvest Holy Communion at Farmcote
- 11am Morning Praise at Lower Slaughter
- 11am Harvest Holy Communion at Naunton

Sunday 18 October

- 9am Holy Communion at Cutsdean
- 11am Harvest Holy Communion BCP at Upper Slaughter

Sunday 25 October

- 9am Matins BCP at Naunton
- 9am Family Holy Communion at Temple Guiting
- 11am Holy Communion at Lower Slaughter
- 6pm Iona Evening Service at Guiting Power

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday 1 November – All Saints/All Souls

- 9am Zoom Morning Prayer
- 11am Holy Communion at Guiting Power
- 11am Matins BCP at Upper Slaughter
- 4pm Benefice Remembering Loved Ones Service at Lower Slaughter

Sunday 8 November – Remembrance Sunday

- 9am Holy Communion at Farmcote
- 10.45am Remembrance Service at Lower Slaughter
- 10.45am Remembrance Service at Naunton
- 10.45am Remembrance Service at Temple Guiting

Wednesday 11 November – Armistice Day

10.50am Act of Remembrance at Guiting Power War Memorial

Sunday 15 November

9am Holy Communion at Cutsdean

11am Holy Communion BCP at Upper Slaughter

Sunday 22 November

9am Matins BCP at Naunton

9am Family Holy Communion at Temple Guiting

11am Holy Communion at Lower Slaughter

6pm Holy Communion at Guiting Power

Sunday 29 November – Advent Sunday

9am Advent Holy Communion & Advent Hymns at Upper Slaughter

11am Benefice Advent Holy Communion & Advent Hymns at Naunton

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 6 December

9am Zoom Morning Prayer

11am Holy Communion at Guiting Power

11am Matins BCP at Upper Slaughter

3pm Wild Worship at Temple Guiting Churchyard

6pm IONA Evening Service at Temple Guiting

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REVD ANNE WRITES ...

The season of falling leaves is upon us; as the changing season turns our countryside all the shades of orange and gold, the nights grow colder and the dark begins earlier.



Our Harvest services continue through October and we continue to collect for the Foodbank; those in need of food and help will be enormously grateful for all the gifts and donations which you can give, whether at your local church's Harvest service or all year round through your local church's Foodbank box.

On 1 November, All Saints and All Souls marks the moment when we remember all those who have gone before us. All Saints, those we have not known personally but who inspire us with their example, and All Souls, those we have known and those personal and family losses. There is an opportunity at our All Souls service, for those who mourn to gather together in a reflective quiet space, to remember and to light a candle in memory of your loved one. If that's you, do join us at 4 pm, Sunday 1 November, at St Mary, Lower Slaughter.



At Remembrance, we gather to remember and to honour the memory of all those who died in World War 1 and in the Second World War, and in all the conflicts since. We remember those who were wounded, and we remember those who serve in our Armed Forces today. Often, the scale of the losses is hard to imagine; as you swish through piles of fallen leaves imagine if each leaf around your feet were one of the thousands of young lives lost through these wars.

Many centuries ago, St Chrysostom prayed: 'Remember, O Lord, we beseech thee, the souls of them that have kept the faith; both those whom we remember and those whom we remember not; and grant them rest in the land of the living, in the joy of Paradise, whence all pain and grief have fled away, where the light of thy countenance shineth forever. And guide in peace the end of our lives, O Lord, when thou wilt and as thou wilt, only without shame or sin, through thine only begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen'.

If you live here or visit here regularly, do reach out for a chat or come along to a service, a warm welcome awaits you.

In Christ

Anne

MORNING PRAYER AROUND THE BENEFICE

Monday: St Mary's, Lower Slaughter at 9.15am
Tuesday: St Michael and All Angels, Guiting Power at 9.15am
Wednesday: St Andrew's, Naunton at 9.15am
Thursday: St Mary's, Temple Guiting at **9.30am**

Second Tuesdays of the Month: St Peter's, Upper Slaughter at **10.30am**

COMMUNITY MINISTRY - we have shared in these services

Baptisms

"May God guide and protect them"

Felix Boone at Upper Slaughter on 15 August 2026

Margot Ewart-Perks at Farmcote on 16 August 2026

Hannah and Theodore Willis at Lower Slaughter on 13 September 2026

Weddings

"May God bless them"

Harrison and Francesca Archer at Lower Slaughter on 29 August 2026



Funerals

"May they rest in peace and rise in glory"

Jennifer Pender Interment of Ashes at Lower Slaughter on 27 August 2026

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ZOOM ACTIVITIES AND LINK

We continue to offer worship on Zoom for all who would like to join us. The Sunday services continue with a 9.00am Morning Prayer on Sundays 4 October, 1 November and 6 December; please see full schedules for details.

Our services and events are hosted through this link:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/8274429787?pwd=BvUqbV6RABNceznMoY3P2RMIAsbYwc.1&omn=87099750241>

Meeting ID: 827 442 9787

Passcode: Happy2

SEEKING ASSISTANCE

As I get settled in, there are some one-off tasks and some more ongoing administrative tasks which I would appreciate help with. If you have a few hours to spare and are interested in getting involved, please let me know and we can have a chat. Revd Anne.

CHRISTENING: PREPARATION COURSE

If you would like your baby or child to be baptised, do sign up for our next Christening course - on Mondays 19 and 26 October and 2 November, at 7.30pm on ZOOM. New Enquiries: please contact Moira Anderson at moira@andersonpage.com, or Revd Anne.

SERVICE OF DEDICATION, TEMPLE GUITING



To celebrate the Service of Dedication of The Right Hon the Lord Butterworth of Warwick Memorial Window and the Dedication of the Hon John William Blackstock Butterworth Memorial Window by The Bishop of Tewkesbury, the Rt Revd Robert Springett, at St Mary Temple Guiting, on 2 August 2026, a team of local bell

ringers completed a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles. Phillip Street, Tim Woodgate, Jane Gilbert, Sarah Elliott, Nicholas Allsopp and Roland Greenhill rang the 1260 changes in 46 minutes. Both windows were designed by Thomas Denny.

BENEFICE JOINT PCC MEETING

Our latest Joint PCC Meeting was held on the evening of 9 September at Temple Guiting where it was so lovely to see everyone meeting together and spend time talking through some common joys and interests. We hold these meetings every six months, the next one being on Wednesday 10 March 2027.

Across the Benefice, we seek to be church communities formed around a combination of good quality worship and outreach community activities and our PCCs are key team players as the trustees of this work and oversee the maintenance of our beautiful and well-maintained buildings. I

am encouraging every PCC to review and perhaps update its church linen, and to purchase a set of PCC books, to be kept in the Vestry. Where your PCC is small or lacks one of the key roles, I would encourage you to volunteer and offer your gifts.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY

Temple Guiting Church of England Primary School have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor; if you are a regular churchgoer and a communicant and might be interested, or know someone who you think might be interested, do please speak to Revd Anne for more details.

SPREAD THE WORD ASSEMBLIES

Most of you will know that a team of us, a mixture of clergy and lay people, lead an assembly each week in Temple Guiting School. You will also know that we have great fun and that the children are an immense inspiration to us.

If you would like to join in with the team, we would love to have you. No special giftings or acting skills are required – just a sense of wanting to share the Bible with children. We will provide you with necessary safeguarding training. You are most welcome to join us. Please contact Moira Anderson at moira@andersonpage.com

COTSWOLD SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY



On Tuesday 15 September, I hurried to make it to Bourton Baptist Church for 7pm where it was a delight to see Tim Fletcher being commissioned by the Cotswold School Chaplaincy Project team. This photo shows Tim at the lectern, with Kevan Taylor, the Chair of the project, standing to one side.

DEANERY SYNOD

The next Deanery Synod meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 13 October 2026. Further details available nearer the time.

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING FORUM

On Wednesday 11 November from 2-3.30pm, Upper Slaughter is hosting a Safeguarding event for the Deanery at their Village Hall. Parish Safeguarding Officers (with active questions) and Clergy are welcome to join, but others do not need to attend.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

All of these activities are for everyone, and with no charge:

Coffee Morning at Lords of the Manor Hotel – On the second Tuesday of each month in Upper Slaughter from 11am-12noon. Come along for free coffee, tea and biscuits and spend time together in a warm, lovely space (**Tuesdays 13 October and 10 November**).

St Andrew's Coffee Shop – Every Thursday from 10.30am-12.30pm, come along to share drinks and biscuits and chat in the church in Naunton.

Coffee and Cake in the West End, St Mary's Church, Temple Guiting
Come and join friends and neighbours for real coffee and homemade cake at **10.00am** on the **first Friday of the month – 2 October and 6 November**. No charge, but donations welcome.

'VILLAGE VOICES'

A very informal group of singers from local villages who meet on alternate Mondays, mainly in St Mary's Temple Guiting, and in search of altos, tenors and basses. Do call Ali Clifton Barnard (07583 415065) if you'd like to join.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AND VILLAGE EVENTS

CUTSDEAN and TEMPLE GUITING

Decades after leaving further education, still the month of September offers the possibility of new beginnings such as creative evening classes and planting spring bulbs bought at Moreton Show at the beginning of the month (vowing that I would not leave them mouldering in the back of the shed until next year then guiltily disposing them in the compost). Our farmers, having prepared the ground after completing an early harvest, are sowing their winter crops in anticipation of a less challenging year than 2026. We experienced almost incessant rain earlier in the year and then successive heat waves which dried the earth, scorched crops, diminished reservoirs and resulted in a hosepipe ban. It has been difficult year for farmers and gardeners, commercial and domestic, with yields down and profit margins much reduced. The knock-on effect will be higher food prices in the shops for us all. Some of us will be able to absorb the increased prices, others won't have that luxury.

At our Harvest Festival Service last Sunday, Alexia Munroe, a representative from the North Cotswold Foodbank spoke very articulately about the service that the NC Foodbank provides, stressing that even in a wealthy area such as the North Cotswolds, there is rural poverty and a need for the services of the foodbank. We had lots of very generous donations for the foodbank as well as a very healthy collection which along with all the other Churches in the Benefice will go to the Foodbank. A huge thank you to everyone who provided fruit, veg and flowers etc to decorate the church for the service and also to those who gave up their Saturday morning to do the decorating. The church looked wonderfully festive! The service was well attended and we thanked God in the traditional way for the harvest that has been and look forward to a more productive and clement 2027!

Please see poster below for the Autumn Concert at Temple Guiting Church.

Ros Hartnell



Autumn Concert
Stray Threads
Ali Clifton Barnard - Voice
Mark Harmer - Harp / Organ
Unearthed
John Davis - Recorder
Nathan King - Guitar / Trumpet

Friday 30th October, 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Temple Guiting, GL54 5RW
Cash bar from 7.00pm

Tickets £15 from
alicliftonbarnard@btinternet.com



FARMCOTE

It doesn't seem five minutes since I was penning my notes last for 70x7, but since then summer is well and truly over and we are well into the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". The soft refreshing rain we sing about in our harvest festivals is certainly soft, for while many people have had inches of rain, we are still well in deficit, although what we have had is most welcome and greened up the grass well.

We had a rare event in Farmcote in August, with the baptism of Margot, the first baptism for a good number of years. It was great

to welcome so many of her family and friends.

We shall be celebrating our Patronal Festival and Harvest Festival together on 11 October. In past years we have celebrated St Faith's Day with a joint service with St Faith's, Overbury and another year a service at St Faith's chapel, Tewkesbury Abbey. There are just a handful of churches and chapels dedicated to her, including one at Westminster Abbey. It was mooted that we might pay a visit, but somewhere it failed to materialise!!

On 29 November we are joining Guiting Power's Christmas Fair with a table of jams, preserves, chutneys, cakes, Christmas decorations, etc. All contributions gratefully received!

Lorna Eayrs

UPPER SLAUGHTER

Autumn is here, and with it some very welcome rain, isn't it amazing how the green returns so quickly! What felt like a never-ending summer has stayed on into September, but the cooler days have come as a relief. Everything seems to have been early this year, I'm told that harvest was

more than three weeks ahead in some places, and those big, fat, juicy blackberries have been in the hedgerows for months. It was a bumper year, and a welcome snack on my morning walks! What comes next is anyone's guess, especially with El Niño in the picture. The warming of the tropical Pacific can influence weather patterns far beyond its shores, although quite what it means for us is less certain. What we can be sure of is that climate change is already with us, and the familiar rhythms of our seasons are changing. Quite what autumn and winter will bring, we shall have to wait and see!

Francis Witts held a successful book launch for the latest in the Diary of a Cotswold Parson series, *Travelling with the Cotswold Parson: By Carriage, Stage Coach and by Rail, 1830–1854*. His ancestor and namesake Rev. Francis Witts, became rector of Upper Slaughter in 1808, living in what is now the Lords of the Manor, then the parish rectory. An inquisitive observer of people, places and the changing world around him, he recorded his travels in wonderful detail. This volume follows his journeys between 1830 and 1854. It is a gentle read, with plenty of familiar places to recognise along the way. All proceeds from book sales are going to the church. Copies are still available!

And, with a little family link to the Rev Francis Witts, we were delighted to celebrate the christening of his distant cousin, Felix Boone, at St Peter's on 15 August, which was a lovely occasion and a very special day for Felix, Joanna, Jack, Lily and Daisy.

It was lovely to welcome visiting bellringers to St Peter's in August for a quarter peal, and we look forward to hearing the bells ring out again when another group visits on 10 October.

Many, many thanks to everyone on our flower rota who have helped make the church look so lovely throughout the year, and to everyone who has brought fruit, vegetables, flowers and other produce from gardens and allotments into the church for donations. It is all much appreciated.

It has been lovely to support events elsewhere in the benefice, including the Chastleton teas for the School Chaplaincy Project and Lower Slaughter's successful Bank Holiday teas. Thank you to everyone who lent a hand or went along.

Our annual Harvest Festival service takes place on 18 October, in aid of the North Cotswolds Foodbank, followed by a soup and cheese lunch in the village hall and, looking a little further ahead, we will gather in Lower Slaughter for the Remembrance service on 8 November. And I can't quite believe we are already talking about Christmas, but our Carol Service will be on Saturday 19 December at 6pm. There will also be a midnight Mass, though possibly a little earlier than midnight! The time is still to be confirmed, as Rev Anne has more than one parish to cover and has yet to master being in two places at once!

We continue to keep Paul Lockey, Brian Freeman and Carol Boone, together with their families, in our thoughts and prayers, sending them all our love and very best wishes.

Charlotte Van Rooyen & Paul Trenaman

NAUNTON

The 'lazy hazy days of summer' are finally giving way to the shorter and cooler autumn days. For a while, like many others I'm sure, I was beginning to think "what if we just don't get rain?" "Have faith" I hear you cry ... and sure enough, it came! And almost immediately the crispy brown grass is fresh and lush again. It's incredible how resilient plants can be! Climate change is certainly showing its ugly side, for anyone still in doubt.

The rhythm of life in our little village community continues. Dog walkers and horse riders are out early, followed by the school bus, folks leaving for work, workers of various sorts arriving and all the while villagers and visitors alike are going about their own daily business. Each person we encounter will have their own joys and worries, celebrations and disappointments.

Village events continue to delight throughout the changing seasons. It's always good to see more families (both resident and visiting) in the summer, and many join in these events.

Nauntonbury (our local answer to Glastonbury) took place on 19th July. A private event to which all are welcome, it's a live music fundraiser to benefit local hospice at home charity 'Kate's Home Nursing', generously hosted by Pamela and Paul. Always great fun, we are grateful to them for

all the hard work they put in to welcoming and entertaining so many. Thank you!

The 'postponed- due-to-the-heat' FUN dog show took place on July 25th, living up to its promise of 'fun' and 'dogs'. Plenty of both of those in evidence, along with cakes and other refreshments.

Next up was the village Eclipse Picnic on 12th August (which I would say was a 'once in a blue moon' event, but that would be not quite accurate and mixing my metaphors 🤪). Folks were simply invited to bring and enjoy a picnic at the recreation ground, and watch the moon pass between us and the sun, together. Special sunglasses were provided to keep our eyes safe (I'm sure that the Man in the Moon had a little laugh when he saw us wearing these!). It was fun to have Rev Anne with us that evening.

Most recently the Bank Holiday Monday outdoor entertainment at the Dovecote was a production of Dickens' Pickwick Papers.

We look forward to a village Beetle drive with a jacket potato supper on 23rd October.

Otherwise, regular weekly and monthly activities are up and running, some after a summer hiatus. Do check out the regular weekly things going on at the hall (Pilates, Dance for fitness, Aikido, Nippers toddler group, and Needles and Pins craft group to name some) in addition to monthly Cinema at St Andrews Church and Breakfast in the hall.

There will be a talk given in the hall by Archaeologist and village resident Dr Paul Roberts on Friday 2nd October entitled 'GLADIATORS; Roman Games of Death'. It promises to be a fascinating evening. Drinks and Canapés are included in the ticket price. For more info please contact Jen Houlden on 07950 370296 or email StaNauton@yahoo.com. All proceeds to benefit St Andrews Church.

Ba Steiner is organising the Macmillan Coffee morning on Thursday 1st October, in the hall. Proceeds will be shared between Kate's Home Nursing and Macmillan, both providers of vital end of life care and support. Please do come along!

The final Naunton Music Series concert will be held on the evening of Friday 25th September. We are hugely privileged to enjoy such serene

music in our little village church and I'm sure I speak for many in thanking Ba and her team for the huge amount of planning and effort that goes into making these concerts so very special.

The Church calendar is rushing towards a busy season. Our special Harvest festival will take place at 11am on 11th October. We are looking forward to a talk from a representative from the North Cotswold Foodbank, to which Food Gifts are invited. An up-to-date list of particular needs can be found on their website. (There is also an ongoing village collection point in the courtyard of the former Baptist Chapel which is delivered to the Foodbank on a weekly basis). Our Remembrance service will be held this year on Sunday 8th of November at 10.45am.

Everyone is as ever very welcome in St Andrews for these and ALL services as advertised on the Notice Board, as well as at Wednesdays 9.15am Prayers, Thursday coffee 10.30 til 12.30, or simply to enjoy the peace of the space at any time in the daytime. You might be lucky and catch an organist practising!

Over the Summer, a 'Collect- Tin' card reader was installed in St Andrews Church as a convenient way collect much needed donations from our many visitors towards the upkeep of our beautiful Church. We have no other income stream! We enjoy reading the comments in our Visitors' book from those who do visit from near and far. And we remind you that the prayer request book is also out at the Church Entrance ... any requests will be added to our weekly prayers. Do use it!

Wishing you a peaceful autumn.

Moiria Anderson

GUITING POWER

What a Summer we have had! However you view it, it is certainly one to remember... We have not had much rainfall since it "began again", not more than two inches in total, but what a difference to the landscape, and the garden, to see lush green grass again (and to require to cut it again!). Nature is a marvel, if only we respect it.

As I write, the church is looking resplendent with the bounty of Harvest Festival, one of my favourite times of year, and Thank You to all those

who have contributed to making it look so - you know who you are and it is so very much appreciated!

October in Guiting is a relatively quiet Autumn month before the activity of November, and dare I say preparations for the "C" word!

November begins with a time of remembrance and reflection with the Service of Remembering Loved Ones at All Souls-tide on Sunday 1st, this year at Lower Slaughter. I'm sure that many will have heard the terribly sad news of Julia Edwards' passing recently. Mike and Julia have continued to be such a part of the Guiting community after moving to Mickleton and we hold Mike and all the family in our thoughts and prayers.

At 10.50am on Wednesday 11th November the Act of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorial on the Green as we recall all lost to war. Coming back to the "C" word (it is only so long before it's use is inevitable...) our Christmas Fair will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday 29th November, with a certain gentleman in red hoping to be in attendance... Full details and table hire requests welcome to Fiona Formby fionajformby@hotmail.com

Before then, may we enjoy the beauty of this Autumn season in the blessings of our beautiful surroundings.

Simon Wallis

LOWER SLAUGHTER

It feels we are now well and truly into Autumn with all its wonderful colours, pleasant days and a chill in the morning and evening. As I look back over a magnificent summer with plenty of sunshine it has been a busy couple of months for our church.

On August Bank Holiday weekend we did fundraising



for our church maintenance fund with great success - we raised in the region of £2500 by selling refreshments, bric-a-brac, bottle tombola and a car boot sale. Many thanks to all those involved either by helping, donating or supporting us. Also a massive thank you to our church benefice family for their help and donations - it was a fun couple of days.

On 13 September we celebrated our harvest and farming community. It has been a most difficult season for our farmers and a difficult harvest due to drought conditions. But despite this, we were lucky to have ample food at our service. The church was decked out in harvest glory and we collected food for our local food bank to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Our collection money was also donated to them. We had two wonderful volunteers from the food bank who told us about their work; very sad indeed that in 21st Century Britain there is need for such a worthy cause.

I had the pleasure of meeting by chance Rev Katrina Scott who sends her good wishes to everyone and she was able to tell me the wonderful news that Ruth has got a place at Bath University to study Spanish and that Freddie has also done well in his exams and is continuing his studies at Cotswold School. How wonderful it has been to watch them grow up into adulthood and start their career paths.

On 8 October we are holding a joint benefice fundraiser at Chastleton church serving teas to raise funds for the School chaplaincy. Do please come and support us – you can visit the House, walk the grounds or just pop in for some homemade cake! Dogs on leads are very welcome.

We hope to do a Christmas coffee morning – watch out for details later.

In the meantime, enjoy the Autumn and, as nights draw in, make a little relaxation time with winter hobbies, watching a good film or reading a good book. Take care,

Marion Marshall

TEMPLE GUITING SCHOOL

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year at Temple Guiting! We are incredibly proud of all our children, especially our new Reception children who have settled in beautifully. It has been lovely to see

everyone getting to grips with new classrooms, new friends and new teachers, and growing in confidence along the way.

There has already been lots of exciting learning. Class 1 have been discovering what makes each of them special, Class 2 have been exploring the world through Great Explorers, Class 3 have been learning about rainforests and the impact of palm oil on orangutans, and Class 4 have travelled back in time to explore Ancient Egypt.

Alongside our curriculum, we have also been developing how we support spiritual development at Temple Guiting. We see this as helping children to explore their sense of self, their relationships with others, the wider world and what lies beyond. Through worship, RE and across the curriculum, we encourage children to explore age-appropriate 'big questions', such as "Why should we respect people who are different from us?" These questions give children time to wonder, reflect and develop their own understanding. Our aim is for every child at Temple Guiting to flourish spiritually, as well as academically and personally.

Our Christian value this term is Respect, thinking about how we value ourselves, others and our wonderful world. Our core values of Respect, Courage, Trust, Forgiveness, Perseverance and Friendship are rooted in our overarching value of Love, which we strive to live out each day.

We are looking forward to celebrating our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church on Thursday 8th October at 9am, welcoming families to join us. The children have been thinking about giving thanks for what we have and the importance of sharing, with donations being collected for the North Cotswold Foodbank.

As we move further into autumn, we hope everyone in our Temple Guiting community enjoys this beautiful season - noticing the changing colours, crisp mornings and all the opportunities autumn brings to pause, explore and enjoy the wonderful world around us.

It has been wonderful to see the children thriving, learning and growing together.

Emily Chester, Class 3 Teacher

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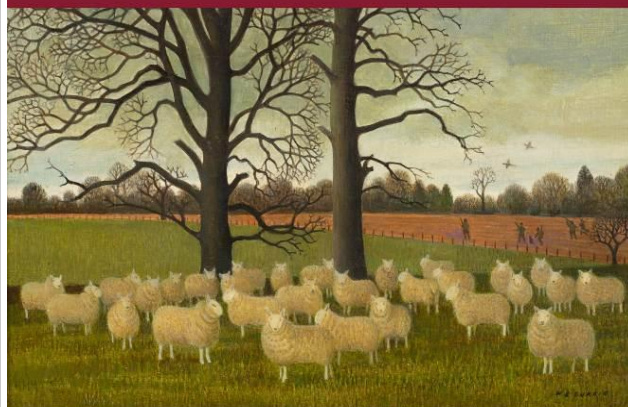
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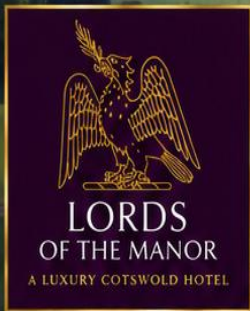
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