

Wykeham Benefice News

June, July 2026

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News from our Rector

As I write this letter the months of June and July are just around the corner. The days are longer; our mornings and nights getting brighter day on day. In a few days it will be the Spring Bank Holiday and the weather is supposed to be glorious. By the time this letter reaches you the weekend will be gone but I hope it will have given you as much lovely weather as it promises to.

June and July tend to bring that warmer, brighter summer weather. We find ourselves spending more time outside – tending our gardens and enjoying the pleasant temperatures. All around us creation is growing wilder. The trees are green, flowers are blooming, from July hedgerows will begin foaming with berries. I walked into one of our churches the other day and I could hear some baby birds chirping excitedly in the tree each time I walked under it.

It is always this time of year that I look out at my garden and see where the shrubbery has grown a little unevenly, weeds have sprouted up in places where I don't want them. I was looking at one of my flowerbeds which is rather overrun and felt daunted by the task of getting the weeds out and thinking what new flowers I want to put in. I know I want some lovely bright ones – but where to begin?! I ask myself. I realise, as I sit here, that I just need to dive in and get started. Often the most difficult part of a task is getting going. But nature doesn't seem to have much trouble with that does it? Plants are thriving everywhere. Often in our faith we can be tempted to over-tend it, to carefully manicure it, create well defined borders, only plant what we want to plant.

Pentecost this year is on 24th May. The 10 days leading up to it and the weeks after, we are encouraged to think about how we can welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives. But the Holy Spirit, like nature, is rarely tidy. She germinates in the cracks of things and has a fondness for the unmanicured places. A weed, by definition, is a plant growing where it is not wanted. When we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives we want it to reach into every part of our lives... I wonder then... what might it look like to rewild our faith a little this month? To loosen the grip on familiar routines and allow the Holy Spirit to bring something new to seed in our lives?

I would like to invite you all over the coming weeks, take a quiet walk somewhere green. Spend the time noticing... Notice what is flowering uninvited. Notice what has returned without anyone's permission. Give thanks for it. Ask God to open our eyes to what new seeds are germinating in our day to day. Maybe the Holy Spirit has set plants growing in our faith where we do not want them. Can we be brave enough to let that plant flourish and grow? May we remember that the Kingdom of God grows in ways we cannot engineer. Our part is simply to scatter seeds of prayer, kindness, attention, wonder- and trust in God to do the rest.

Parish News



**Please join us for our Midsummer Fete
Saturday 20 June 2026 from 12.30pm
in the Manor Field, Shutford**

Our aim is to bring together Shutford residents and neighbours from surrounding villages and the local area, in a lovely setting, to have fun and enjoy each other's company.

We will be raising funds for 'BYHP', a Banbury based charity that helps young people with education, homelessness, and mental health needs, as well as our village church, St Martin's Church, towards maintenance costs.

Please 'save the date' and come along for a great day while supporting two very good causes.

Stalls, tombola, classic vehicle display, car boot sale,
music, entertainment, food and drink
- and hopefully sunshine!

Fete entrances are off Church Lane (no cars please, except disabled drop-offs/pick-ups) or from the field Car Park, off Banbury Road

Shutford

Our Lent Lunch raised £340 for The Banbury Beacon Centre. Many thanks to the soup makers and everyone who made the occasion a financial and social success.

Our Good Friday Family Event and Easter Sunday Service were well attended. The church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers and items made at the craft morning, including Easter gardens.

Our Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting was held in April with existing members and officials re-elected. Copies of the annual report and accounts are held in church and are published on the Shutford Village website.

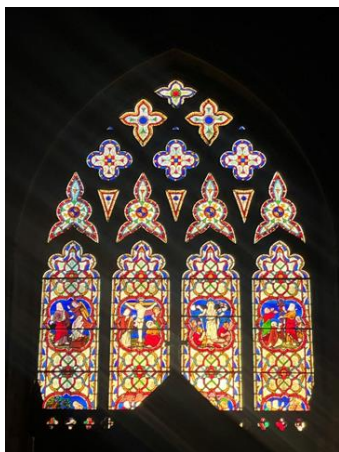
Our small good-natured congregation and others ensure that St Martin`s Church remains available for all to use. People of all faiths or none are welcome at any service or to spend some quiet time in the church or in the churchyard. The spring flowers have faded but have been replaced by buttercups, daisies, and lilac. Churchyards are well known for their biodiversity and affectionally known as “God`s Acre”. Join us for a nature count on 14th June, the afternoon of our All Age Service, there will be refreshments, or visit when convenient between 6th and 14th June to record what you see and hear.

Shutford Village Fete is on 20th June – see separate poster – everyone is welcome, come and enjoy a cup of tea, some cake, and a chat. Money raised will help BYHP and our church maintenance.

Swalcliffe

Easter

At dawn on Sunday 5th April, Swalcliffe welcomed Easter with the lighting of the Paschal Candle 6am, followed by a candle lit procession into the church and the first communion of Easter. There was also an 11am family communion service.



Swalcliffe Park School

The church has been very fortunate in getting assistance from the pupils of Swalcliffe Park School, who are undertaking Community Service as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. On several occasions they have helped with various tasks, such as cleaning, tidying and polishing in the church and work in the churchyard. A big thanks to all of them.

Heritage Projects

We are delighted to have received permission to install bespoke illumination for our recently conserved medieval wall paintings and monuments and are grateful to have received grant funding from a private trust and a recent legacy. In addition, a faculty

has been received from the Diocese to repair and conserve our stained glass windows. We have already received grant funding and donations and will continue to seek financial support for these.

Tadmarton



It seems a long while since Easter but we are now enjoying the blossom and bluebells around us and looking forward to all the summer flowers in our gardens. We enjoyed many wonderful services over Easter and our thanks go to Emily and John for all their hard work.

On the 23rd of April we remembered the long life of Ron Wackrill. The church was full of relatives and friends who all had memories of all that he had achieved in his life, including the Tadmarton Golf Club, and his work for the village and the church. We continue to remember Shirley in our prayers.

We held our annual church meeting after morning service on 26th April. Chris Dean was re-elected as church warden. Many thanks go to Chris for all that he does for the church as secretary and treasurer as well as the many other jobs that he does that we don't know about. The minutes and treasurers report were accepted. Many thanks were given to Mike Hillman, Chris and David Buckingham for the work that they do keeping the church gutters clean and to all the volunteers who keep

the churchyard looking so good. Some other positions will be discussed at the next PCC meeting.

We are looking forward to the Open Garden with Lindsey and Rolf at 4 the Glebe on Sunday 31st May from 2.30-5pm. Tea and cakes plus some of Lindsey's cards, bags and aprons will be on sale. Rolf will be happy to show you his model railway. Parking will be available at the village hall. Donations will go to Katherine House and the church. Please come along for fun and fellowship.

Broughton with North Newington

A big thank you to the twelve people to come and Spring Cleaned St Mary's Church on 2nd May. It is looking magnificent and is a great help to the regular team. Georgina Style



On Monday 27th April, hundreds of mourners gathered at Broughton St Marys and Broughton Castle for the funeral of Mariette, the late Lady Saye and Sele who sadly passed away on 6th April. The funeral was a warm and welcoming service celebrating the life of an extraordinary woman. The service reflected her passion for the arts, for animals and her deep faith. Always encouraging and kind, Mariette will be deeply missed by so many, not least her church family some of whom led prayers at her funeral. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

On Sunday 7th June, we are delighted to host the Benefice Eucharist at St Marys Broughton at 10.30am; we do hope you can join us as

this is always a lovely opportunity for worshippers across the benefice to get together.

Our Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Choral Evensong services are due to take place on Sunday 28th June and Sunday 26th July at 6pm with the benefice choir.

We are developing our outreach to children and families with a Football Camp taking place between **27th – 29th July at Bishop Carpenter School**. More details can be found in the flyer and we welcome volunteer helpers. **Please contact Rob on 07775 687682 for further information and details of how you can get involved.**

Bloxham Baptist Church also have a **Football Camp** following the same format from **18th - 20th August at the Warriner School, 9.30 - 3.00pm**. More info about this Camp can be found at: www.bloxhambaptist.org

And finally, we would like to wish Neil and Margaret Howarth a very Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary on 17th June. Many Congratulations to you both.

Sibford

Holy Trinity Lent Lunch hosted by Gilian and David Soden was very well supported and the money raised was given to Banbury Young Homeless Project. Easter Sunday it was a joy to have a large congregation to celebrate the risen Lord.

On the last Saturday of April a nice sunny day we had the wedding of Dan and Flo what a joyful occasion it was & we wish them a long & happy life together.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK began on the 10th May with a Coffee Morning which was well supported. The following day Revd. Emily led a very thoughtful Christian Aid Service on the reading of Love and Loving our Neighbours. During the service a video was shown relating to the work of Christian Aid and in particular working with the Beacon of Hope in Nairobi helping people to grow their own food in very small concrete alleyways between the dense rows of shacks. Friedah described her life as a widow and how she was able to feed her family, sell crops and send her children to school and pay for hospital bills. Donations can be made at give.christianaid.org.uk. Envelopes were distributed with collection points at The Rectory, The Surgery and the Post Office. Our thanks to them for helping us help Christian Aid.

The APCM will have taken place at the end of May.

There will be **OPEN GARDENS** in The Sibfords, a chance to see private gardens in the Sibfords, on **Sunday 14th June 2pm – 6pm** in aid of the National Garden Scheme, Teas and delicious cakes will be available in the Village Hall, proceeds to Holy Trinity church.

We have welcomed new residents to our services what a joy it is to have new members of our congregation.

Wishing you all good weather for outdoor events fundraising and happy holidays.



*A 'Slightly' Mad Hatter's
Cream Tea,
In the Lavender field*

*Yarn Hill Cottage,
Birds Lane, Epwell*

Come with a fun hat!



*for St Anne's Church
Sunday, 28th June
2.30-5p.m.*

Epwell

Save the Dates:

Father's Day

Sunday 21st June, Father's Day Breakfast at 9.40a.m. and service at 10a.m. Location **tbc**. Everyone is most welcome.

A 'Slightly' Mad Hatters Cream Tea in the Lavender Field

Sunday, 28th June. 2.30 – 5p.m. at Yarn Hill Cottage, Birds Lane.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

At the recent Annual meeting of the PCC, thanks were expressed to all those who have supported St Anne's in so many ways – with refreshments after the service, flower arrangements, grass cutting, help at fundraising events and maintenance work. The Annual Report and Accounts were presented and the Churchwardens, Alasdair and Carolyn, the Treasurer, Chris H and Secretary, Julie B, all agreed to continue in their roles for another year.

Appealing to all Craft Makers and stall holders!

We will be holding the bi-annual Christmas Fair at the end of November in Epwell. We are looking for local stall holders. If you would like to have a stall of any kind, now is your chance to start preparing. Please let us know if you would like to be included a.s.a.p. Thank you, Carolyn Koch de Gooreynd – carolyn.kdeg@zen.co.uk
Julie Bruggenwirth - [jabruggenwirth@gmail.com](mailto:jabbruggenwirth@gmail.com)

Father's Day

Breakfast & Service

Sunday, 21st June

Breakfast

at 9.40a.m.

Service

at 10.00a.m.



Location to be confirmed

Thoughts for Prayers As we move into Summer and, hopefully, more glorious weather, let's not ***rush it away!***

To be in the 'present' with God, allows us to absorb our surroundings and appreciate them. If we are acutely aware of the consequences of rushing, we would know what we miss, what we don't see, what is not appreciated, what is not thanked for, what is not asked for, when we aren't including God in our lives because we aren't making the space to share it with Him.

God made us in His own image. He loves and cares for us deeply, even in the minutia of our lives, so nothing is too small or irrelevant for Him to care about. With thanks and praise, tell Him everything.

Service in June

Date	Location	Time	Service	Liturgical Colours
Sunday 7 th June Trinity 1	Broughton	10.30am	Benefice Eucharist	ES
Sunday 14 th June Trinity 2	Sibford Swalcliffe Epwell Sibford Broughton Tadmarton Shutford	8.00am 9.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 11.00am 4.00pm	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion All Age Family service Holy Communion Holy Communion All Age Family Service	ES JT ES Lay led GE JT ES
Sunday 21 st June Trinity 3	Sibford Shutford Epwell Broughton Tadmarton Swalcliffe	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Fathers' Day service Holy Communion Holy Communion BCP Evensong	ES JT Lay led JT ES ES
Sunday 28 th June Trinity 4	Shutford Sibford Swalcliffe Epwell Tadmarton Broughton	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.45am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion All Age Family service BCP Choral Evensong	BF ES GE JT JT ES

Rector: The Rev'd Emily Robottom-Scott (ES)

Associate Minister: The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall (JT)

Thoughts for Prayers continued...

Be thankful for nature's radiance in all its fullness over this season.

Psalm 65 v 9 - 13

"You care for the land and the streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.

You drenched its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.



Services in July

Date	Location	Time	Service	Liturgical colour
Sunday 5th July (JT away) Trinity 5	Epwell	10.30am	Benefice Eucharist	ES
Sunday 12 th July (JT away) Trinity 6	Sibford	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	ES
	Swalcliffe	9.30am	Holy Communion	ES
	Epwell	10.00am	Family Service	Lay led
	Sibford	10.00am	Family Service	Lay led
	Broughton	11.00am	Holy Communion	ES
	Tadmarton	11.00am	Holy Communion	GE
	Shutford	4.00pm	Family Service	ES
Sunday 19 th July Trinity 7	Sibford	9.30am	Holy Communion	ES
	Shutford	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP	JT
	Epwell	9.45am	Holy Communion	BF
	Broughton	11.00am	Holy Communion	JT
	Tadmarton	11.00am	Holy Communion	ES
	Swalcliffe	6.00pm	Evensong BCP	ES
Sunday 26 th July Trinity 8	Shutford	9.30am	Holy Communion	ES
	Sibford	9.30am	Holy Communion	JT
	Swalcliffe	9.30am	Holy Communion	BF
	Epwell	9.45am	Holy Communion	GE
	Tadmarton	11.00am	Village Service	ES
	Broughton	6.00pm	Choral Evensong BCP	ES

Assisting Priests:

The Rev'd Brian Fairbank (BF); The Rev'd Canon Glyn Evans (GE), The Rev'd Graeme Arthur (GA), The Rev'd Hazel Scarr (HS), The Rev'd John Smith (JS), The Rev'd Prebendary Olwen Smith (OS)

Thoughts for Prayers continued with Psalm 65...

You crown the year with your bounty and your carts
overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the wilderness overflow,
the hills are clothed with gladness

The meadows are covered with flocks and the
valleys mantled with grain.

They shout for joy and sing."

God Bless you with Happy Holidays, everyone.



Readings for June

Date	New Testament	Old Testament	Gospel	Lit. colour
7th June The First Sunday after Trinity	Hosea 5 v. 15-6.6	Romans 4 v. 13 - end	Matt. 9 v. 9-13;18-26	
14th June The Second Sunday after Trinity	Exodus 19 v. 2-8a	Romans 5 v. 1-8	Matt. 9 v. 35-10.8	
21st June The Third Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 20 v. 7-13	Romans 6 v. 1b-11	Matt. 10 v. 24-39	
28th June The Fourth Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 28 v. 5-9	Romans 6 v. 12 - end	Matthew 10 v. 40-end	

Readings for July

5th July The Fifth Sunday after Trinity	Zech. 9 v. 9-12	Romans 7 v. 15- 25a	Matthew 11 v. 16-19, 25-end	
12th July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 55 v. 10-13	Romans 8 v. 1-11	Matthew 13 v. 1-9,18-23	
19th July The Seventh Sunday after Trinity	Wisdom 12 v. 13,16-19	Romans 8 v. 12-25	Matt. 13 v. 24-30, 36-43	
26th July The Eighth Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 3 v. 5-12	Romans 8 v. 26 - end	Matt 13 v. 31-33, 44-52	

Articles for August/September 2026 to be sent in by 12th July
to carolyn.kdeg@zen.co.uk. Thank you.