

Wykeham Benefice News



October & November
2026

On Sunday 1st November there will be an

In Memoriam Service

at St Mary, Broughton at 6pm

This service is an opportunity for people across the Wykeham Benefice to come together and remember their loved ones who have died.

If you are unable to attend and/or would like the name(s) of your loved ones to be read out at the service in Broughton, there will be an opportunity to come to any of the churches in the Benefice in the morning of Saturday 31st October to light a candle and write your loved ones name down. You would be most welcome indeed.

Parish News

Broughton with North Newington

The **Football Camp** at Bishop Carpenter School took place on 27th – 29th July. We were delighted that 16 children attended and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all those who helped make the event a success.

Short mat indoor bowls restarted on 8th September. This takes place every Tuesday 2pm-4pm at St Mary's House, Wykeham Lane, Broughton. No need to book, just turn up and have fun. You will be warmly welcomed at this social afternoon. For more details, please contact Neil Howarth on Tel: 01295 250 596.

Churchwarden Andrew Taylor and Mike Cherry took to their bicycles once again to take part in the **Ride and Stride for Churches** on Saturday 13th September in aid of the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. The Trust provides support to all our churches and Andrew and Mike were amongst others cycling around the benefice in order to raise funds for the Trust. There is still time to support this worthy cause, so if you would like to donate, please get in touch with Andrew; thank you.

As we head into the autumn, we pray for our **wedding couples** who were married this summer and those making arrangements for their forthcoming wedding days. We pray you all have blessed married lives together.

On the evening of Sunday 1st November there will be an **In Memoriam service** for everyone across the benefice who wishes to remember someone they have lost.

We also look forward to the very special **Remembrance Sunday service** on Sunday 8th November. This is always a very moving service and we encourage you to attend if you can.



Epwell



On 2nd August we held a lovely Evensong service in the Koch de Gooreynd **Lavender Field**. Rev'd Emily had put a great deal of thought into the service, bringing out a thread of thanksgiving for all aspects of nature around us. We enjoyed wine and nibbles afterwards in the late summer sun and a donation was raised of £134 which will go towards our fundraising for repairs for St. Anne's church tower.

Everyone is welcome to join us at the **Harvest Festival Breakfast** and informal Family service around the table which will be held on Sunday 11th Oct at 10.00am. The collection will go to support the valuable work done by The Trussell Trust UK, who write:

*We need urgent action on hunger in the UK.
That's why we work together to ensure no-one*

in the UK needs a food bank to survive. Until that happens, we provide emergency food and practical support to people in their hardest moments, and work with partners and local communities to ensure everyone gets the right help long before they need a food bank.

Donations of produce will be passed onto Polly for the homeless people of Banbury.

Our traditional **Remembrance service** takes place on Sunday 8th November. We will gather in the village square near the war memorial at 10.55am and begin with prayers and a 2 minute silence. We will then move into the church for the service.

Please put a note in your diary that the very popular **Christmas Fair** in St Anne's church is happening this year on Thursday, 3rd December, 5 – 7.30pm. Come and enjoy mulled wine and hot sausages, tombola, home produce, games, crafts and gifts, to name but a few, as well as a visit from Mabel the donkey. Any donations of items such as bottles, chocolate or gifts would be very welcome and can be dropped off in the church or with Julie at the Ford House or Carolyn at Yarn Hill House. Thank you.



Overheard in an Orchard



Said the Robin to the Sparrow,
“I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so!”

Said the Sparrow to the Robin,
“Friend, I think that it must be
That they have no heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me!”

Elizabeth Cheney (1859)





Shutford

St Martin's Church received £1000 from the village fete, which included £609 raised by a church team in the tea tent. Many thanks to all helpers, especially the cake bakers.

8 Riders and Striders (3 from our benefice) called at the church on 12th September, raising funds for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. The Trust has been generous to our local churches with grants for restoration work, so donations for them are always welcome.

It has been decided to cancel the afternoon All-Age Family Service as no families with children had attended – the final one will be on 11th October. This is a great disappointment as Revd Emily had produced a special café-style family friendly service. The 2nd Sunday service is likely to be at 9.30am.

Our Harvest Festival is on 27th September with a Supper on 28th September: the collection at the festival and donations from the supper will be given to Katharine House Hospice.

Our Remembrance Service on 8th November is at 6.00pm with a brass band. A retiring collection will be given to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. There will be a door-to-door collection and a box in the pub.

A lay led Act of Remembrance will be held at the village war memorial at 11.00am.

Sibford

Ride and Stride for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust took place in September also our Harvest festival, with the collection being donated to Rural Farmers Charity. Donations of dried and canned food were made to Polly Preedy who feeds the homeless and needy in Banbury. We will also be making Christmas Shoe Boxes for Polly to donate.

Once again we are planning a Christmas Tree Festival in church, from Advent Sunday to Epiphany. Barbara Foster will once again be organising this event and inviting village groups and organisations to take part.

Sibford Primary School will be holding their Christmas Carol Service in Church on 17th December. It is always a delight to see and hear the children reading and singing.

Swalcliffe

Following its summer glories - externally, the beautifully peaceful churchyard, and internally, the rays of sunshine through the magnificent stained glass illuminating services and tourist visits – Swalcliffe Church is now switching gear for the autumn and winter season.

Having just held the Harvest Festival service, we look forward to the Harvest Supper, to be held on Saturday 17th October. The sell-out evening will bring together villagers over a delicious supper in the village hall. The fundraising proceeds will support several village causes including the church.

Our annual Act of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 8th November at 9-30am.

The biggest event of the year in the church will be the Swalcliffe Christmas Market on Saturday 5th December from 12 noon to 3-30pm. It is made possible by the work of a wide group of villagers who come together to create what we all hope will once again be

one of the most distinctive Christmas markets in the area. Swalcliffe looks forward to welcoming visitors from far and wide. Please see the full page notice in this magazine.

SAVE THE DATE!

SWALCLIFFE VILLAGE HARVEST SUPPER 2026

At Swalcliffe Village Hall

EVENING OF 17TH OCTOBER 2026

Food • Cash or Card Bar • Music

Tickets on Sale This Summer! £25

**TICKET BOOKINGS
OPEN IN AUGUST!**

Supporting Local Community Causes!

i thank You God for most this amazing
day:for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky;and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

e. e. cummings (1950)



SWALCLIFFE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 5th December 2026

At Swalcliffe Church

From 12 noon to 3:30pm

**Swalcliffe is the place to be as the village hosts
another exciting Christmas Market**

Come and enjoy

**Market stalls with an impressive selection of high quality,
locally made gifts, crafts and decorations, just in time for
your Christmas shopping, or just to treat yourself.**

Luxury Christmas Hamper Raffle

BBQ and mulled wine stall

Tea, coffee and cake stall

Entrance fee £3.00 (children go free)

Card payments available, but please bring cash too

Net proceeds will contribute to village organisations and activities

www.swalcliffe.org

Tadmarton

It's lovely to have some fresher weather and to see the gardens and countryside gradually becoming green again. Nature's harvest of blackberries has been fantastic and will make preserves for the winter months.

Our **Harvest Festival** will be held on Sunday 11th October at 6pm followed by the Harvest Supper in the village hall. Please do come and join us to give thanks for the food we have and those who grow or produce it and then enjoy the fellowship afterwards.

We are planning to hold a **Songs of Praise service** on Sunday 25th October at 6pm. Choose your favourite hymn with a short explanation of why it is special to you. Please send your requests to Emily or Chris Dean, deanivy@aol.com. Come and have a good sing.

Emily is planning a **service of Memorial** at Broughton Church on Sunday 1st November at 6pm. If you have someone you wish to remember Tadmarton church will be open on Saturday 31st October for you to light a candle and put the name of the person you wish to remember on a list. This will then be added to the lists of names from all the churches and will be read out at the service on the Sunday evening.

Tadmarton church has to have repairs made to one of the corner pinnacles which has a nasty split in it. The area below has been roped off until the repair is completed.

Dates for your diary:

- Sunday 13th December, St Nicholas Sunday: This will be a **Toy service** (please start to look out unwanted toys that are in good condition.) Emily will then find good homes for them with children who have little at Christmas.
- Tuesday 16th December: **Traditional Carol Service**



Services for October

Date	Parish	Time	Service	Minister	Liturgical colours
Sunday 4th Trinity 18	Swalcliffe	10.30am	Benefice Eucharist	ES	Green
Sunday 11th Trinity 19	Sibford Sibford Swalcliffe Epwell Broughton Shutford Tadmarton	8.00am 9.30am 9.30m 10.00am 11.00am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP Family Service Holy Communion Harvest Breakfast/ service Holy Communion Family Service Harvest Festival	ES Lay led JT Lay led JT ES ES	Green
Sunday 18th St Luke the Evangelist (ES away)	Sibford Shutford Epwell Tadmarton Broughton Swalcliffe	9.30am 9.30am 9.45am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong BCP	GE BF JT JT HS JT	Red
Sunday 25th Last after Trinity	Shutford Sibford Swalcliffe Epwell Broughton Tadmarton	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.45am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Service Village Service	ES JT GE BF JT ES	Green

Lord, help us to remember that:

'Love is patient, love is kind.

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

It is not rude, it is not self-seeking,

it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails.'

1 Corinthians 13

Services for November

Date	Parish	Time	Service	Minister	Lit Colours
Sunday 1st ALL SAINTS (JT away)	Broughton	10.30am	Benefice Eucharist	ES	White
Sunday 8th Remembrance Sunday	Sibford Swalcliffe Broughton Epwell Sibford Tadmarton Shutford	8.00am 9.30am 10.55am 10.55am 10.55am 10.55am 6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service	ES JT JT GA ES BF ES	Red
Sunday 15th Second before Advent	Sibford Shutford Epwell Tadmarton Broughton Swalcliffe	9.30am 9.30am 9.45am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong BCP	JT HS ES JT ES ES	Red
Sunday 22nd CHRIST THE KING	Shutford Sibford Swalcliffe Epwell Broughton Tadmarton	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.45am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Service Village Service	JT GE ES BF JT ES	Red
Sunday 29th Advent Sunday	Sibford Epwell Broughton Tadmarton Shutford	9.30am 9.45am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong BCP	ES JT ES JT ES	Purple

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

Associate Minister: The Revd Canon John Tattersall (JT)

Assisting: 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)

Readings for October

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	Lit Colours
Sunday 4th Trinity 18	Isaiah 5.1-7	Phil. 3.4b-14	Matt. 21. 33-end	Green
Sunday 11 th Trinity 19	Isaiah 25.1-9	Phil. 4.1-9	Matt. 22. 1-14	Green
Sunday 18 St. Luke the Evangelist (John away)	Isaiah 35.3-6	2 Tim. 4.5-17	Luke 10. 1-9	Red
Sunday 25 th Last after Trinity	Nehemiah 8. 1- 4a, 8-12	Col. 3.12-17	Matt. 24. 30-35	Green

Readings for November

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	Lit Colours
Sunday 1st ALL SAINTS DAY (JT away)	Rev. 7 9-end	1 John 3. 1- 3	Matt. 5. 1-12	White
Sunday 8th Remembrance Sunday	Amos 5 18-24	1 Thess. 4. 13 end	Matthew 25. 1-13	Red
Sunday 15th Second before Advent	Zephaniah 1 7,12-end	1 Thess. 5. 1-11	Matt. 25. 14-30	Red
Sunday 22nd CHRIST THE KING	Ezekiel 34. 11 16, 20-24	Eph. 1. 15-end	Matt. 25. 31-end	Red
Sunday 29th Advent Sunday	Isaiah 64. 1-9	1 Corinthians.1 3-9	Mark 13 24 – end	Purple

Articles for the December/January edition need to be sent in by
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