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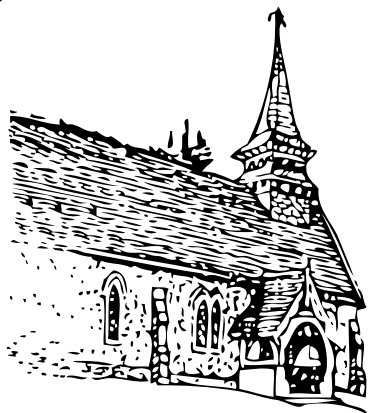
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BENEFICE MAGAZINE – July 2024
Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team

One of the things that brings me great joy is when the leaves open out on the trees and announce summer is on the way. The countryside now is bursting with life as the hedgerows and verges are crammed with wild flowers and the gardens are also full of flowers and new growth. At this time of year many of our churches have a Rogation walk when the congregation walks along the lanes and fields, enjoying the countryside and praying for God's blessing on the homes, families and crops. Recently we had our annual Rogation walk and service at Herriard on a lovely sunny Sunday morning and the views out over the local area were breathtaking.



When walking amongst the beautiful creation of the countryside the words of the hymn 'How great thou art' come to mind, when we sing

*'When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.'*

The life and variety in nature call us to worship God in the outdoors and I believe we do this on three levels.

Firstly, we can enjoy the sheer abundance of colours, patterns and textures and vow to be good stewards of the creation that God allows us to share. The weekly newsletter from Winchester gives examples of the many projects across the diocese with a desire to look after the environment. We should each evaluate how we can be good stewards in large and small ways in our lives.

Our second response is to give thanks to God who created such a wonderful world. The psalms have the language to do this when we struggle to find the correct words ourselves.

*The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders,
where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy. (Psalm 65:8)*

Finally, when we see creation it calls us to recognise the awe and majesty of the creator, not just of all we see, but the vast array of stars and planets beyond our exploring. The writer of Psalm 8 writes:

*'Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.*

*When I consider the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you have set in place.'*

Why not take some time to sit and look at our world wherever you are considering the words:

*'O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand has made'*

and respond with the words

'Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee, How great thou art!'

Suzanne Newcombe, Licensed Lay Minister

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral: William (Bill) Ives at St Mary's Herriard on 10th June

Funeral: John Spicer at All Saints Tunworth on 18th June

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th July

9.00am Tunworth – BCP Holy Communion

5.00pm Herriard – Evensong

6.00pm Upton Grey – Summer Evensong

Thursday 11th July

10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 14th July

10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship

10.00am Weston Patrick – Morning Worship with Baptism

6.00pm Tunworth – Evensong

Thursday 18th July

10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 21st July

9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer

10.00am Herriard – Morning Worship

10.00am Upton Grey – Rose Service in the Cemetery

Sunday 28th July

9.00am Tunworth – Family Service

10.00am Herriard – Family Service

10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship

5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong

CHURCH NEWS

29th May 2024

Dear Friends,

We wanted to write to you to let you know about a planned reorganisation in our benefice. Please do read this letter through carefully as it contains important information on the leadership of our local churches.

1. Benefice Background and Current Team

As many of you will know, the North Hampshire Downs Benefice was formed in May 2008, as a result of the union of 12 churches – Odiham, Long Sutton, South Warnborough, Upton Grey, Herriard, Tunworth, Weston Patrick, Newnham, Nately Scures, Mapledurwell, Up Nately and Greywell.

Since its formation the Benefice has moved into a new phase of shared life and ministry beyond its parish boundaries, including taking part in a Diocesan initiative ‘Benefice of the Future’ (BoF) in 2017–20. The ensuing Covid pandemic and ‘lockdown’ in 2020–21 focused attention on local churches, but lessened the sense of being a benefice, and the benefits that can come from working together.

We now have a staff team which has grown significantly over the last two years, with enormous potential, a wide variety of gifts, and different responsibilities. Our clergy team includes Simon Butler (Rector, plus Upton Grey, Tunworth, Herriard and Weston Patrick), Chris Dudgeon (Assistant Rector, plus Odiham), Matt Bianchi (Mission Priest, plus Mapledurwell, Up Nately and Greywell), Gillian Wilton (South Warnborough and Long Sutton), Linda Scard (Weston Patrick), Mark Ruffell (Tunworth) and Debbie Veel (Newnham). Our LLMs (licensed lay ministers) include Suzanne Newcombe (Herriard), Alan Hoar (Nately Scures), and Sarah Barnes, and our youth pastor is Helen Chatfield. A new curate, Luke Augustyn, joins the team in July.

2. Proposed Changes in Clergy Roles

To fully realise this potential – the ‘next chapter’ for us as a benefice – there is a need to co-ordinate the team around a refreshed vision and plan, and to structure the team to deliver co-ordinated ministry around both the needs and aspirations of each church and the wider benefice vision. To enable this, we propose the following changes to the clergy team:

- Simon Butler will step down from the role of Rector, and spend half his time providing ongoing pastoral oversight of Upton Grey, Tunworth,

Herriard and Weston Patrick (assisted by Mark, Suzanne and Linda), and half his time working with the diocese on rural ministry.

- Chris Dudgeon will take on more of an overall leadership role, becoming Rector of the benefice, and will therefore hand over his role of pastoral oversight of Odiham.
- Matt Bianchi feels called to a new area of responsibility, taking on a bigger role benefice-wide, and will take on pastoral oversight of Odiham.
- Luke Augustyn will take on pastoral oversight of Mapledurwell, Up Nately and Greywell.
- All other clergy roles will remain the same as they are currently.

We sense that these changes will build on momentum that already exists in the benefice, and provide the impetus to realise much of the potential and next steps to enable the flourishing of both the wider benefice and each local church, as discussed above.

3. Next Steps

The Bishop, Archdeacon, Patrons, and benefice Churchwardens are all supportive of these changes, and we have discussed them with all of our PCCs. The next steps are for interviews to be carried out for the key clergy roles, and for a gradual transition to take place over the summer. If the proposed changes receive final approval, we propose holding a service on **24th September at 7.30pm** to bring together the whole benefice for the licensing of the new Rector, and the new pastoral leads in Odiham and Upton Grey.

In the meantime please do contact us, or your local minister, should you wish to discuss further these planned changes.

With best wishes,

Simon and Chris
Rev'd Simon Butler and Rev'd Chris Dudgeon

Special services in July

There are special services in Upton Grey on the 7th and 21st July:

- Summer Evensong, Upton Grey 7th July, 6.00pm
- Rose Service, Upton Grey Cemetery, 21st July, 10.00am (please see the notice in the Upton Grey News section of this magazine).

Upcoming Ordinations

I am delighted to welcome our new Curate Rev Luke Augustyn to the benefice team. Luke is being ordained in Winchester Cathedral on Sunday 30th June and is moving to the benefice with his wife Erika and three children. Luke will be splitting his time between the parishes of Mapledurwell, Greywell and Up Nately, with some time spent in Odiham too.

On Saturday 29th June, Rev Mark Ruffell is being ordained Priest at Winchester Cathedral. Mark has served the first year of his Curacy with us already, based primarily at Tunworth, and will continue to be part of the team. Rev Debbie Veel will continue as a Distinctive Deacon within our team.

We are so fortunate to have such a large team of clergy and licensed lay ministers serving across our parishes.

Rev'd Simon Butler (Benefice Rector)

Coffee & Cake

All Saints Tunworth, St Mary's Upton Grey and St Lawrence Weston Patrick are continuing with their regular coffee/cake sessions. The July events are:

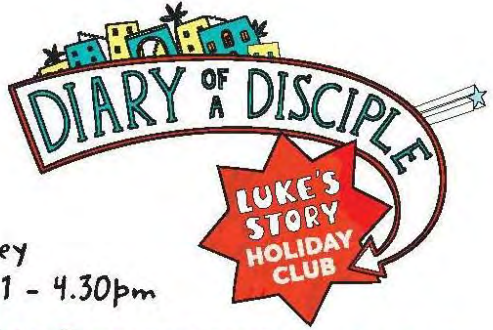
- Coffee and Cake in the church porch, **All Saints Tunworth**, at 10.30am on Thursday 4th July.
- Coffee & Cake Drop-in at **Upton Grey Village Hall**, 11.00am-1.00pm on Monday 8th and 22nd July.
- Coffee morning at **Weston Patrick Village Hall**, 11.00am-12.30pm on Wednesday 24th July.

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Farming News

My father Bill sadly passed away in May after 92 wonderful years. I just wanted to share, very briefly, his story from a non-farming background and some of the changes in agriculture that paralleled his journey.

Dad was born in Colliers Wood, South London in 1931 and when war broke out in 1939, was evacuated to Sussex. Like many thousands of other children, he was put on a train and sent to the countryside where he was allocated guardians. He lodged with a gamekeeper and his wife and enjoyed everything the countryside had to offer.

After the war, at the age of 15, Dad joined a scheme called British Boys for British Farms which was set up to encourage youngsters into farming after so many in agriculture had lost their lives. After initial training in Bristol, one job of which was cleaning down the local slaughter house at the end of each day, Dad was placed on a farm in Dorset. He loved this new rural life so much that his parents, who had no farming background either, moved to Dorset from London to help him.

Dad was milking cows by hand, many farms still had a horse and cart, and tractors with metal wheels instead of tyres were still in use. Reaper-binders and threshing machines were still widely used: the corn was cut and bound into sheaves, carted to the threshing machine and hand forked into the thresher so the grain could be separated from the straw and the chaff. Around this time the reaper-binder and the threshing machine were 'combined' into one machine and so it became known as the combine harvester. Early versions were appearing in the 1950's but the technology became more reliable and widespread in the 1960's.

Dad worked on many farms in Dorset gaining valuable experience and working long hours. He met Mum at Young Farmers (still the countryside dating agency of choice!) and heard of the tenancy becoming available here at Park Farm in April 1958 because Ethel and Tom Freeman were retiring. Before moving to Dorset, Mum had lived at Manor Farm, Weston Patrick where Grandpa farmed and she knew the Freemans well. They gained the tenancy, paying £4/acre annual rent for the 120 acres. They didn't have much in the way of finances but were determined to make a go of it, bringing their wedding forward from the autumn so they could start farming life together as a married couple.

There was no electricity and the 26 cows they took on from the Freemans were milked by hand with most of the milk going to the many farm cats they also inherited! The first month's milk cheque was £120.

Electricity finally arrived two years later in 1960 on the promise to Southern electric that they would use £30 of electric a month.

Not being from a farming background Dad always viewed things with an open, curious mind. They were soon milking 60 cows on the 120 acres at Park Farm but Dad visited a farm that was milking 120 cows on 60 acres. This opened his eyes to what was possible. With new grass varieties planted, barns erected and any spare monies spent on buying in better pedigree cows, yield and cow numbers grew to give Dad and Mum the financial security they had never had. They worked extremely hard and were helped by family and the great local community of friends we are still very fortunate to know today.

Until early this year Dad was still driving through the yards with the latest data sheets on the cows checking that they were all looking and yielding well. Commenting on the grass and arable crops and the general state of the farm, he would certainly let us know if things were not up to his standards with a very polite but authoritative air!

He started milking by hand, moved through the many iterations of the milking parlour to finally see the cows milked by robots and their health analysed by computer. From driving tractors with no cab to tractors guided by satellite with onboard fridges to keep your lunch cold. From cows yielding 2,000 litres a year to cows yielding 15,000 litres a year with veterinary understanding and care way above anything available when he started out.

He was active in village life, church warden for many years and friend and gentleman to so many. He saw so many changes in his life but the care for the countryside and the love and welfare of his cows was a constant. As farmers we are custodians of the countryside, before and after us, it will be looked after by others. We try and leave the land and farms in better shape than when we took them on. Dad and Mum certainly did that.

Joe Ives

Councillor Community Grants scheme for 2024/25

As your elected Borough Councillors we have a small pot of money ranging from £250 to £2,000 (up to a maximum of £3,000 if we pool our allocation), available to award to locally based community groups or charities in our Ward of Basing and Upton Grey. These awards are governed by strict criteria clearly detailed in this link <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/cllr-community-grants>.

Cllr Onnalee Cubitt, Cllr Sheena Grassi and Cllr Kate Tuck would love to hear from you if your group or charity is interested in seeking a small grant by no later than Saturday 28th September by email to cllr.onnalee.cubitt@basingstoke.gov.uk with a brief outline of how much grant you are seeking together with your reasons to be selected as one of the chosen groups for us to support PRIOR to you submitting the formal application. We shall then 'sift' the brief outlines received and collectively determine which applications we will support. Sadly, not every application will be successful.

We really look forward to hearing from you and your group and to learning about your deserving causes and the benefits such a grant would provide to our wonderful community.

Please spread the word. Best wishes

Cllr Onnalee Cubitt, Cllr Sheena Grassi and Cllr Kate Tuck



UPTON GREY NEWS
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June Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club winners

First prize £100: Mary Hooker

Second prize £40: Barker CA

Congratulations to June's winners!

It's never too late to join the 100 Club. Just contact Sam or Wendy at UGVH100@gmail.com

Rose Sunday, Upton Grey Cemetery, 21st July 10.00am

The Rose Sunday service will be held on 21st July in the Cemetery in Upton Grey starting at 10.00am. This service is held to remember those who are buried here and to thank God for their lives. A rose will be laid on every grave as a symbol of loving remembrance even though not all the graves are marked with a name. These are the people who in times past lived and worked in our village and who loved its beauty as we do. All are welcome to this service which is short. Please feel free to bring roses from your garden if you wish but there will be plenty of roses provided. Any queries please ring me on 862131 **Jill Lestrille.**

P.S. Please note that there are many rabbit holes in the cemetery and care is needed when walking around.

Upton Grey Golf Day 2024

Nine of the village's finest athletes took to the course at Sandford Springs for the annual golf day on 13th June. The weather was kind to us, the course and hospitality were excellent, and a great time was had by all.

The individual competition was won by Lucy Church with a magnificent 40 points, with Mike Hoyle in second place, and David Cook in third. The team prize went to Lucy, Michael Church and Mike Hoyle, whilst Giles Shedden scooped the 'nearest the pin' prize.

We're looking forward to Lucy organising next year's event, with village golfers of all ages and abilities more than welcome to join us!

St Mary's Church Fête, Upton Grey

A huge thanks to all those who either helped, attended or supported St Mary's fête. The sun did its best, about 500 people turned up and a happy time was had by all in the beautiful Old Vicarage gardens. We raised just over £7,500 which is absolutely amazing and a huge help towards the running of the church.

Many, many thanks, especially to the 63 helpers from the village, whose sterling efforts ensured there were stalls to enjoy and lovely things either to buy, eat and drink or be entertained by.

As well as being a vital fundraiser, the fête is also a lively village occasion giving people a chance to meet neighbours of all ages.

Please reserve Saturday 7th June 2025 for next year's fête!
With best wishes and enormous gratitude,

Sarah Barnes and Frances Yeowart



T@3

The next T@3 will take place on Thursday 15th August at Christmas Cottage in Weston Road. We are hoping for good weather so that we can have it outside in the garden. If you need a lift please let me know .

If you are coming please let me know by phone or email: 862455 or vivanscombe@gmail.com.

***The Importance of Being Earnest* – 3.00pm Sunday August 11th in Church Meadow**

We are delighted to say that the Rain or Shine Theatre Company will again be performing in Upton Grey's Church Meadow on Sunday August 11th. To have a professional theatre company perform in our village is a wonderful thing!

This year, as a break from Shakespeare, they will be performing the ever-popular *The Importance of Being Earnest* – hilarity is guaranteed!

As before, if the weather is inclement there will be a marquee to retire to. The gates open at 3.00pm for you to set up your picnic, and the performance starts at 4.00pm.

Tickets are £15.00 each (for adults and children over 11 years old). They are available from the Rain Or Shine website: https://www.rainorshine.co.uk/summer_tourdates.html. Alternatively, you can phone the box office on 0330 660 0541 (10.30am–7.00pm).

We look forward to seeing you there!

Alison Barker, for the Upton Grey Drama Group

The Autumn Festival Expands

With this year's demise of the Flower Show we are expanding the Autumn Festival to include a marquee with a beer festival and an evening dinner/disco dance.

The marquee will be in the back garden of the Hodd, and the beer festival will commence in the marquee on the Friday and through to the Saturday evening after the bonfire and fireworks. Mark, the very popular DJ who previously entertained us at the flower show dinner/dance, will be with us again and BBQ style food will be available. All the seating in the Hodd will be available for the event and no reservations will be taken for the marquee or Hodd.

It's going to be a great event with our normal Guy Fawkes and Jack O'Lanterns round the village, the beer festival, procession, bonfire, fireworks and then a fantastic evening back at the Hodd.

Why not invite your friends and relatives down for the weekend for this fun event? It's not bookable but put the date in your diaries now – Saturday 26th October for the main event.

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If you can't help with that role, perhaps you are able to volunteer to be on our team, or perhaps help on the days leading up to the shows, or on the show days themselves? With all this in place, we will be ready for the welcome return of our shows next year.

Please do let me know if you can help in any way, and especially if you're interested in the role of Team Lead. **June Hunt, 862719**

Shoebboxes

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We were exceptionally lucky with the weather again! It was a glorious and perfect day for a fête!

The teamwork was outstanding! Thank you to the Fête Committee for all their hard work and enthusiasm in the run up and on the day, and to all our other volunteers. You were all amazing! A special thank you goes to the Falconer family who, without a moment's hesitation on the eve of the fête, agreed to move the mountain of bric-a-brac from Gemma's garage up to the Green after illness struck. Alongside Gemma, Sheila and Ali Law and her family, they then proceeded to help set up and sort everything out – and there truly was an absolute mountain of everything from toys to bar stools, but also a couple of items which foxed everyone (A fishing keep net that Sheila & Co had to Google – they'd thought it was a tunnel for children to play in! And also some shallow metal bowls – no-one knew what they were but they were bought for dog bowls!).

Teddies played a big part in the fête! Not only did the Teddy Bear Tombola do a roaring trade, but also new for this year was the Teddy Bear Zip Wire! Well done and thank you to Polly for making capes and certificates for those teddies (and their owners!) brave enough to have a go!



We were so grateful to Mrs Ayres and the children of Bentworth School for coming along and singing for us – they were absolutely wonderful.

And Basingstoke Community Radio were able to join us with their radio car – everyone thoroughly enjoyed the background music and their PA system was a great help.

Our PCC Treasurer has confirmed that 2024 was the most successful fête to date for Herriard! Thank you to everyone who came to support us on the day!

80th Anniversary D-Day Commemoration Service, Sunday 9th June

Many thanks to Suzanne and Debbie for putting together such a special and reflective service, and to all our readers who read so movingly. Our thanks also to Organist Andrew Hinde who played beautifully. Below is one of the readings:

***Sub Lieutenant Jimmy Green
(LCA flotilla commander)***



Omaha Beach. Though largely unknown, a significant number of British personnel were engaged in supporting the Americans on Omaha and witnessed what happened there. Closing on the shore at 0630 hours, the first wave of infantry found the German defences largely untouched by the air and naval bombardment and quickly came under heavy and accurate fire. Casualties mounted rapidly, movement up the beach seemed suicidal, though there was nowhere else to go, and the next wave, which began to reach the beach at 0700 hours, suffered much the same fate. In the face of all of this, the infantry managed, nevertheless, to push forward in small groups and to start to take on the enemy defences.

‘When I left A Company on this ridge, some three hundred yards away from the Germans, the tide was lapping at their feet. They couldn’t stay there long, the tide was coming in – it comes in at a rate of knots on that beach, it really does flood in. They had to move and, as they went up the beach, the Germans with their machine guns opened fire and wiped them out. Practically all of A Company, the first wave, were wiped out. There were very few survivors by the time the second wave came in. All the people I landed from my boat were killed including the Captain, Taylor-Fellers. Practically all of A Company had perished within minutes of walking up the beach. They had no cover, no craters to get into, and as they walked up the beach they were just sitting targets, well, standing targets, and down they went, mowed down by machine guns. They didn’t have a chance.

It’s lived with me ever since. I can still see those fresh-faced boys getting out of the boat. It comes back to me from time to time, you know. I still see their faces.’

Sub Lieutenant Jimmy Green died in 2016 at the age of 90.

D-Day commemoration beacons

To support the national commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, Ellisfield, Herriard, Tunworth and Winslade Parish Councils organised the lighting of a beacon on Winslade Down on the evening of 6th June. Everyone enjoyed the stunning views north to Reading and east over to Odiham and, when the beacon was lit, looking out across the many miles and making out the other beacons lit. Thank you to the Parish Councils for organising such a wonderfully poignant evening but most especially to Charles, Rosie, Robert and Tom for building the beacon and for kindly allowing us onto their farm, and to the Herriard Estate for a lovely drive and walk through the woods en route.

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Herriard and Tunworth Lunch Group

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Do come and join us - everyone welcome!

TUNWORTH NEWS

The Revd Mark Ruffell: Sunday 7th July, 9.00am

We are delighted that Mark Ruffell is being ordained in Winchester Cathedral at the end of June and send him every blessing. He will be taking his first communion service at Tunworth at 9.00am on Sunday 7th July and we hope as many people as possible will be there to celebrate.

Coffee & Cake: Thursday 4th July, 10.30am

On the first Thursday of the month, we meet for Coffee and Cake in the church porch. Please do join us if you are at home and fancy taking a break from online work.

Prayer Hour: Saturday 6th July, 9.00am

On the first Saturday of the month, we have a Prayer Hour. We meet and pray in the church for everyone in the parish. If you would like to join us or would like us to pray for a particular matter, then please contact Mark.

Herriard and Tunworth Lunch Group: Friday 26th July

The Lunch Group usually meets once a month on a Friday from 12.00 to 1.30 at the Herriard Hub, to look at a Bible passage with a focus on practical Christianity. The July date is the 26th.

Tunworth Home Group

The Tunworth Home Group usually meets fortnightly at 7.00pm on Wednesdays at The Orangery, Hackwood Park, to study Bible passages and Biblical themes. If you would like to know more or to join, then please contact Gabrielle.

WESTON PATRICK & WESTON CORBETT NEWS

Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett events

Our next event run by the Friends of St. Lawrence and the PCC will be on Saturday 29th June when the Village Barbecue will take place at The Old Rectory. Please contact clare@longfield.myzen.co.uk for last minute tickets or 07976 949507.

All are welcome to join us for coffee, cake and chat at our coffee mornings held on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the village hall, so on Wednesday 26th June and then on 24th July from 11.00am. Please note there is no coffee morning in August.

Please do remember we have a box inside the church for any food donations towards the Alton food-bank. Non-perishable products are most welcome. The church is open daily from 9.30am to early evening Monday to Saturday and varying times on Sundays.

Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett's Women's Home Group has now returned fortnightly, mostly on a Thursday evening although this can be flexible. This is an informal fellowship group exploring faith and how faith relates to our daily lives with an emphasis on The Prayer Course at the present time. Please contact Linda Scard for further details on: 01256 703294/07801 039717 or linda@moretolife.church

Our next services will be on Sunday 23rd June and Sunday 28th July at 5.00pm for Evensong with the wonderful choir and Morning Worship on Sunday 14th July at 10.00am which will include a Baptism.

Coffee Mornings

Weston Patrick Village Hall

Wednesday

24th July

11.00-12.30

Then on the fourth Wednesday of
each month

Join us for Coffee & Cake

All ages welcome!



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Cross Barn Odiham – Films

19th July Film: *Wicked Little Letters*

(Comedy, crime. Olivia Coleman, Jessie Buckley, Anjana Vasani, Timothy Spall)

“A deliciously swearsy poison-pen mystery, the true tale of a foul-mouthed scribbler in 1920’s Sussex is given a nuance by a stellar cast.” The Guardian

26th July Film: *Zone Of Interest*

(Drama, history. Sandra Huller, Christian Friedel, Max Beck) Won the Oscar for Best International Feature Film.

“A landmark movie, hugely important, that’s unafraid to deal with difficult ideas.” The Times.

Tickets: £7.00 Purchase online at <http://www.thecrossbarn.org.uk>. Doors open: 7.00pm, for 7.45pm. Refreshments: Coffee/tea, wine, ice cream

Basingstoke Choral Society Concert, All Saints’ Church, Odiham, Saturday 6th July, 7.00pm

The choir will return to Odiham for their summer concert with choruses from the popular *Armed Man* by Karl Jenkins, *A Mass for Peace* written to commemorate all victims of war reflecting in this the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

Combined with pieces from Eric Whitacre, Ola Gjeilo and Morton Lauridson, the programme brings something for everyone during the summer months. Details of how to purchase tickets will be advertised next month or can be found by visiting www.basingstoke-choral.org.uk.

Hook Choral Society – Summer Concert

Hook Choral Society will give their ever-popular Summer Concert, at the Elizabeth Hall in Hook on July 13th. As always, the audience will be treated to a glass of Pimm’s and a delicious sit-down supper, as well as a smorgasbord of light-hearted and uplifting songs.

Among the fare on the musical menu this year will be *Sea Fever*, *Ash Grove*, *Loch Lomond*, *Down to the River to Pray*, *Mairi’s Wedding*, *Music when Soft Voices Die* and *Water of Tyne*. The doors will open at 6.30pm for that glass of Pimm’s, and the concert will begin at 7.00pm.

Do book tickets in good time, as this event is always sold out. And because of the need to plan the food, tickets will not be available on the door at the time of the concert. For ticket information, visit hookchoral.co.uk, or ring 07957 293641.

Luminosa brings the sounds of America to Petersfield!

After last summer's sold out 'Coronation Celebration', Alton-based choir, Luminosa, is delighted to return to Petersfield this July to perform *The American Connection*. They will be joined by jazz quintet The George Shrapnell Ensemble. Join them for an evening to remember on Saturday 13th July at St Peter's Church, Petersfield at 7.00pm. Tickets are just £15.00 for adults (under 12s: £5), from Ticketsource (www.luminosamusic.com). With Luminosa's last four concerts selling out, ensure you secure yours early. There will be a retiring collection in support of the work of Asthma and Lung UK.



Your Personal Invitation

Dear Reader,

If you no longer have full-time commitments and are looking for new interests and the opportunity to make new friends, then this invitation is very much for you.

Odiham District u3a is holding an Open Day at Robert May's School on Wednesday 14th August from 2.00–4.00pm. We would love you to come along (No booking required).

Odiham District u3a which covers Odiham, Hook and the surrounding villages is part of a national movement where members help members to stay active and meet friends while learning, laughing and living. Our Open Day is a unique opportunity for members and non-members alike, to come and see what our u3a is all about, to see the wide range of activities we offer, and to meet over tea and cakes.

We have over 50 groups, which are the 'beating heart of our u3a' and they will all be there, with stalls which will both showcase their activities and, above all, provide an opportunity for you to talk to them and learn about what they actually do. So, if you are interested in getting more exercise, or satisfying your creative talents, or discovering new interests, or exploring literature or just want to socialise, there could well be something which catches your eye.

If you are interested, then please accept our invitation and just come along. We look forward to welcoming you on August 14th. If you would like to know more, please visit our website. www.odihamu3a.org.uk





National Gardens Scheme – Hampshire

Our gold-medal-winning garden from the RHS Chelsea Flower Show is to be recreated in the brand new Maggie's Centre at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge. I was lucky enough to walk round the garden at Chelsea and it was an amazing, tranquil experience. Maggie's offers free support to anyone with cancer and their families and friends. With 24 centres across the UK, anyone can visit at any time and get the support they need. In 2023 the National Garden Scheme made a donation of £100,000 to Maggie's gardens and announced its commitment to raise £1 million over ten years to support people with cancer on top of the £420,000 that the gardening charity has already donated to Maggie's.

To help the NGS to continue to support these very deserving charities you can simply choose to visit one of our open gardens.

Less than 15 minutes' drive from Upton Grey are our only allotments opening for the NGS in Hampshire.

Hook Cross Allotments Reading Road, Hook, RG27 9DB

Opening: Saturday & Sunday 20th & 21st July, 1.00pm to 5.00pm

Admission: £4.00 children free, Cashless payments available

Refreshments: light refreshments. Also a picnic area.

Established on arable farmland in 2010, this pretty edge-of-the-village community-run allotment site is now one of the largest allotments in Hampshire. With more than 100 plot-holders you can see a wonderful variety of approaches to growing edible produce and flowers including raised beds, no-dig, novel crops, traditional lay-outs and polytunnels. Be inspired to try growing your own and talk to plot-holders who will be on hand to discuss their experiences and what's involved.

Displaying vegetables, soft fruit, flowers, unusual produce and herbs, the allotments incorporate a number of wildlife-friendly features such as beetle banks to help beneficial invertebrates, insect hotels, nest-boxes, a wildflower meadow and a community orchard. Wildlife on the site includes birds, butterflies and small mammals. It is usually easy to watch red kites, buzzards, kestrels and skylarks above the plots.

Light refreshments include cold drinks, snacks and cakes. There is parking on site, a picnic area, compost toilet, vegetable and wildlife information. Well-behaved dogs welcome – on a lead.

This garden continues to go from strength to strength, and is becoming even more popular with visitors. Kind Regards to all.

Pat Beagley, Head of Publicity, NGS – Hampshire

SMALL ADS - JULY

The Petfood Kingdom Odiham (Fountains Mall, behind Katherine Jane) and Hartley Wintney (High Street). Whether you have a dog, cat, fish, small animal, or just feed the wild birds, we have you covered! We are a stockist of a wide range of pet food, treats, toys, grooming products & accessories. Odiham 01252 983981 Hartley Wintney 01252 843972

HALLS FOR HIRE

Upton Grey Village Hall can be hired at a basic rate of £12 per hour. Tables and chairs are also available to hire. There are kitchen facilities, including china, cutlery & glasses, central heating, sound system, stage and disabled access. If you don't know the hall, we would be happy to show you round. To book, or if you have any questions, please contact Jane Hanbury 01256 862681 email: ajhanbury@btinternet.com.

The Herriard Village Hub, Herriard, available for hire: wedding receptions, functions, parties, meetings, and events. Fully licensed bar, full kitchen facilities, garden, tables, chairs, sound system, disabled access, central heating, pool table and darts. To reserve, please see booking form found at www.herriardvillagehub.co.uk or email bookings@herriardvillagehub.co.uk.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – JULY 2024

NB: All Church Services are listed under CHURCH NEWS near the front of the magazine

JULY DATES

6th Jul	Sat	<i>Armed Man</i> concert, All Saints' Church, Odiham	7.00pm
7th Jul	Sun	Summer Evensong, St Mary's, Upton Grey	6.00pm
13th Jul	Sat	Hook Choral Society Concert, Elizabeth Hall, Hook	7.00pm
13th Jul	Sat	Luminosa concert, St Peter's Church, Petersfield	7.00pm
19th Jul	Fri	<i>Wicked Little Letters</i> film, Cross Barn, Odiham	7.00pm
20th/21st	Fri/Sat	Hook Allotments, Open Gardens scheme	1.00pm
21st Jul	Sun	Rose Sunday, Upton Grey Cemetery, NW Village Hall	10.00am
25th Jul	Thur	North Warnborough Garden Club meeting	2.30pm
26th Jul	Fri	<i>Zone of Interest</i> film, Cross Barn, Odiham	7.00pm

ADVANCE DATES

5th–8th Aug		UG Summer Junior Tennis Coaching	9.00–12.45
5th–8th Aug		Children's holiday club, Church Meadow, UG	1.00–4.30pm
11th Aug	Sun	<i>Importance of Being Earnest</i> , Church Meadow, UG	3.00pm
14th Aug	Wed	u3a Open Day, Robert May's School, Odiham	2.00pm
15th Aug	Thur	T@3, Christmas Cottage, Upton Grey	3.00pm
17th Aug	Sat	<i>I Heard a Voice</i> concert, All Saints Church, Odiham	7.30pm
26th Oct	Sat	Autumn Festival	6.00pm

REGULAR EVENTS

Each Mon/Thu		Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	2.00pm
Each Sat		Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	10.00am
Each Mon		Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	10.00am
Each Tues		Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	5.00pm
Each Thu		Coffee, Tea & Cake Morning, Hub, Herriard	10.00am
Every 1st Thurs		Coffee & Cake, Tunworth church porch	10.30am
Every 1st Saturday		Prayer Hour, All Saints Tunworth	9.00am
2nd & 4th Monday		Coffee Morning, Upton Grey Village Hall	11.00am
Every 4th Wed		Coffee Morning, Weston Patrick Village Hall	11.00am

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