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Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team

The Hope and Joy of Easter



As I travel around our churches and villages, spring is beginning to appear across the North Hampshire Downs, and something quietly wonderful is happening. The days are growing longer, gardens are beginning to stir, and signs of life are appearing where winter once seemed to have the final word. Finally we're seeing buds open, birds return, and the world is feeling somehow full of possibility again! Easter arrives right in the middle of this season of new life - and that is no accident.

At the heart of Easter is the astonishing claim that Jesus Christ, who was crucified on Good Friday, rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. The first Christians didn't describe this as a symbol or a nice idea. They spoke about it as something that actually happened - something that changed everything. For them, Easter meant that death did not have the last word. Darkness did not win. Hope was not an illusion. And that matters far beyond church walls.

We all know that life can be difficult. Alongside moments of joy there can be grief, anxiety, disappointment, and questions about the future. Sometimes the world itself - especially at the moment - can feel uncertain or fragile. But the message of Easter speaks right into that reality. The resurrection of Jesus tells us that God has not abandoned this world. It tells us that love is stronger than death, that forgiveness is possible, and that new life can begin - even when things seem beyond repair.

Christians believe that Easter shows us something profound: that there really is more to life. More than what we see, more than what we achieve, more than the limits of this present moment. Through Jesus, God opens the door to a relationship with him that brings forgiveness, purpose, freedom and lasting hope. That's why, for Christians, Easter is the most joyful day of the year.

But Easter is not only something to remember - it's an invitation. An invitation to explore who Jesus is, to ask questions about faith, and perhaps even to discover that the hope of Easter could be for you too.

Across the North Hampshire Downs Benefice - our network of 12 local churches - we would love to welcome you to one of our Easter services. Whether you come regularly, haven't been to church for years, or have never been before, you will find a really warm welcome.

Come and discover more to life!

With best wishes,

Rev'd Chris Dudgeon
Rector, North Hampshire Downs Benefice
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FROM THE REGISTERS

Interment of Ashes: Jonathan Luck at St Lawrence Weston Patrick on 2nd March

CHURCH SERVICES

Maundy Thursday 2nd April
10.00am Herriard - Celtic Morning Prayer (said)
7.30pm Odiham - Benefice Holy Communion with Tenebrae

Good Friday 3rd April
8.00am Tunworth - Reflective Service
10.00am Herriard - Good Friday Reflection
10.00am Upton Grey - Family Workshop, followed by short informal service at 11.00am

Easter Sunday 5th March
6.15am Upton Grey - Sunrise Service
9.00am Tunworth - BCP Holy Communion
10.00am Herriard - Family Communion, followed by Easter Egg Hunt in the walled garden at Herriard Park
10.00am Weston Patrick - CW Holy Communion, followed by Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard
10.30am Upton Grey - CW Holy Communion, followed by Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard

Thursday 9th April
10.00am Herriard - Celtic Morning Prayer (said)
10.00am Upton Grey - BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 12th April
9.00am Tunworth - 1662 Morning Prayer
10.00am Weston Patrick - CW Holy Communion
10.30am Upton Grey - Morning Worship
5.00pm Herriard - Evensong

Thursday 15th April
10.00am Herriard - BCP Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 19th April
10.00am Herriard - Morning Worship
10.30am Upton Grey - CW Holy Communion
6.00pm Tunworth - Evensong
Thursday 22nd April
10.00am Herriard - Celtic Morning Prayer (said)
Sunday 26th April
9.00am Tunworth - Family Service
10.00am Herriard - Family Service
10.30am Upton Grey - Informal Service
5.00pm Weston Patrick - Evensong
Thursday 30th April
10.00am Herriard - Celtic Morning Prayer (said)

CHURCH NEWS

Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion with Tenebrae
The name Maundy Thursday comes from the word *mandatum*, 'commandment'. In John 13.34 we read that Jesus said to his disciples at the Last Supper: 'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.' It contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

On Maundy Thursday we will be meeting together in All Saints Church, Odiham at 7.30pm for a quiet and reflective service as we take time to prepare ourselves and to walk with Christ towards the horror of the cross and the joy of Easter Day. Our service will fall into two parts.

The first part will be a communion service during which we will recall the institution of the Lord's Supper, and enact Christ's command to 'do this to remember me'.

The second part will be a Tenebrae, which is a service of shadows in which darkness symbolically encroaches as we step closer to Christ's death on Good Friday. The service is structured around nine short readings and after each reading a candle is extinguished, until the church is in darkness, and we leave quietly as we prepare for Good Friday.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)
The APCMs of the four churches are as follows:

- **Upton Grey Sunday 17th May** at 11.30am in the Church (after the morning service).
- **Herriard Tuesday 21st April** at 7.00pm at the Herriard Hub.
- **Tunworth Tuesday 28th April** at 6.30pm in the Church.
- **Weston Patrick Tuesday 28th April** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

- Coffee and cake in the church porch, **All Saints Tunworth**, at 10.30am on **Thursday April 2nd**.
- Coffee and cake drop-in at **Upton Grey Village Hall**, 11.00am–1.00pm on **Monday April 13th and 27th**.
- Coffee morning at **Weston Patrick Village Hall**, 11.00am–12.30pm on **Wednesday April 22nd**.

Tea or coffee, slice of cake, chat. Open to all, very informal, no need to book, just turn up. All ages welcome!



KidsZone

Hi everyone,

Easter is one of the most joyful celebrations in the Christian year. There are chocolate eggs, bright flowers, and happy songs in church. But do you know *why* Christians celebrate Easter?
Because Easter is the story of **hope**.

Sometimes the world can feel a bit scary or sad. You might hear grown-ups talking about wars or problems in the news. In places like Ukraine and parts of the Middle East, many families are living through very difficult times. Some people have lost homes, some have had to move far away, and others worry about loved ones who are in danger. It can make us wonder: *Is there any hope?* That's exactly the kind of question people were asking on the very first Easter.

On Good Friday, Jesus died on the cross. His friends were heartbroken. They thought everything was over. The wonderful teacher who had healed people, welcomed children, and spoken about God's love was gone. Imagine how dark that day must have felt.

But the story didn't end there! On the third day, some women went to Jesus' tomb and discovered something amazing. The stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Jesus was alive!

That moment changed everything. The sadness of Good Friday turned into the joy of Easter morning. When Jesus rose from the dead, he showed that

- ♥ **love is stronger than hate,**
- ♥ **light is stronger than darkness,**
- ♥ **and hope is stronger than fear**.

That's why Easter is such good news for the whole world.

Sometimes hope isn't just something we feel - it's something we *do*. You're probably aware that young people in Odiham and the surrounding villages have been showing exactly what Easter hope looks like in real life - maybe you were even part of it in school!

Instead of feeling helpless, local young people decided to help. Together with their Ukrainian friends they organised concerts, fundraising events and activities to raise money for a charity called Pickups for Peace. Their goal was amazing: to raise money for their fourth vehicle to send to Ukraine – and they've only gone and done it! That's what hope looks like in action.

Young people who could have said, “There’s nothing we can do”; instead said, “Let’s help.” And together, they made a difference.

Want to See Their Story?

If you’re curious to hear from some of these young people themselves, ask a grown-up if you can watch the short video made by The Diocese of Winchester.

In the video, some of the young people talk about why helping Ukraine matters so much to them and why they wanted to raise money for another vehicle. You can find it here:
https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1anU6mCaWM/?mibextid=wwXIfr
It’s a great reminder that even young people can bring hope to the world.

The Easter story reminds us that God can bring light out of the darkest places. But God also invites us to share that hope with others.

You might not be able to send a vehicle to another country - but you can still make a difference, and here’s your Easter challenge!

- Write a kind note or draw a picture for someone who feels lonely.
- Help a neighbour or family member without being asked.
- Pray for people who are living through difficult times.
- Raise money for a charity that helps people in need.
- Be a friend to someone who feels left out.

Every small act of kindness is like a tiny Easter light shining in a dark, scary world. Remember: when Jesus rose on Easter morning, he showed that hope is stronger than anything. And the wonderful truth is this:

You are never too young to share that hope with the world.

God bless and see you soon!



Helen Chatfield
Children & Youth Outreach Pastor

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Farming News

March has brought some mixed weather with it. We are still battling some extremely wet conditions but are being fooled with some intermittent sunny spells as the days draw out. We have managed to plant two fields of barley so far which is pleasing but the conditions are only just dry enough. We have two more to plant this spring and then we will look plant the maize in April time.

With the days drawing out we have plenty of jobs to do this month. We have some new hedges to plant, fences to put up, barley to plant and we have started to spread fertiliser on the crops as they wake up after the wet winter months.

Despite the wet spells the crops are starting to grow, and they need looking after as they do so. We have our agronomist visit the farm every other week, who walks across the fields to monitor growth and advise us what to treat for and when to feed the crops with fertiliser. As I was applying the sulphur fertiliser to our Oilseed rape crops this week, I noticed that it won't be long until we start to see the yellow fields flowering around the countryside. This is when we will be hoping for good sunlight hours in the day as this is key to good yields.

The crops overall are looking well, and with getting well established in autumn , it has given them a chance to get a good root base down to put them in good stead to manage the coming months. A good root system also helps the plants to access as much soil nutrients as possible.

Geopolitically things have caused some real headaches for many people and industries. We are now seeing diesel prices over a pound a litre which is tough as we move into months where we are starting to do more field work and we naturally use more diesel. Grain prices are not very exciting either so with fuel and fertiliser prices skyrocketing, we will have to be as conservative as possible whilst not compromising output.

Chicken wise, they are still under 'flockdown' which we hope won't last too much longer with less avian flu being reported. We will be changing one of the flocks in April as they come to the end of their productive laying cycle. They will all be re homed. We have now started the big clean down of the shed to make sure it's squeaky clean ready for the new birds to arrive later in the month. **Will Cheyney**

UPTON GREY NEWS

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Upton Grey Village Hall 100 Club winners

Congratulations to the winners of the last draw of 25/26:
1st Prize: Phil and Ela Whitehead – 2nd Prize: Zoe Clark

NOW is the time to renew for the 26/27 period. Each entry (or number) costs £24 for 12 monthly draws. Sort Code 09-01-51 Account Number: 86355505 Upton Grey Village Hall Committee (Please ref your house name/number and postcode). Cheques payable to "Upton Grey Village Hall Committee". Please write your house name/number and postcode on the back. You can drop your cheque into Rowan Croft, Weston Road or Gables House, Church Street. Alternatively, you can find a sum-up machine in the Village Shop.

Any questions please ask Sam Clough, 07766 663511 or email ugvh100@gmail.com

Upton Grey Ladies Group

For any lady interested in Upton Grey, our Ladies Group meets once a month for various activities throughout the year. Here is our programme of events for 2026.

- April: Surprise event
- May 12th:Visit to Wisley
- June: Surprise event
- July 21st: Picnic lunch at Barn Cottage and Orchard Cottage
- August 11th: Tea and book exchange in the garden
- September: To be arranged
- October 19th: Your favourite things
- November 20th: Pub lunch
- December: Christmas Party in the Village hall

If you think you might be interested in joining the group and would like more information please contact me by email or phone.
Email vivanscombe@gmail.com, Phone 01256 862455
We pay a subscription of £10 a year. I look forward to hearing from you!

Viv Anscombe

Tennis Dates for 2026

Junior Tennis Coaching

- ***Easter Tennis: Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April***

Sessions start from 9.00am and are 45 minutes long. The coach will be Andrew Ridgers, who has been leading the tennis coaching for many years. He is very experienced and highly regarded, and makes the sessions fun for all. The youngest children have the first session, which is 45 minutes and then there are several more groups, largely grouped together by age. The age range is roughly 3.5 up to 16/17 year olds.

The cost is £16 per child, whether your child is able to attend all the days or not. We are able to keep this low due to the continued and much appreciated support from the Upton Grey Educational Trust.

In the event of bad weather the sessions will be cancelled. Please email Susannah Livingston Booth on: slivingstonbooth@gmail.com with your child/children's name(s), age(s), and your contact details.

Payment should be made by the 27th March 2026 by Bank Transfer to Upton Grey Village Tennis Court. Bank Details are: Sort Code 30-93-32, Account No: 02410908 or alternatively you can pay by cash to Susannah Livingston Booth at Redwing House, Cemetery Lane, Upton Grey, RG25 2RD

- ***Summer Tennis: Monday 10th - Thursday 13th August***

Easter services – Upton Grey

Good Friday (April 3rd)

Family Workshop at 10.00am, followed by a short informal service at 11.00am.

Easter Day (April 5th)

We are holding a special **Sunrise Service** in the church, meeting at **6.15am** for morning worship timed to coincide with the sunrise. There will be coffee afterwards! Any queries to **Sarah Barnes on 01256 861164.** After the **10.30am service** there will be the customary **egg hunt** in the Churchyard.

More4Kids Upton Grey
A reminder that the monthly Wednesday afternoon event in the Village Hall, previously 'Messy Church', is now More4Kids Upton Grey: 3.30-5.00pm on **April 15th**; School Years R to 6; crafts, songs, tea, games.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
The APCM will be on **Sunday 17th May** at 11.30am in the Church (after the morning service).

Coffee and Cake drop in

Upton Grey Village Hall

Monday
13th & 27th April
11.00-1.00

All welcome



St Mary's Upton Grey
www.moretolife.church

St Mary's Church Fete - Saturday 6th June from 2.00 to 5.00pm
The Old Vicarage, Upton Grey RG25 2BS

Please save the date for this annual long-standing village event which is both a fundraiser for the church and fun entertainment for all ages. Even though the rain last year was torrential, you all turned up, so hoping for a bit of sunshine this June as our just rewards. You can look forward to all the usual stalls plus delicious home-made cream teas, Pimms, ice creams and the ever-popular Punch & Judy show and Cove Brass Band to entertain.

Now is the time to get your families and friends organised to come and enjoy this most traditional afternoon celebrating the best of village life in our beautiful corner of rural North Hampshire. Car parking next door in Church Meadow.

We are very grateful to Carol and Richard Butler-Adams who have kindly agreed for us to use their beautiful gardens at The Old Vicarage, Church Street, Upton Grey.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Frances Yeowart email: francesyeowart@outlook.com, who will happily point you in the right direction.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sarah Barnes & Frances Yeowart

Garden Stall – Church Fete 6th June 2026
Early call out for the UG fete garden stall. The garden stall takes year-round effort and as with all the other stalls relies on your generous donations. If you are having a clear out/spring clean of the shed and have any unwanted garden tools, garden furniture, an old wheelbarrow, hanging baskets, terracotta/ceramic garden pots then please don't throw them away.

If you have leftover flower or vegetable seedlings, the odd bag of compost, or maybe overbought on your bedding plants, are dividing a Hosta or any perennials, surplus rhubarb, the odd indoor plant or **anything** that could possibly be sold on a 'garden' stall please let me know - I can collect or just drop on my drive anytime from now or deliver to the stall on the day - Clock Cottage, Cleves Lane, Tel: 862705. Any donations will be very much appreciated - Thankyou.

Debbie Bridle (debbie@debbie-bridle.com)

Attention all Upton Grey golfers! - Annual Golf Day, Thursday 18th June 2026

The annual Upton Grey Golf Day is being held **at The Test Valley Golf Club** – www.testvalleygolf.com - The day is open to all golfers regardless of ability – whether you play regularly, once in a while, or once in a blue moon, there's a space for you! It will be a relaxed, sociable day together with a pleasant walk in attractive Hampshire countryside.

The cost is £50 per golfer and includes coffee/tea and a bacon roll on arrival before 18 holes of golf, followed by prize-giving. A variety of refreshments will be available in the clubhouse after golf should anyone wish to purchase these separately.

Prizes will be awarded for nearest to the pin, the longest drive, the best team and best individual performances.

Meet from 11.00am – first tee booked at 12.20pm. Please contact davidc@pdcm.pro, 07903 169536 to book your place. I look forward to seeing you all on the 18th! **David Cook**

Pickwick Papers - A Riotous Comedy on Sunday 9th August

The Upton Grey Drama Group are delighted to confirm that the professional theatre company 'Rain or Shine' will again be performing in Church Meadow on Sunday 9th August. Gates will open at 3.30pm with the performance starting at 4.30pm.

This year we will be entertained by the riotous comedy of Pickwick Papers!

"A hilarious show" …. "Funny, Fast-paced, Fantastic!" … "Five brilliant actors doing the work of ten!!" is just some of the feedback they have received.

More details, including how to get tickets, will be published soon. In the meantime, save the date!

We are in for an afternoon of hilarious delight - see you there!

Upton Grey Drama Group

St Mary's Church, Upton Grey – need for further funding

Please can you help?

Upton Grey benefits from having a thriving church at its heart. It brings us together as a village at Christmas and Easter and other popular services such as Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday. It provides a resident Vicar who christens our children, marries our young people, gives thanks for the lives of our departed. It is a focal point for our

community life. St Mary's is now asking for increased local support to continue its work within the community and as a place of Christian worship.

St Mary's is self-funding. It receives no financial contribution from Winchester Diocese, the central body of the Church of England or the State. It depends entirely on local giving. Our income falls short of our expenses and in particular has been eroded by inflation. We have experienced a cumulative inflation rate of 32% since our last funding initiative in 2018. We had a deficit in 2025 and expect another in 2026.

We need the help of all who live in our community. Can you please take a moment to read this and respond?

We are asking two things:

(1) that you consider reviewing and increasing the amount you give or, if you do not already give, consider becoming a regular giver;

(2) that your future donations be made regularly by direct debit (monthly, quarterly or yearly) under the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) which improves cash flow and reduces administration.

Donations and gift aid are collected by the Scheme and paid monthly into our Parochial Church Council's bank account. If your donation is eligible for gift aid, this adds an extra 25% on top of the amount given. If you are a higher-rate tax payer, you can claim tax relief on the amount given. The Scheme is quick, convenient and efficient.

The Scheme also enables you, if you choose at your discretion, to increase your donation annually in line with inflation. You will be notified of the increase one month in advance and will have an option to decline or vary it.

If you wish to help, you can join the PGS online via its website (www.parishgiving.org.uk), or by calling the PGS team on 0333 002 1271, or by contacting them by email (info@parishgiving.org.uk), or filling in the PGS gift form available from us and sending it to Parish Giving Scheme, 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester GL1 3BD. The PGS parish code for St Mary's is 410641133.

If you decide to support this appeal, it will be most helpful if you can tell one of us. The amount of your donation will, of course, be treated as confidential. The Scheme involves no enduring commitment; you will be free to cancel or amend your direct debit at any time. If you have any questions, please contact one of us.

We intend to use part of the new funds (after providing for the Church's running expenses) to create a sinking fund to help with future maintenance and repairs.

Over the years many people have played a part in the life of St Mary's Church and we are grateful to all those who have provided support in so many ways. We now need everyone to be as generous as they can to ensure that St Mary's continues to thrive.

The Revd Simon Butler (Vicar) Tel: 01256 861706
Sarah Barnes (Churchwarden) Tel: 01256 861164

Educational Grants available to ALL Upton Grey Residents

The Upton Grey Educational Trust was formed when the Upton Grey School was sold after its closure in the 1980's and half of the proceeds were put into a Trust.

The Trust can use the limited income from the investment twice yearly "for the advancement of education".

The Trust meets in June and December each year to consider applications for assistance with educational needs, **from any age group and with no means testing**.

Since the Trust was set up, it has awarded grants to over 110 applicants and 16 groups in addition to Long Sutton School.

For more information on how to apply and terms and conditions, please visit www.uptongreychurch.co.uk (under Groups & Organisations) or email debbie@debbie-bridle.com.

This is primarily open to residents of Upton Grey, but consideration **may** also be given to applicants from other parishes within the Benefice – funds permitting.

Applications must be made by the person requiring assistance and **NOT** by a parent/guardian or other.

We are very lucky to have this fund and very grateful to the late Ros Mills for establishing it.

For the application to be put forward at the June meeting.

Please submit your application in writing **by the end of May 2026** to be in with a chance to:

The Secretary to the Trustees
UPTON GREY EDUCATIONAL TRUST
Clock Cottage, Cleves Lane, Upton Grey Basingstoke RG25 2RG or via email to: debbie@debbie-bridle.com (requesting a read receipt) – please ensure the child-written application is attached to the email sent by parent or guardian. (**NOTE** that any late applications received after the deadline will automatically be carried over to the next meeting).

HERRIARD AND WINSLADE NEWS
www.herriard-pc.gov.uk
www.herriardvillagehub.co.uk
Herriard Village Group on http://www.Facebook.com

North Hampshire Downs Churches – Herriard Youth Hub
The Youth Hub will meet from **6.30 to 8.30pm on 12th and 19th April** at The Herriard Hub. The first hour we will follow '*Six Beats - One Story'* (a chance to delve a bit deeper into the Bible, and what it can say to us nowadays), then we come together to enjoy snacks, games and chat with friends – not to mention a bit of healthy rivalry over the pool table! For more information, contact Helen Chatfield youth@moretolife.church.

Herriard Folk Nights



Please join us! Herriard Folk returns to the Herriard Village Hub for another night of live folk and roots music from 7.00-10.00pm on **Saturday 25th April**. £4 entry, children and students free with student id. There will be some warm-up performances followed by a Headline act. After the main show, the real fun begins in the bar with an open session until 11.00pm. We welcome all musicians - young & old, beginners & honed performers, and those that just like to listen. We regret we will no longer be selling folk dogs, so please do plan to eat prior to your arrival.

Located halfway down the A339 between Alton and Basingstoke. Find out more at www.HerriardFolk.co.uk

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
The APCM will be on **Tuesday 21st April** at 7.00pm in the Herriard Hub.

WEEKLY COFFEE MORNING IN HERRIARD

Every Thursday at the Village Hub

Open any time between 10.00 and 12.00

Good coffee and fresh baked cakes

Donations from £2.00 each to cover costs

Do come and join us – everyone welcome

St Mary's Church Herriard with Winslade

Saturday 4th April 2.00-4.00pm
Easter Garden Festival



Please come and enjoy St Mary's decorated with flowers and Easter Gardens ready for Easter Sunday, and join us for a cup of tea and a slice of homemade cake.

Easter Sunday – 5th April

Our Easter Sunday service at 10.00am will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the walled garden at Herriard Park.



Everyone is very welcome!

And looking ahead – other dates for your diaries:

- Saturday 9th May 6.00pm - **Cantemus Concert** in St Mary's
- Sunday 17th May 10.00am - **Rogation Walk** (starting at St Mary's)
- Sunday 21st June 10.00am - **Pet Service** (venue to be confirmed)
- Saturday 27th June 6.00pm - **Suzanne's Ordination to the Priesthood** – Winchester Cathedral

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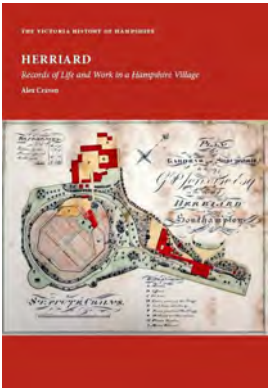
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Special Herriard sources include the daily workbooks which recorded the tasks of up to 30 labourers each morning and afternoon. Household accounts detailed the complex relationships between lord and farm workers. For example, in 1599 Michael Moore agreed to reap, bind and haul 11 acres of wheat in the following harvest in return for one year's accommodation for himself and his family in Sir Richard Paulet's house and pasture for one cow and two pigs. He agreed to pay Paulet 10*s.* in rent for the year. At the same time, he agreed to undertake all thatching and hurdling for a year at the rate of 7*d.* a day, during which time his wife was also to prepare dinner for Paulet's servants and to tend the pigs until another person was found to take over the dairy work.

The Jervoise family also offered charity to poor parishioners. At Christmas 1800 George Jervoise supplied soup of beef, potatoes, rice and other vegetables. He calculated that 33 gallons would be required each week to supply 81 adults in Herriard with two pints each and 102 children with one pint each.

The revelations about rural life are fascinating. The book is for sale at £14.99 at the Willis Museum, Basingstoke, Hampshire Record Office, Winchester or directly from VCHH by sending a message to contact@vchhampshire.org

Herriard Prayer Group
If you or anyone you know would like to be included in our prayers, please contact suzanne@moretolife.church or fiona@ashmeadow.co.uk.

Foodbank at St Mary's Herriard with Winslade
We have a box in the Church for food donations. If you can't make our Sunday service, you can leave donations on a Saturday/Sunday at the vestry door at the back of the Church. If you would like to sign up for the Camrose Centre's newsletter, to keep up to date with the work the centre is doing and get an updated list of the many items they so desperately need, please visit www.thecamrosecentre.org. They also have an Amazon Wishlist – the list is regularly updated:

The Camrose Centre is a drop-in centre for anyone who is sleeping rough, homeless or vulnerably housed within Basingstoke and Deane.

TUNWORTH NEWS

Prayer Half-Hour: Thursday 2nd April 10.00am
At the monthly Prayer Half-Hour, on the first Thursday, we meet and pray in the church for everyone in the parish.

Coffee & Cake: Thursday 2nd April 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.

Tunworth Home Group
The Tunworth Home Group usually meets once or twice a month on Wednesdays from 7.00 to 8.00pm at The Orangery, Hackwood Park, to study Bible passages and Biblical themes. The **April dates are the 8th and 21st**. If you would like to know more, please contact Gabrielle.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
The APCM will be on **Tuesday 28th April** at 6.30pm in the Church.

Tunworth Village AGM
The Tunworth Village AGM will be held at 6.00pm at the Shoot Lodge on **Friday 24th April**.

Save the Date
- Tunworth **Safari Supper**, Saturday 18th April. Please contact Simon Butler or Gabrielle Knights for details.
- **Rogation Walk** 10.00am Sunday 3rd May.

WESTON PATRICK & WESTON CORBETT NEWS

St. Lawrence's next service will be on **Easter Day**, 5th April at 10.00 am with an **Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard.** All are very welcome to join in.

Our regular Holy Communion morning service will take place on Sunday 12th April at 10.00am, followed by Evensong on Sunday 26th April at 5.00pm.

We will also be repeating our very successful Pet Service on Sunday 10th May at 10.00am so please put this in your diary and come along to join in the fun.

Reverends Linda Scard and Suzanne Newcombe will be praying for our community in our church at 9.00am on Friday 3rd April. Please do join them or contact them on 01256 703294/07801 039717 or linda@moretolife.church if you would like them to pray for someone or something in particular.

Our coffee morning on the fourth Wednesday of the month is 22nd April 2026 at 11.00 am in the Village Hall. Everybody is welcome to pop in.

Our **APCM** (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 28th April at 7.30pm** where the PCC and all officers of the PCC will be elected. Please do come along and have a say about your Church.

Weston Patrick and Weston Corbett's Women's Home Group will be continuing to meet and if anyone would like further information about this group please contact Suzanne Newcombe at suzanne@moretolife.church.

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

Woodland Walk & Run in aid of St Michael's Hospice, Sunday 26th April at Private Farleigh Wallop Estate, Basingstoke, RG25 2HS
Join us! This year you can choose to walk or run, 5-miles or 10-miles through the Farleigh Wallop Estate. Throughout the walk, you will be surrounded by glorious views of the Hampshire countryside, before being greeted with a well-deserved drink and refreshments upon your return.

This event is enjoyable for all ages and dogs are welcome too. See details at stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events Advance price: Adults £15, children £10, under 5 free.

North Warnborough & District Garden Club
We look forward to welcoming members and guests to our meeting on Thursday **23rd April at 2.10pm**. Our speaker will be Wilf Simcox. His talk will be 'Growing Soft Fruit'. This is a new subject for the Club. Ideal for Spring as we all start to enjoy our gardens again.

Visitors are always welcome for the small donation of £3.00 for a first visit. We will have our usual Plant Stall and contributions are always welcome. Look at our website for more information. www.nwdgc.org.uk

National Garden Scheme – Hampshire
The Snowdrop Gardens are pretty much behind us now and we move on to the Spring Bulbs. Opening in April are a couple of gardens within 15 minutes drive of our area.

Beechenwood Farm, Hillside, Odiham RG29 1JA
Opening Monday 6th April 2.00-5.00pm. Pre-booking available.
Admission £5.00, children free. Cashless Payments available.
Refreshments: Home-made teas (in aid of Sebastian's Trust).
Opening for over 40 years, this 2-acre garden, with many parts, has lawn meandering through woodland with drifts of spring bulbs. Rose pergola with steps, pots with spring bulbs and later aeoniums. There is a fritillary and cowslip meadow, and a walled herb garden with pool and exuberant planting. The orchard includes a white garden and a hot border. There is a greenhouse and vegetable garden, a rock gar-den extending to grasses, ferns and bamboos. There is a shady walk to the belvedere, and an 8 acre copse of native species with grassed rides.

Brick Kiln Cottage, The Avenue, Herriard, Alton RG25 2PR

Opening Sunday 26th April 11.30am to 3.30pm, pre-booking available.
Admission £5.00, children free. CASH ONLY.
Refreshments: Home-made teas

A 2-acre bluebell woodland garden with a perimeter woodland path including a treehouse, pebble garden, billabong, ferny hollow, bug palace, waterpool, shepherd's hut and a traditional cottage garden filled with herbs. This garden was created by Barbara Jeremiah - Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Gardeners - developed using the natural landscape left in the Old Brick Works to give a series of unique features in harmony with the peacefulness of an old English wood. She uses eco-friendly measures to look after the woodland and the garden. Saving water, using no pesticides, our own mulch and compost, chip-ping against weeds, using eco methods against slugs and the available wood on paths and seats.

Your visits make a difference to very many lives!!

Pat Beagley (Head of Publicity), pat.beagley@ngs.org.uk
National Garden Scheme – Hampshire

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

North Hampshire Downs Mothers' Union

At our meeting in March, we agreed to make a donation to the Child Contact Centre in Popley. This is a Mothers' Union project which supports families where the relationship between the parents has broken down and provides an opportunity for the parent who no longer lives with their children to spend time with them and build a relationship. The centre is run by volunteers who ensure that the children are welcomed and safe and provide support for the parents. We are looking for additional volunteers for the Contact Centre, and if you are interested, please do contact me.

We were delighted to hear that Bishop Kelly, Bishop of Basingstoke, has been appointed as Bishop Ambassador for Central Mothers' Union and we would like to wish her well in her new role.

The first Monday in April is Easter Monday - so instead of our usual branch meeting we will meet for tea in a local café. There is also a diocesan meeting in St Gabriel's church in Popley on Monday April 20th from 10.00am to 2.00pm, and all are welcome to come and hear about our work.

If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on suemurphymubranch@outlook.com or 01252 845011.

Odiham Music Festival, 1st–3rd May 2026

Join us for a joyful celebration of music for all ages and interests. This inaugural festival features cherished classics and hidden gems, with performances by outstanding musicians in All Saints Church, Odiham: Festival Chamber Concert on **Friday 1st May** at 7.30pm, Come and Sing Poulenc Gloria on **Saturday 2nd May** from 10.00am – 3.00pm (concert 3.00pm), The Wind in the Willows Family Concert on **Sunday 3rd May** at 1.00pm and the festival concert – Redemption and Rebirth on **Sunday 3rd May** at 7.00pm.

For more details and tickets visit www.odihammusicfestival.co.uk

Cross Barn Theatre, Odiham – April 2026

17th April Film: The Choral

Starring Ralph Fiennes, Roger Allam, Alun Armstrong

Ramsden, Yorkshire 1916. The local Choral Society's men are quitting the choir and enlisting, leaving the demanding Dr Henry Guthrie (Ralph Fiennes) to recruit teenagers to replace them. Together they experience the joy of singing, whilst the young boys grapple with their impending army conscription as wounded soldiers return from the frontline. Written by Alan Bennett & inspired by the experiences of the Huddersfield Choral Society.

Tickets: Films £7.50. Doors open at 19.00, Film start at 19.45. Coffee/tea, wine and ice cream available. Purchase tickets online at http://www.thecrossbarn.org.uk

Cardiac Health : 2026 – The year of 50th anniversary celebrations

Throughout 2026, local Alton charity Cardiac Health is celebrating 50 years in operation with a host of fantastic fundraising events. Cardiac Health helps people lead stronger, healthier lives through exercise at its dedicated facility in Chawton Park Road.

The charity is continuing its anniversary celebrations with the following events.

The **Social Bridge Afternoon Tea** returns to Beech Village Hall on **Thursday 23rd April**. This popular event, which combines and

afternoon Bridge with a wonderful tea, provided by charity volunteers, costs just £70 for a table of four.

For further details on all Cardiac events and to purchase tickets please visit the website www.cardiac-rehab.co.uk/events; alternatively, email hearty@cardiachealth.org.uk or call 01420 544 794

The Friends of Treloar's Plant Sale returns in full bloom for 2026!
Join the community at Treloar's in the vibrant Outdoor Learning Centre on **Saturday 9th May** where you can explore hundreds of annuals and perennials to bring bursts of colour to your garden and help the wildlife thrive.

Find an exciting selection of young plants, mature plants, vegetables and herbs among the Bring and Buy Plants. Try your luck in the raffle and enjoy a refreshing drink and a sweet treat or local produce after a morning of perusing as you listen to the joyful brass band. Our popular FREE children's activities return this year, as well as a BRAND-NEW chance to meet the animals from Mill Cottage Farm.

The wonderful students of Treloar's are also working hard as a team to handmake gifts, cards, treats and more for you to take home.
All funds raised from this event directly contributes to Treloar's, helping to change the lives of disabled children and young people.
Location: Outdoor Learning Centre, Treloar's, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 4GL
Date and time: Saturday 9 May 2026: 10.00am – 12.30pm
Save your space: https://www.treloar.org.uk/events/plant-sale-2026
For more information, please contact the Events Team:
events@treloar.org.uk

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I use them to clean plates during a printmaking process. I will be happy to collect. **Jackie Amies** 01256 86131 or jackie@tanglewoodhouse.net



STRUT: more than a fashion show
Saturday 25th April 2026 7.00pm
All Saints Church Odiham
At the time of writing, our *fashion show with a difference* is close to a sell-out. However, if you are still to buy tickets, you may be lucky via https://www.friendsallsaintsodiham.org/strut-2026 or by calling into Katharine Jane in Fountains Mall, Odiham with cash. We look forward to welcoming ticketholders on the night and thank you for your support.

Pop-ups with purpose

Yet the Friends' fundraising does not stop after the show. You can still **STRUT *around*** Odiham to peruse and purchase contemporary designs and timeless elegance at our 3 pop-up shops:

- **Barnsgrove private members club, Greywell RG29 1GF.** Privileged access to this stunning venue for an unique event. Thursday 30th April 6.00-9.00pm ***private view and first pop-up shop,*** tickets £12 to include a glass of Candover Brook sparking rosé.
  https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofallsaintschurchodiham .
  Friday 1st May and Saturday 2nd May sale continues 10.00am-7.00pm (free of charge and accessible to non-members during the event).
  Other refreshments available to non-members throughout the event.
- **RAF Odiham, Welfare and Community Centre** (newly refurbished and open to the public) RG29 1QH. Friday 8th May 10.00am-3.00pm.
- **All Saints Church Odiham** RG29 1ND 10.00am-3.00pm.

Auction with appeal

Don't forget to bid in our online auction with a range of fabulous offerings with wide appeal: from a flight in a private plane to a week in a villa in the South of France. Plus, hotel stays, meals out and other treats.

For your calendar:

- Saturday 18th April at 9.00am: STRUT online auction goes live
- Sunday 3rd May at 9.00pm: STRUT online auction closes

For more information, see friendsallsaintsodiham.org.

The Friends of All Saints

(A non-religious charity dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of our church building for the enjoyment of all. Registered charity 292657)

ODIHAM COTTAGE HOSPITAL

Registered Charity No. 1068721

Befriending Service - New volunteering opportunity for 2026

Odiham Cottage Hospital's Befriending Service is a volunteer led service run and managed by the Hospital and covers the areas of Odiham, Hook, Hartley Wintney and Old Basing and surrounding villages. Our clients are those who have become lonely and isolated due to living with a long-term health condition or are receiving palliative care.

The service recruits, trains and supports volunteers who on a weekly basis visit people in their homes, as well as provide befriending via the telephone. All clients are referred to the service through their GP practice, community health team or another medical professional.

We are currently recruiting new volunteers to be Befrienders for the service. For just 2 hours a week, you can make a real difference in someone's life within your local community.

For more information or an application pack, please contact: -Tina Birch- Befriending Manager on 01256 393609 or via email at: befriending@odihamcottagehospital.org.uk

Hook Choral Society's Spring Concert, **Saturday, April 18th** at **St John's Church, London Road, Hook, RG27 9EG.**

The Spring Concert will offer the variety and interest which audiences have come to expect from Hook Choral Society.

After opening with the joys of Purcell's 'Come ye Sons of Art' and 'The day that such a blessing gave' we will progress, through Essenvalds' lyrical 'Only in Sleep', the 'I will comfort' from Brahms' German Requiem and the 'Magnificat' from Bob Chilcott's Christmas Oratorio, to Arneson's lovely little 'Flight Song'.

After the interval, during which a glass of wine or juice will be served as part of the ticket price, the exuberance of the 'Hallelujah' from Beethoven's 'Mount of Olives' and the Kyrie from Rossini's 1863 'Petite Messe Solonnelle' will lead us on to the wonder that is Poulenc's 'Gloria', composed in 1960. The six movements of this lovely piece take us towards its triumphant finale from the opening fanfare of the 'Gloria in Excelsis' via the dancing, 'Laudamus te', the brief celebratory 'Domine Fili', the drama of the 'Rex Caelestis', and the darkly

mysterious mood of the 'Agnus Dei'. I think the audience are going to love this programme.

Somewhere in the programme we will fit in Kristina Arakelyan's 'Two Love Songs'. Arakelyan, a British Armenian composer, may not be a familiar name to the reader, but her music for choir, orchestra, chamber ensembles or solo instruments has been performed at some of the world's leading venues, Carnegie Hall in New York, London's Wigmore Hall and Southbank Centre, the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles and the Symphony Hall in Birmingham among them.

Born in Budapest in 1994 to a non-musical Armenian family, Kristina fell in love with the human voice when she was taken to the opera as a young child. She moved to Armenia at the age of four and, despite not having a piano at home, she wanted to learn to play and began taking lessons after school. Her rapid progress on the instrument led, in 2006, to a UK government Music and Dance Scheme scholarship to study at the Purcell School. She caught the public's attention as the 15-year-old winner of the BBC Young Composers' Competition when her piece for the BBC Singers was broadcast on BBC Radio 3.

During her twenties she cultivated her lyrical voice with works such as To the Stars (2015); Dreamland (2020-21); Seascapes (2021), a sequence of choral companions to the Four Sea Interludes from Britten's Peter Grimes, written for the BBC Singers; Star Fantasy for organ (2021), written for Anna Lapwood; and the chamber opera *Penelope: Seven Ways to Wait* (2022). And we are happy to be able to introduce that voice to listeners in Hook with her Two Love Songs, when we perform our Spring Concert.

The ticket price of **£20.00** includes a complimentary glass of wine or fruit juice. Tickets are available, as ever, from the choir's website **hookchoral.co.uk**, by phoning **07957 293641**, or on the door.

North Hants National Trust Centre (NHNTC) - Jane Austen's Sanditon – a presentation by Mike and Louise Biddiss



Our local branch of the National Trust – the NHNTC – had a treat on 19th Feb. Instead of our usual talk, the speakers gave us a dramatized presentation of Jane Austen's last and uncompleted novel, Sanditon.

Mike and Louise Biddiss have long been members of The Alton Fringe Theatre, and their acting ability was crucial in introducing us to Jane Austen's prose, readings of her dialogue and the

development of the novel's plot.

Written in the final months of her life in 1817, Jane Austen's unfinished manuscript, ***Sanditon***, serves as a sharp departure from her previous works, blending her signature wit with a focus on commercialism and modern health obsessions. The narrative serves three primary satirical purposes: lampooning the Regency era's fixation on seaside resorts, mocking the performative nature of hypochondria, and deriding the misuse of literature as a clumsy tool for seduction.

The story commences with a symbolic carriage accident involving Mr Parker, whose injuries force a stay with the Haywood family. Unlike typical Austen protagonists, Parker is a man driven by business rather than leisure; his relentless "puffing" or marketing of Sanditon as a premier destination highlights the period's emerging commercial spirit. As a gesture of thanks, he invites the sensible Charlotte Haywood to join him at the resort.

Through Charlotte's discerning eyes, we encounter the residents of Sanditon, most notably the wealthy and "thoroughly mean" Lady Denholm. A ruthless businesswoman, she views the influx of health-seekers purely through a lens of profit, even suggesting her own asses' milk as a cure-all. She further entertains herself by manipulating her impoverished relatives, including the "downright silly" Sir Edward Denholm. Sir Edward embodies Austen's critique of the pseudo-intellectual, using verbose, ignorant interpretations of Scott and Burns in his failed attempts to appear seductive.

The theme of hypochondria is masterfully explored through the Parker siblings—Diana, Susan, and Arthur—whose self-diagnosed ailments are attributed to vanity and sloth. The manuscript concludes with the arrival of the West Indian heiress, Miss Lambe, and a small party from a girls' boarding school. These final chapters introduce Sydney Parker, hinting at a potential romantic development for Charlotte that remained unwritten upon Austen's death.

Mike and Louise presented these characters with great skill. They entertained us with their interpretation of the linked themes of commercial marketing, alternative approaches to health, the value of health bringing seaside holidays, hefty dollops of hypochondria, scepticism of the medical profession, and the power of greed. When asked whether any attempts to finish the novel by subsequent writers had been successful the answer was no! However, on this showing most of us agreed that we would definitely be happy to read Jane's own incomplete version.

Atlantic salmon's long journey back to the River Itchen

Atlantic salmon have one of the most remarkable life cycles in the natural world. Born in the clean gravels of rivers like the River Itchen, these powerful fish travel thousands of miles across the Atlantic Ocean before returning, often years later, to the very same stretch of river where they began life.

For thousands of years this migration has been part of the natural rhythm of the Itchen. Each year young salmon head out to sea, growing to adulthood in the North Atlantic before navigating their way back to the chalk streams of southern England. Their return is one of nature's most extraordinary journeys, guided by instinct and an ability to detect the unique chemical signature of their home river.

Atlantic salmon are among the most recognisable fish in British rivers. Adults returning from the sea are powerful, streamlined fish with silvery flanks, dark speckles along their backs and a forked tail built for endurance swimming. Some can grow over a metre long. During the spawning season their appearance changes as they adapt to freshwater, often darkening in colour while males can develop a distinctive hooked jaw.

After returning from the ocean in winter, females dig shallow depressions in clean gravel known as redds, where they lay thousands of eggs. Redds appear as lighter patches of gravel with a shallow dip and mound. The eggs remain buried in the gravel until they hatch in late spring. However, these nests are fragile and easily damaged by disturbance in the river such as wading, wild swimming, paddling, and dogs entering the water. Any activity that disturbs the riverbed can crush the eggs or compact the gravel around them, cutting off the oxygen they need to survive. Members of the public can help protect this vulnerable stage in the salmon's life cycle by keeping to the riverbanks and staying out of the River Itchen.

Atlantic salmon are uniquely adapted to their home rivers. Chalk stream salmon populations are genetically distinct, shaped over thousands of years by the conditions of the rivers they return to. The River Itchen is one of only six chalk streams in England that still supports wild Atlantic salmon.

However, their numbers have fallen dramatically. In 2022, just 133 adult salmon were recorded returning to spawn, and numbers remain critically low. This decline has prompted conservation organisations, including Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, to launch the

Itchen Salmon Delivery Plan, a coordinated effort to restore habitats, improve water quality and remove barriers to migration.

For more information about this iconic species, please visit the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust website: hiwwt.org.uk/news/urgent-action-launched-save-endangered-atlantic-salmon

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust manages nature reserves, including those which the River Itchen flow through. If you would like to help support the Trust's conservation work to help species including the Atlantic salmon, please consider joining the Trust as a member from £2.25 a month. Membership includes Wild Magazine three times a year. Visit: hiwwt.org.uk/join-today or call 01489 774408.



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SMALL ADS

PIANO FOR SALE: Yamaha Arius YDP 143 DIGITAL PIANO and stool for sale. Dark wood. Lightly used and in good condition. £300. Contact John Guy 01256 862916 or 07784 445483.

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New 'Local Directory' additions – see under Gates, Carers, Farm Shop, Tiling, Health - Exercise classes

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Upton Grey Village Hall can be hired at a basic rate of £14 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 on 01256 862681
or email bookings@uptongreyvillagehall.co.uk
or visit our new website www.uptongreyvillagehall.co.uk.

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 – APRIL 2026

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

APRIL DATES

4th Apr	Sat	Easter Garden Festival, St Mary's Herriard	2.00-4.00pm
15th Apr	Wed	More4Kids, UG Village Hall	3.30-5.00pm
18th Apr	Sat	Tunworth Safari Supper	
21st Apr	Tues	Herriard APCM, Herriard Hub	7.00pm
24th Apr	Fri	Tunworth Village Meeting, Shoot Lodge	6.00pm
25th Apr	Sat	STRUT Fashion Show, All Saints Odiham	7.00pm
25th Apr	Sat	Herriard Folk Night, Herriard Hub	7.00pm
28th Apr	Tues	Tunworth APCM, All Saints Church	6.30pm
28th Apr	Tues	Weston Patrick APCM, Village Hall	7.30pm

ADVANCE DATES

1st-3rd May		Odiham Music Festival, All Saints Odiham	
3rd May	Sun	Tunworth Rogation Walk	10.00am
9th May	Sat	Friends of Treloar's Plant Sale, Treloar's OLC	10.00-12.30
9th May	Sat	Cantemus Concert, St Mary's Herriard	6.00pm
17th May	Sun	St Mary's Herriard Rogation Walk	10.00am
17th May	Sun	Upton Grey APCM, St Mary's Church	11.30am
6th Jun	Sat	St Mary's Upton Grey Fete, The Old Vicarage	2.00pm
18th Jun	Thur	UG Annual Golf Day, Test Valley Golf Club	11.00am
21st Jun	Sun	Herriard Pet Service	10.00am
27th Jun	Sat	Suzanne Newcombe Ordination, Winchester Cathedral	6.00pm
9th Aug	Sun	Pickwick Papers Comedy, UG Church Meadow	3.30pm
10th-13th Aug		Upton Grey Junior Tennis Coaching	9.00-12.45
31st Oct	Sat	Bonfire, Fireworks, Halloween Events	3.00pm

REGULAR EVENTS

Each Mon/Thur	Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	2.00pm
Each Sat	Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	10.00am
Each Mon	Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	9.30–10.15am
Each Thur	Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	5.00–5.45pm
Each Thur	Coffee, Tea & Cake Morning, Hub, Herriard	10.00am
Each Thur	Upton Grey bell-ringing practice, St Mary's, UG	7.45pm
Every 1st Thur	Prayer Half-Hour, All Saints Tunworth	10.00am
Every 1st Thur	Coffee & Cake, Tunworth church porch	10.30am
2nd & 4th Mon	Coffee Morning, Upton Grey Village Hall	11.00am
2nd & 4th Tues	Upton Grey 'Get OWT', UG Churchyard	10.00am
Every 4th Wed	Coffee Morning, Weston Patrick Village Hall	11.00am

PARISH MAGAZINE COPY DEADLINE

The copy deadline for the May issue is 15th April 2026.

Please send news and contributions to uptongreymagazine@gmail.com. Your editors for the April issue were Sheila Stranks and Nick Willmer (Church). The editor for the May issue will be Tess Chevallier (with Nick Willmer – Church).

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