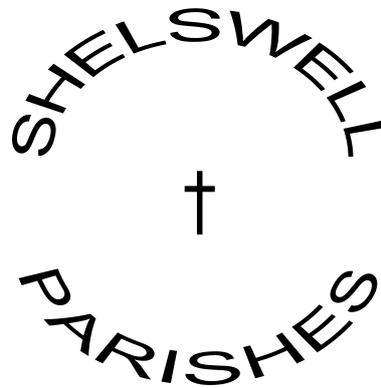


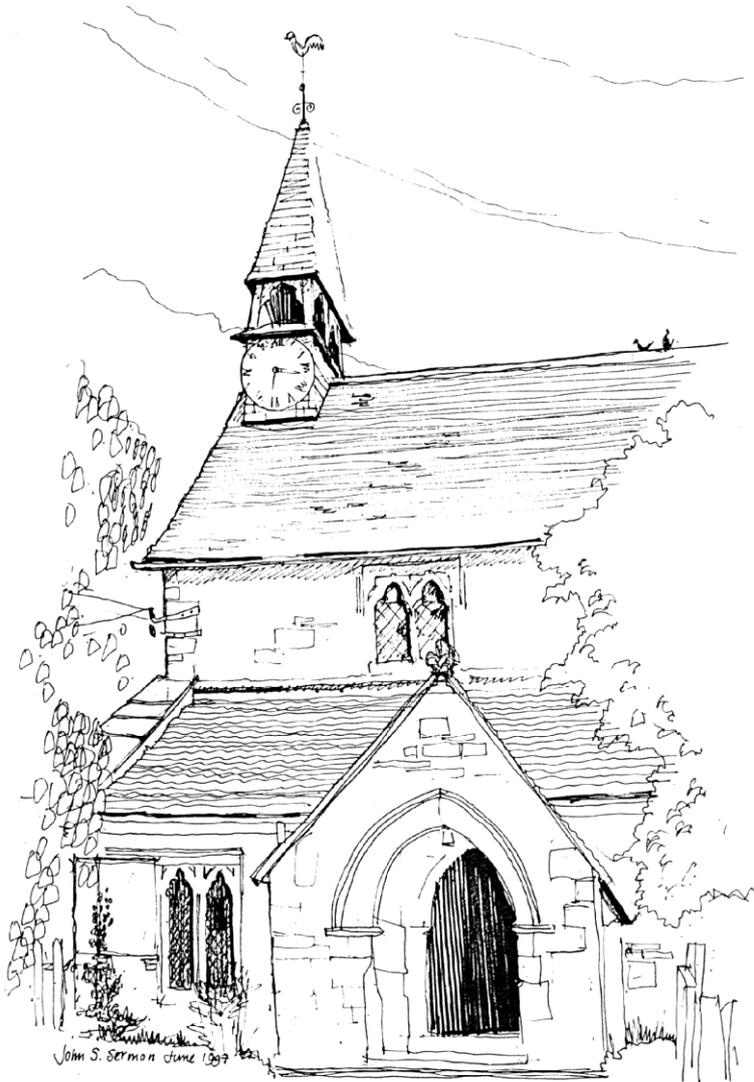
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MINISTER'S LETTER

This Lent I think I'll focus on
Good News



The image of the small baby pulled from the rubble of a collapsed building in north-west Syria following the earthquake. The stories of men and women using their bare hands to try and find survivors. People opening their homes to offer a respite from the bitter cold. The UK firefighters with their specialist equipment and their search and rescue dogs assisting with the international aid effort. In the midst of the appalling news of tens of thousands who have lost their lives and the utter devastation wrought by the earthquake, these stories are good news.

There is just so much awfulness around in the world. I guess there always has been and I suspect there always will be until kingdom come. And it is so easy to be dragged down by it all, to end up focussing on the negatives, to feel without hope. Yet amidst it all, there is always good news.

I fondly remember visiting someone who had multiple physical problems. She'd had them for years. She had every right to be frustrated and bitter. But she never was. She always had a smile, was always interested in the lives of those who came to visit or who cared for her. She was good news.

Smiling faces
make you happy,
and good news
makes you feel
better. (Proverbs
15:30 GNT)

In the last couple of weeks, I have spoken with

- someone who visits her elderly neighbour day after day to check he's okay and cheer him up
- a child at one of our schools who always takes a moment to thank me for coming and doing assembly
- someone who struggles to leave her house but is a real support to her family through her phone calls and messages
- someone who is willing to think about giving their time and skills to being a school governor
- someone who has opened their heart and house to offer care to relatives
- someone who, even though she is struggling with significant health problems, knits clothing and blankets for refugees
- someone who is exhausted from the demanding jobs she does but still finds time to help with church activities - with a smile.
- someone who gives a morning a week of her time to the Bicester Foodbank
- someone who faithfully puts the church bins out, week after week
- someone who is prepared to take a deep breath and start organising the next community event, even though the last received only half-hearted support
- someone who travels the length of the country every week to help her daughters with childcare
- someone who spends a morning a week volunteering at the Bicester free clothes centre and does whatever she can to support families from Ukraine
- someone who month after month makes a huge pile of sandwiches for one of our church activities
- a child who in February drew a fantastic picture of Lighthouse, the children's holiday club, and said how much fun it was.

~ Smile ~
God loves you,
and so do I



The list could go on and on, as I remember the very many people who give time to help with church and village activities, clean the church, mow the churchyard, look after the clock, serve on the Parish Council, coach others in sport, drive neighbours to hospital appointments, and so on and so on.

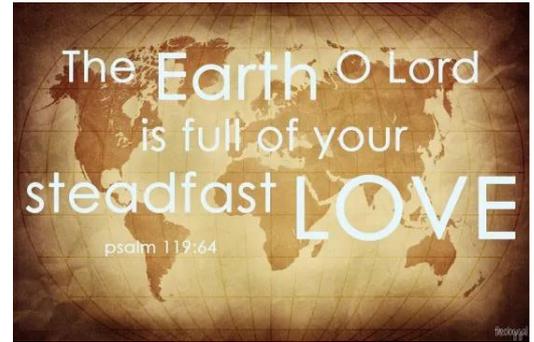


And many of these do this whilst holding down difficult and demanding jobs, working many more hours than they get paid for, doing their absolute best with very good grace, and going above and beyond to support colleagues.

I wonder who has been 'good news' for you in the last few weeks?
And I wonder for whom you have been 'good news'?

Let's give thanks for all that is good news! And maybe focussing on the way that God is blessing us through one another during this season of Lent may help us to be more open to the ultimate Good News, the good news we celebrate at Eastertime.

Alice



BIBLE READINGS



Sunday 5 th March	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 12 v1-4a Romans 4 v1-5 and 13-17 John 3 v1-17
Sunday 12 th March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 17 v1-7 Romans 5 v1-11 John 4 v5-42
Sunday 19 th March	4 th Sunday of Lent/ Mothering Sunday	1 Samuel 16 v1-13 Ephesians 5 v8-14 John Chapter 9
<i>Note that alternative readings may be used at Mothering Sunday services. Check with the minister taking the service.</i>		
Sunday 26 th March	5 th Sunday of Lent	Ezekiel 37 v1-14 Romans 8 v6-11 John 11 v1-45

'COME AND SEE'



During Lent you might like to think about following the Diocese's 'Come and See' programme. What does that involve? Here's what the Diocese says:

"We send you a short email each day, Monday to Saturday. And on Sundays during Lent you receive a short video from Bishop Steven exploring the theme for Come and See that year in a bit more detail. Each email begins with a short passage of text from the Bible. If you've never opened a Bible before, please don't worry, just go with the flow as you settle in to the journey.

There is a separate weekly email for children and families, and separate materials for teachers, and children, youth and family leaders too. Children and schools materials include films from our school chaplains, and access to some of the contemplative practices from our Space Makers toolkit."

All you need to do is go onto the website: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/> and register.

PLOUGH SUNDAY



Plough Sunday was so much fun!
 Thank you to Robert Hawes for hosting us,
 to Andrew Cotton for speaking,
 to the Shelswell Choir and everyone who took part,
 everyone who made pasties, made coffee and poured beer,
 and to everyone who came!

It has been suggested we do something similar for Harvest –
 what do you think?

Alice



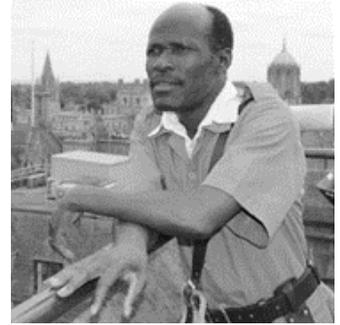
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Lent Lectures

Thursday evenings at Stoke Lyne church – meet at 7 pm to share a light supper, followed at 7.30 pm by a talk. (No need to book – just turn up).

Thursday 2nd March - Henry Chitsenga on his own journey and his work

Henry Chitsenga was born in Nyanga, Zimbabwe in 1966 in a family of seven children. He studied mathematics and computer programming in Cuba. Currently Henry is a Maths teacher & examiner, athlete, philanthropist, Christian & church elder. His life is grounded in Christian principle of service to others, particularly those who are most vulnerable in society. He is founder of the MWANA Trust and the Sub-Saharan Children's Hope Trust, and is currently working on establishing a High School that will educate the least privileged children in Manicaland Province, Zimbabwe. Chris Poole from Stoke Lyne has worked with Henry on another project involving the provision of calculators and projectors to schools in Zimbabwe.



Thursday 9th March – Emma Salisbury on Bicester Food Bank

Emma has volunteered at Bicester Foodbank for about four years now, becoming the project manager just over a year ago. She decided to take a break from her working life, where she is an environmental consultant, to focus on her role at the food bank and describes it as a period full of compassion, love, hope and humility. The foodbank is a charity led by all churches in Bicester and is integrated into every part of our community. The conversations she has had as project manager over the past year have been truly inspirational to her.

Thursday 16th March – Peter Hill on his work with prisoners

Peter Hill and his wife Carol are both ordained ministers with the CoE. They are in the leadership team at Emmanuel Church Bicester. Peter has worked as a prison chaplain and continues to serve the prisons by ministering to the prisoners.



Thursday 23rd March – Kelly Hoodikoff on the current situation in Ukraine

Kelly and his wife Victoria have been married for 28 years and have 2 adult children. They currently live in the Washington, DC area with a global focus on teaching, training and mentoring younger leaders. They have served with Youth With A Mission for the past 34 years, with 25 of those years pioneering and leading the work of YWAM in Ukraine and overseeing Eastern Europe.

Kelly will be joining us in Stoke Lyne via Zoom.



Maundy Thursday – 6th April

12 noon Communion and Soup Lunch – Stoke Lyne

7.30 pm Agape Meal – Stratton Audley

(a meal in which we recall the Last Supper and other meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry)

Good Friday – 7th April

12.15 pm All Age Service - Fringford

2.00 pm Last Hour on the Cross - Godington

6 pm Devotional Service with Shelswell Group Choir – Hardwick

There is no Fun @ Four in March, because it falls on Mothering Sunday, when we reckon everyone will be doing other things, but why not come and join us the week before at Stratton Audley as we get ready for Mothers' Day!



Everybody welcome!

Getting ready for Mothers' Day

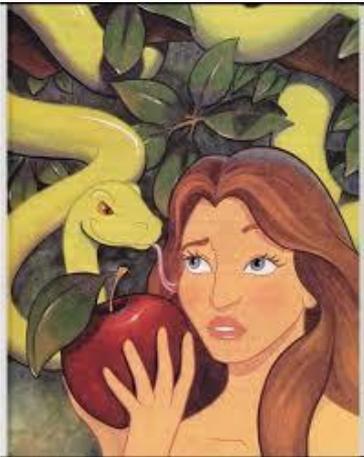
with the help of some of the women from the Bible

Sunday 12th March

2 – 4 pm

Stratton Audley Church

Craft, snacks, prayer and praise
and the opportunity to make one or two things
just for your mum!



**I ♥ MY
MUM**





Fringford Village Hall

Friday 7th April

10 – 12 am



Good Friday Workshop

**followed by an All Age Service for Good Friday in
Fringford Church**

**Come and explore the events of Holy Week and Easter
Craft, story and refreshments**

Everyone welcome!

HELP – NEW BENEFICE TREASURER NEEDED!



We will shortly be needing a new treasurer for our group of churches. Could this be you? Most of the transactions can be dealt with electronically and our current systems seem to be working smoothly so it should be fairly straightforward for someone new to step in and take over. Meetings of Benefice Council take place about four times a year and at other times liaison with the Rector and Benefice Administrator is mainly by email. If you would be interested to find out more about the role, then do contact Alice for a chat on 01280 848192 or rector@shelswellparishes.info



Many thanks for your continued donations to the Foodbank. And I am delighted to say that we can now add Mixbury to the list of churches that have a donation point.

So you can find our Foodbank Donation Points in the church porch or just inside the door at Cottisford, Finmere, Fringford, Hardwick, Hethe, Mixbury, Stoke Lyne and Stratton Audley.

Local referrers

can refer you to the Bicester Foodbank. They will need a few basic details from you, and then will be able to give you a referral number. You can then go into the Beacon in Bicester and collect a bag of food to keep you going for a few days, or you can phone them and they will be able to drop off a bag to you.

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Newton Purcell or Stratton Audley, contact me
Alice Goodall, The Rectory, Finmere.
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JOINT APCM

The parishes of the Shelswell Benefice will be holding one joint Annual Meeting again this year on Monday 24th April in Stratton Audley Parish Church starting at 7.30pm. Anyone from across our parishes is welcome to attend this meeting, but those on church electoral rolls are particularly encouraged to come along to hear about the work of the church over the last year and support the church officers. Only those on church electoral rolls are eligible to vote at the meeting. If you are not already on the electoral roll of your local church and would like to join then please contact Becky at The Rectory on 01280 848192 or email admin@shelswellparishes.info

LOVE YOUR BURIAL GROUND WEEK

I wonder if you have spent any time sitting in one of our churchyards on a sunny afternoon and been struck by the peace around you? Or found yourself doing your best to decipher the writing on gravestones and pondering the lives of those who have gone before us? Or noticing the abundance of flowers, butterflies, bees and birds around you?



Our churchyards are very special places, and this year we are going to celebrate them by observing 'Love your Burial Ground Week'. Formerly known as 'Cherishing Churchyards Week,' this is a nationwide week established in 2013 to encourage us to learn more about and admire the beauty and serenity of our churchyards. The week officially happens in the second week of June, but because we like to do things differently in Shelswell, we are going to observe it in the week **24th – 30th April!**

We are currently exploring some different activities that we might be able to hold. We hope that the local schools might join in, and that we can organise a wildlife workshop to see what flora and fauna we can actually find – watch this space. But definitely in the diary are:

Thursday 27th April, 7.30 pm - Stratton Audley Church

Penny Wood will lead us in 'Grave talk' – an opportunity to think about a variety of topics to do with death, wills, funerals and so on, and all whilst enjoying some tea and good cake.

Sunday 28th April, 10.45 am – Fringford Churchyard – an outdoor service for the whole Benefice

Birmingham Repertory Opera Co return with...

HEROES AND VILLAINS

Songs from brave heroes and infamous villains in our favourite films, musicals and operettas

Saturday 25th March

7.30pm

FINMERE CHURCH

Adults £10, Child £5

Complimentary refreshments

Raffle



THE REVEREND DONALD ALLAN

Donald Allan was Rector between 1978 - 1983 of what was then the Northern Parishes of the “ Shelswell Group”. He was one of the first people to knock on our door & welcome us to Finmere in 1979, bringing a copy of the Parish Magazine, which he edited, & encouraging our daughter to join the Finmere choir & Sunday School.

Donald was helped by his wife, Margery, & two very young sons, Geoffrey & Peter. But also by Merlin his Old English Sheep Dog who on several occasions, when the church door was left open on a hot Summer’s day, would join us for communion!

Donald’s health was not strong & at one stage he contracted tuberculosis & was on sick leave for a while although he continued with as much “ paper work” as he could manage, including the magazine editorship. But his diagnosis impacted on the congregation & those of us who had received communion had to be tested for TB. Fortunately, as far as I am aware, all were clear.

When I was in hospital in 1983 with viral pneumonia I was very surprised, but delighted, to have a visit from Donald who had driven all the way to Great Missenden, in the snow on his day off. Such was his kindness.

Later in 1983 the family moved to Goldhanger in Essex, then to St Austell before retiring to Wimborne in Dorset.

Donald’s health had not been good but sadly it deteriorated after Christmas & on 24th January I received an email from Margery to say that Donald had died during the night.

I’m sure that those of you who remember Donald will join me in sending Margery, Geoffrey & Peter our love sincere condolences.

Barbara Cunningham

CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL NEW SHRINE KNEELERS

Embroidery Volunteers have a new project to embroider kneelers that will be placed around the shrine of St Frideswide in the cathedral. The team is searching for people across the diocese to help in this project.

The kneelers will be worked on canvas with wool threads.

Sessions will take place on Wednesdays at the cathedral.

If interested contact Becky for further information: Email admin@shelswellparishes.info or ring 01280 848192

Pat Cherry

CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND OXFORDSHIRE - TRUSTEES WANTED

Do you care about your local countryside? Want to make a difference?

Due to retirement of current trustees, we are looking for an Honorary Secretary and a Board Member to join our team.

This is an excellent opportunity to play an influential role in a respected and long-standing environmental charity, applying your experience to make a real difference and to be part of a friendly group that is passionate about the Oxfordshire countryside.

Application deadline is **30 March 2023** in the first instance, but we are happy to receive expressions of interest on an ongoing basis.

For further info, please contact our Branch Director, Helen Marshall.

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See our website for more information: www.cpreoxon.org.uk

REGISTRY

This section will announce any baptisms, marriages and funerals that have recently taken place within the Shelswell benefice

Baptisms

William Hamish Lindsay STEELE Saturday 14th January 2023

William's family and friends were blessed with a dry spell in the midst of what was otherwise a rather dreary day for their walk to Hethe Church from the Old Rectory for his christening – admittedly not very far, but still no fun if it had been pouring with rain. William was wearing the family christening robe, an heirloom from his maternal grandmother's family. He behaved impeccably throughout, showing interest in what was going on and only trying to eat the order of service on one occasion.

William, first child to Kyzie and Tom, is now six months old. Kyzie grew up in Hethe and has fond memories of her involvement with St Edmund and St George. Now a teacher, she married Tom, who works as an investment manager, 18 months ago. Together with William, they live in London but return to Hethe to visit Kyzie's parents, Mary and Hamish McCorquodale, whenever they can.



Kyzie and Tom had chosen two hymns for his baptism: 'All things bright and beautiful' and 'Guide me, O thou great redeemer'. The organ was played by Pam Morgan. Our reading, Isaiah 43: 1 – 3a, was read by Louisa Wright, and we reflected that having God in our lives can give us a deep confidence to step out bravely into the world and face all sorts of challenges.

At the font, one of Kyzie's godchildren, Archie Garton, helped check that the water was at a reasonable temperature before William was baptised. After the baptism itself everyone wrote a prayer for William, which were collected up for Tom and Kyzie to keep for him to look at when he is older. Another of Kyzie's godchildren, Scarlett Hughes, held the baptism candle for William at the end of the service. Archie also helped to blow out the church candles after the service.

William has five godparents: Sam Best, Robbie Kerr and Rory King who were at school and university with Tom, Alice Hughes who is a friend of Kyzie's from university days, and Iona Garton who is an old family friend of the McCorquodales.

After the service, the christening party retired to The Old Rectory to celebrate further with drinks, canapes and lunch.

We pray that William will be richly blessed by God and will enjoy finding his place within the Christian community.

*But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
Isaiah 43: 1*

Funerals

Jeffrey George Reed

29th July 1935 – 7th January 2023

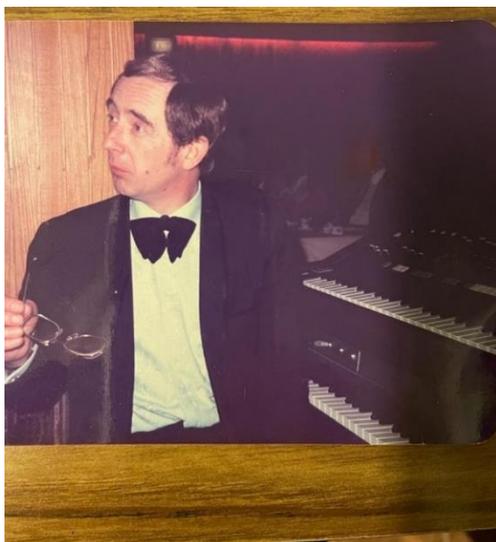
A small service of thanksgiving for Jeff's life was held on Friday 27th January at North Oxford Crematorium. It included two lovely tributes, one from his younger brother Bill and one from his daughter Vanessa. Here is Vanessa's tribute:

The Indian mystic Osho said 'Life should not only be lived it should be celebrated'. He considered death to be the ultimate crescendo of life as it provides us with an opportunity for reflection on the mystery of life. Dad was certainly someone who lived every day to the full. There was never a day that he didn't do what he wanted to do. To say he was a man of many hobbies is an understatement. He pursued cycling, running, swimming, surfing, scuba diving and spear fishing. He played piano, recorder and guitar. He reared sheep and chickens, constructed studios and barns, rode tractors, planted trees, build model aircraft, flew drones and read French fiction books and all this alongside his everyday engineering job, raising two daughter and playing gigs with his band in the evenings.

Dad was a gentle, kind and unassuming man. Whilst his list of hobbies makes him sound like he was always on the go he had the contrasting quality of being still. He delighted in nature especially insects and we remember as small children being fascinated as we would collect spiders in a glass enclosure that we had made for them and then sit quietly and observe them spinning their webs. On most summer dog walks, dad would return with some unusual beetle and study it under his magnifying glass, and he would be super excited on the evening he found a glow worm. Music was a huge element in dad's life; the most impressive part of dad's musical journey is that he taught himself how to play, not only reading notes but his improvisational skills were phenomenal. One of his achievements is that he played on the first ever live television broadcast of 'Ready Steady Go'. He had an excellent understanding of harmony and rhythm and through his music teaching he leaves a long legacy of young keen musicians, including all of his grandchildren.

What is curious to me is though he was always doing something he was always very present in our lives and thought about us often. Most days he would cycle 30 miles to work and back and we have fond memories of how we would rush out to greet him when we heard the 'ting ting' of his cycle bell. Every single Friday without fail he would arrive home with a paper bag of penny sweets, one for each of us.

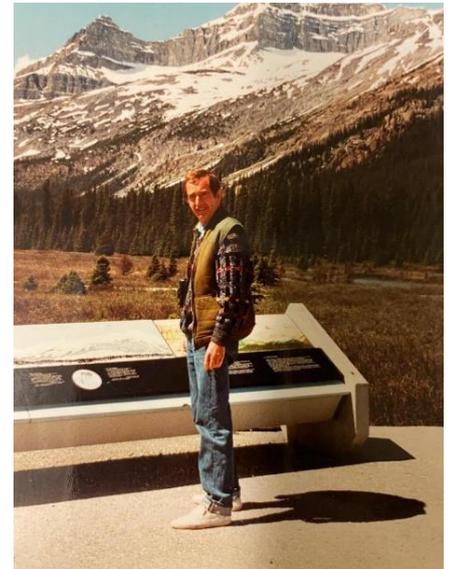
Dad was a superb role model. He never restricted us and in fact he was most amused at times as he watched us learn through making mistakes. He gave us the belief that we were capable of anything we wanted to do, as long as we worked hard enough and had perseverance and resilience. He taught us that if the going got tough we should get our heads down and press on, and that by following a daily routine we could rise above the tough times and come out stronger on the other side.



Dad always provided us with a feeling of security and although he often seemed to be somewhat in the background he would miraculously pop up and be there just when you most needed him. I admired his relationship with my mum. He was a consistent and devoted husband without being co-dependent. They managed to find the perfect balance of being individuals and following their own interests but sharing wonderful mealtimes and colourful worldwide holidays together.

Our dad was such a powerful part of all our lives. He very rarely used the phrase 'I love you' but his love was always felt, it was always strong and was shown to us far more through actions and through being there than through words.

In the last few years dad battled with several health conditions and yet he met each one head on and had all sorts of treatments without



moaning just taking each day at a time, and he learned to cope with each new symptom as it arose. He always pushed himself to keep fit, rebuilding his strength to walk around the fields of Beaumont Lodge again with his beloved dog Marnie and later in the halls of Juniper House. We will miss seeing dad in his red coat and blue cap coming around the corner from the barn or out of his hanger after working on his latest project. We will miss the sound of him playing his piano that serenaded us to sleep every night as children. We will miss his advice that always hit the mark. In his absence we still feel his presence, He is part of who we have become and who his grandchildren have become and we are all the richer for it. I finish with a quote from the Eagles song 'Hotel California'. It was one of his favourite lyrics: 'you can check out any time you like but you can never leave'.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeff's wife Doreen, his daughters Anita and Vanessa, and all his family and friends at this difficult time.

Club News



SHELLOW WI
 If you're going to join, then join in - a warm welcome
 awaits.



We had one of the largest meetings in three years in February, and our guest speaker did not disappoint. Jane Dickinson gave a very interesting talk entitled 'Women in Oxford'. She showed slides of the range of women she was talking about, some of whom we had all heard of, notably politicians who had studied at the university and gone on to have successful (some more than others) careers. She also introduced us to women who we knew little or nothing about, with some interesting facts about their lives and in most cases the impacts they had on Oxford or the wider world. We felt a trip to Oxford to search out some of the Blue Plaques of Oxford that she drew our attention to would be an interesting day out.

Our coffee and chat in February were at Savoir Fare in Garth Park, and our walk is on February 16th around Langford Village.

In March we, like most WIs around the country, will be having our AGM. In addition to the business of the meeting we have a quiz and wine and cheese on offer, so despite the formality of the meeting we are hoping to have a lighter side to the evening as well. Looking ahead to April we have Robert Peckham from Imagex in Bicester coming to talk about how we can take better photos. As the weather improves and we start to go out more some advice on taking good photos will be very timely. Please feel free to come along to Fringford Village Hall on the 6th of April at 7.30 pm to find out about taking photos AND the WI.

At our February meeting we voted on Shelswell WI's choice of resolution for the national organisation to be focusing on in the coming year. It is at the core of the WI's ethos, not just to have issues to campaign on, but also that the membership vote on which issues should be supported. We will find out later in the year which resolution has seen successful for 2023.

Coming up this year we have planned a visit to Motorsport UK, a visit from some stunt dogs (and their owner) to talk about their role on the screen, and some craft sessions, to name but a few. In addition, there are the activities planned by the Oxfordshire WI giving us the opportunity to meet people and to visit places such as Montacute House in Somerset, and Windsor Castle.

Both Oxfordshire and the national WI offer a very wide range of resources for members, designed to educate and provide social interaction. There are many courses, both in person and on-line available for members, ranging from Patchwork and Quilting to a talk on inn signs and Pearls and Art Deco. The magazines published by Oxfordshire – 'Oxfordshire Inspires' – and nationally – 'WI Life' – are both full of interesting, and informative articles, craft ideas, trips and news.

Coming Up: (Why not try a meeting? – newcomers are always welcome).

All meetings are in Fringford Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm.

March 2nd – AGM. April 6th – How to take better photos with Robert Peckham from Imagex.

We continue to collect empty foil pill cases and plastic bottle tops for recycling and Pathfinders.

For more information on Shelswell WI, please contact the president Elaine Whittaker on 07917 453224



SHELLOW GARDEN CLUB



The March Shelswell News has gone to print before our February meeting so the report on Don Witton's talk about 'People, Plants, Pleasure and Passion', should appear in April's magazine.

On March 14th we will welcome John Morris of the Chiltern Woodlands Project, a registered charity based in the Chilterns. He will talk about the founding of this project in 1988. John has been working for the project since the start. He works with volunteer groups and gives courses in Woodland Management, Tree Identification and lots more. He will include many fascinating facts about trees.

From March onwards our meetings will be back at Hethe Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

We are awaiting confirmation about our April 11th meeting.

On 16th May we'll be going on our first visit of the year to Chivel Farm, near Enstone. A garden we have been to before but several years ago and it was raining! Hopefully this time, the sun will shine and we can see how it has developed. (*This meeting is a week later than usual*)

We welcome visitors to our club that normally meets at Hethe Village Hall at 7.30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month (apart from August). Meetings and outings are open to members and visitors, friends and relatives. Plants are for sale at most meetings and your membership card gives you a 5% discount at Preston Bissett Nursery and Swallows Nursery in Mixbury. *During winter months, some meetings may be held via Zoom. Annual fee is only £10!*

For further information, call Sally Drummond Hay on 01280 848591 or Corrine Mitchell on 01869 247411 or email shelswellgardenclub@gmail.com

SHELLOW POETRY APPRECIATION GROUP

With our February meeting falling on Valentine's Day, our theme was unavoidable! However, we did manage to put together a varied list poems about the day itself, love and the heart.

A short extract from *Geoffrey Chaucer's* poem *The Parlement of Fowles* began the session, with its references to *Saynt Valentyn* and the birds which begin mating on that day. Three poems with Valentine in the title followed: *A Valentine* by *Edgar Allan Poe*, *Valentine* by *Wendy Cope* and *Autumn Valentine* by *Dorothy Parker*.

I Carry Your Heart with Me by *e.e.cummings (sic)* and *Never Give All the Heart* by *W.B.Yeats* followed, with *Love's Philosophy* by *Shelley*, *Love is Enough* by *William Morris* and *My Luve is Like a Red, Red Rose* by *Robert Burns* next. They are all positive and celebratory, as is the sonnet *Let me not to the Marriage of True Minds* by *William Shakespeare*, one of the best-known poems about love in the English Language.

The four poems *Atlas*, by *U.A. Fanthorpe*, *The Confirmation* by *Edwin Muir*, *Let Me Put it This Way* by *Simon Armitage* and *In a Bath Teashop* by *John Betjeman* are all refreshingly realistic about types of love and the Sonnet *Let me not to the Marriage of True Minds* by *Shakespeare* is one of the best known poems on the theme of love in the English language.

The three last poems we read were *Tennyson's Come into the Garden, Maud, A Birthday* by *Christina Rossetti* and lyrics from the song *Who is Sylvia?* from Shakespeare's play *Two Gentlemen of Verona*. They have a breathless enthusiasm and excitement which is, after all, what the manufacturers of all those Valentine's Day cards hope they can harness and monetarise!

SHELLOWELL READING GROUP

The book we read for the January meeting was *The Thursday Murder Club* by **Richard Osman**, a book we had all read over Christmas. It was generally enjoyed as a light holiday read which raises a range of interesting issues whilst having humour and escapism as part of the mix.

Personal reading discussed included *The Little Paris Bookshop* by **Nina George**, *East of Eden* by **John Steinbeck** and *Silas Marner* by **George Eliot**.

The book discussed in February was **Of Mice and Men** by John Steinbeck – a story set in 1930s America which focuses on migrant labour in California. It has been a GCSE Literature favourite for many years now but can be read and studied with enjoyment by adults too.

If you would like to join the group, please contact Jane Birnage on 01280 847455 or at janebirnage@icloud.com for the date of the March meeting and the title of the book we will be discussing.

THE ART OF WORLD WAR II

An exhibition of diverse, original artwork, all produced during, and depicting scenes from the Second World War, is on display at the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock, from 25th February to 7th May 2023.

The exhibition first went on display at the museum in March 2020, but was open for less than a week before national lockdowns were put in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic - meaning many will now get the opportunity to see these historic pieces for the first time.

The Art of World War II exhibition has been curated from John Noott's personal collection of artwork, gathered together during his career as an art collector and dealer for over 40 years. Drawn together, the art forms a history in pictures of the Second World War while showcasing incredibly personal perspectives which reflect a varied range of experiences before, during, and after the conflict. Through the work of artists of the time, visitors will see the war unfold 'as it happened'.

Visitors to the exhibition will be able to see a view of Dunkirk as troops are evacuated, painted by a nephew of Winston Churchill, John Spencer Churchill, a reflection of what he had witnessed during his own army service. The artist would return to England to inform his uncle personally of the need for boats to assist in rescuing the troops there.

Elsewhere, the plight of both evacuees and refugees is seen as artists of the time depict the many people displaced by war, such as those coming to Britain as part of the *Kindertransport* rescue programme in the build up to the Second World War.

The artists whose work is included in the collection range from skilled amateurs to professionals, from those already renowned at the time to those who would go on to make a name for themselves in a post-war world. A sketch by Eduardo Paolozzi, better known as a pioneering pop-artist, contrasts newly arrived American troops with a typical Oxford scene of a student cycling through the city with the famous skyline as a backdrop. The artist faced discrimination and later internment under the Enemy Aliens Act, along with many of his family, when they moved to Britain from Italy.

The exhibition also features art from *Vogue* fashion illustrators forced to flee Paris, and *Beano* cartoonists that turned their hand to cartography to aid General Montgomery in North Africa.

Collector John Noott also knows how wide-reaching the impact of the war was on a personal level, having grown up in wartime Britain. He was seven years old in 1939, and remembers clearly many nights in air raid shelters and his father's service with the Local Defence Volunteers after work (later to become the Home Guard, or 'Dad's Army'). These lived experiences inspired him to gather the collection throughout his own career. Following this first exhibition since the pandemic, John will make the collection available to hire for exhibition at museums and venues around the country as we approach the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2.

The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum is open from Tuesday-Saturday 11am-5pm and Sunday 2pm-5pm. The county's own military history museum is located in the gardens of the Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock, on the doorstep of Blenheim palace.

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SNOWDROP SUNDAY – 12 FEBRUARY

An enjoyable afternoon was had by all. It was lovely to be able to see the snowdrops in their full glory outside the church. (Unlike last year when we had so much rain). Thank you to everyone who came and supported us, enjoying some lovely cakes, buying tickets for the tombola and of course purchasing a few plants to take home with them. Our thanks must also go to everyone who made the day possible, making cakes, donating items for the tombola, manning the stalls, setting up before hand and clearing away afterwards. The proceeds from the day will be split between the PCC, the Friends of Cottisford Church and the Social Committee.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at our next event.

If you would like to host a coffee morning, a pop up pub or indeed help at any of our events, please contact Sandra Bickmore at sandrambickmore@gmail.com

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FINMERE CAROL EVENING

Unfortunately, this report didn't reach the editor in time to be included in last month's magazine, but is included here with apologies that it is now some time since the event.

On 16th December, Finmere Parish Council hosted an evening of carols and festive poetry at the Village Hall. Phillip and Carol served mulled wine and Illa prepared mugs of hot chocolate. An impressive display of festive treats including mince pies, cup cakes, panettone, stained-glass window biscuits and lebkuchen was offered to all.

Thanks to Cindy the hall looked amazing, twinkling with fairy lights and bedecked with Buzzy's bouquets of Christmas foliage and a giant wreath. The latter having made an earlier appearance at the Buckingham Rugby Club ball. A lot of hard work by Paul and Griff enabled a selection of carols to be sung to a musical accompaniment with words being projected onto a big screen. Alice gave a welcome and festive poems were read by Clive (who wrote his own poem, see below), Raya, Amelia, Elliott, Michael, Sophie and Charley. Barbara judged the Christmas outfit competition and chocolate was bestowed upon those who had donned the fanciest festive jumpers or hats, and done amazing things with their hair!

Almost £140 was raised in support of the PC initiative to instal outdoor gym equipment at the Playing Fields and all “spare” mince pies were donated to Bicester Food Bank. A big thank you goes to all who prepared and served food, and helped make the evening so enjoyable. Please support us next year when we might hold a similar event preceded by carol singing round the village...

CHRISTMAS IS COMING, THANKS BE TO GOD

by Clive Birch

Christmas is coming, it's cold and it's wet.
Heating's turned down, can't use the car,
Switched off the lights to keep out of debt,
But never mind that – look up at that star!

Christmas is coming, and not everyone's well,
Beds are all full with the ambulance queue.
Triage is trying and phones ring no bell -
But the voice of the angel is here just for you!

Christmas is coming, so what do you need?
Lots for the kids, but for us fewer things -
Less gold, scent or oil, but we will succeed,
If we remember those gifts from the three kings!

Christmas is coming so move out and about,
Despite echoes of oil and cries for much more,
Full roads, empty rails and stamps worth nowt-
Join shepherds and flocks with glory galore.

Christmas is coming, and families come home;
To public charades and streamed royal fable.
Everyone's crackers, and Santa's a gnome,
But we're all the same folk in that heavenly stable.

Christmas is coming, and let's not forget this:
Cold, poor or sick, without family or friend,
Or blessed with enough, with nothing to miss -
Thank God for His son, world without end.

Village Hall

The village hall is now fully back in use and many of the regular users have resumed their scheduled events.

Since the arson attack last year, the hall has been completely re-decorated with a number of improved facilities added, including updated AV facilities with a new projector and large screen, new flooring and front and fire exit doors and enlarged storage spaces for regular users.



WiFi facilities are now also available within the hall.

The hall is now so clean and tidy that it has already been reserved for the date of the Coronation in May, so please watch this space for details of the party. Of course, we cannot reveal who has booked the hall on that

date and the Palace, at the time of publication, has declined to comment. 😊

For all bookings enquiries, please visit www.myfinmere.com/villagehall



Allotments

It is pretty well the end of the growing season and most allotment holders are digging, weeding and preparing for the winter months. Possibly also planning next years plantings. Also considering a ‘no-dig’ allotment 😊 [No-Dig Gardening Guide | BBC Gardeners World Magazine](#)



A reminder to those allotment holders who have not yet paid their fees 😊 **Come on – pay up!** The Poor's Plot continues to have a small waiting list for allotment plots and there is always a possibility that a few plots may become available shortly, so any aspiring allotment users should visit

www.myfinmere.com/poorsplot



New initiative coming to Finmere!

"Tuesday Teas"

If you are at home in the day, please pop into the Village Hall for a cuppa & a catch-up...

Tuesday 14th March from 2 - 4 pm
Tea, coffee, cake & biscuits
All locals welcome, no charge

If there is sufficient interest,
"Tuesday Teas" will run every 2nd Tuesday of the month –
11 April, the Coronation Weekend and 13 June, etc

If you need transport, please contact
Jo (07974 740312) or Katherine (07770 804025)

If anyone would like to help with "Tuesday Teas",
we need help serving refreshments, providing lifts and **BAKING CAKES!**

Your baking costs can be reimbursed
No need to volunteer every month; just help when you can...

Some Finmere related links:

Finmere facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/finmereandlittletingewick/>

Shelswell Parishes website at – www.shelswellparishes.info/finmere

Finmere Parish Council website at – www.finmerepc.org

Village hall news at – www.myfinmere.com

Old Finmere history website – www.myfinmere.com/history

Finmere on Wikipedia - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finmereikipedia>

Finmere Primary School - www.finmere.oxon.sch.uk

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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, SERVICES & EVENTS

Services

- Sunday 5 March – Family Service at 10.45am
- Sunday 19 March – Holy Communion at 10.45am [Mothering Sunday]

To find out the times and places of services on other Sundays, please check the back cover of this magazine, our website www.shelswellparishes.info, the noticeboard at the church, or ring the Benefice office (01280-848192). You will always be welcome in our other parishes.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please contact Carol Reader either on email: carol.reader@btinternet.com or by telephone 01869-277057. A stem will cost between £5 to £7 [we'll know a firm figure nearer to Easter]. The lilies will be on display in the church over Easter.

Open Gardens

The PCC is planning to hold 'Open Gardens' over the weekend of 13/14 May. The gardens are usually open from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. There are flower arrangements in the church, and there could be an exhibition of paintings if there are some local artists who would like the opportunity to exhibit their work?

Willing to open your garden this year, or to exhibit art work, or to make a cake for the Teas? Please contact Penny on 01869-277310.

Fringford Beer Festival.

Planning for this event is well under way. Note the date – **Saturday 10th June 2023.**

- If you would like to sponsor a barrel, cost £100, please contact Simon Knight on 07598 104444.
- If you'd like to help in some way – put up tents in advance, serve on the bar, help prepare the site on the day, clear up afterwards – contact Penny Wood on 277310.

Greetings Cards

Packs of greeting cards (6 cards for £3) available for purchase. They feature 6 photographs of the church both in and outside. Ring Christina McCullagh on 07867 515207.

Fringford Church 100 Club

You can still sign up to the 100 Club. Contact Christina McCullagh to register your involvement **ASAP, on 07867 515207.** The draw takes place monthly at the Village Coffee Morning.

Little Lambs Babies & Toddler Group

Every Wednesday during term time in Stratton Audley Church, from 9.30am to 11.00am.

[Not during holidays and half term.] Just come along, but if you need information in the meantime, email admin@shelswellparishes.info

Regular Activities held in Fringford Village Hall – Winter Term

Details of regular activities taking place in Fringford Village Hall. To find out more or book a place, please contact the hirer direct.	
Weekly Activities	Monthly Activities
<p style="text-align: center;">FS Dance Monday & Wednesday (term time) After school classes BALLET • TAP • MODERN • STREET</p> <p style="text-align: center;">leah.fsd@gmail.com or 07885827592</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Village Coffee Morning All ages welcome Third Monday in the month - Chinnery Room Drop in anytime between 10.30 am and noon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Penny Wood 01869 277310</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Puppy Stars Dog Training Tuesday evening – various classes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Nick 07542 131400 www.puppystars.co.uk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Council Meeting All villagers welcome Third Monday in the month 7.45pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact 01844 237766 or fringford.parishclerk@gmail.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Fringford Yoga Wednesday (term time) 9.30am – 11am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Carolyn White 01869 277161</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Axis Sound Bath Meditation First Sunday of the month from 7.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">contact@holisticaxis.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Just Puppies Puppy Training Wednesday evening – various classes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Kerri 07720 891489 www.justpuppies.training</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Shelswell WI</p> <p style="text-align: center;">First Thursday of the month 7.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Elaine Whittaker 07917 453224</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Pilates (new class) Thursday at 10.00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">natashaflowerspilates@gmail.com or 07545 525820</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mindfulness Meditation Monthly Sunday 11am to 12.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">janerainey17@gmail.com or 07971 008337</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Village Hall Meeting Every 6 weeks – 7.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Open meetings – all welcome</p> <p style="text-align: center;">fringford.hall@gmail.com or 07936 879175</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fringford Sewcial Sew and Chat!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alternate monthly Wednesday from 7pm & Sunday from 3pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Melissa at mamcs100@gmail.com</p>
<p>To book the hall for your own event, please go to fringford.info, village hall, how to book Here you will find all the information you will need to book on-line. For any other queries please phone or text 07936 879175 or email: fringford.hall@gmail.com</p>	

FRINGFORD FRIENDS NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT GROUP

Support is always available from the **Fringford Friends, Neighbourhood Support Group** :

- Telephone: 07704 756840
- Email neighbourhoodsupport@fringford.info

To join Fringford's **What's App Group** ring or email Christine Underwood: 07961 972388 or email silvercb1@outlook.com

FRINGFORD VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Village Coffee Morning will take place on Monday 20 March from 10.30am to 12 noon, in the Chinnery Room at the Village Hall. Just drop by any time during the morning. Contact Penny on 277310 if you want more information.

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CONCERT Save the date

St Mary's Church Hardwick will host a concert at 7.30 pm on Saturday 13 May 2023 by **Cantores Consort**. This Warwickshire-based *a cappella* vocal quintet will perform a selection of seasonal songs. No need to buy a ticket. Just pop the date in your diary and join us if you can. Admission £10 per person. Refreshments will be available.



Donations for Bicester Foodbank

Hardwick church now has a collection box for donations of tinned and dry foods for Bicester Foodbank, a charity that makes food available to local people in crisis. There is currently a desperate need for more donations of food for the growing numbers of people in real need. This can only get worse over the next few months. So, please help by placing your donations in the collection box in the church porch. This will be checked regularly, and donations delivered directly to the Foodbank.

Hardwick Church new guidebook

The new 2022 guidebook for Hardwick church and the parish of Hardwick with Tusmore is now available. This 44-page booklet has over 20 colour photos and provides a fascinating insights into the features and history of Hardwick church, the village and the Tusmore Estate. You can collect a copy from the church or contact David Barnes (01869 277690), who can send one to you. We ask that you make a minimum donation of £5 to church funds.

Pilgrim Pathways

Why not walk the Hethe to Hardwick to Cottisford to Hethe “Pilgrim Pathway”. This is the first of what will be a network of walks between local religious sites being organised by the Bicester and Islip Deanery. This 4 mile circular route takes in the C of E churches of each of these villages as well as Holy Trinity, Hethe’s RC church. You can start and end your walk at any point on the route, which takes in some glorious North Oxfordshire countryside. Pick up a free brochure outlining the route from any of the three C of E churches or contact David Barnes (01869 277690), who can send one to you.

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If you have any news or a village event to publicise, please send the details to me, where possible with a photo, and if suitable I will add them to next month’s news and include them on the village web site. The deadline for the April edition of the Shelswell News is on Page 2.

ST EDMUND & ST GEORGE CHURCH

Church Services and Events

See the back page for details of services in our church. You will be welcome at any of these services and in other churches in the benefice, or if you are away from the Shelswell area, you can find a nearby service through the web site

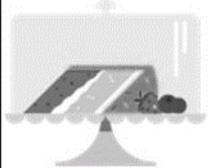
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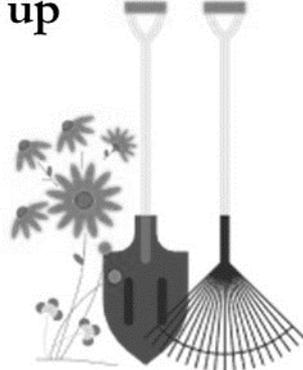
The church is open every day for visits and private prayer. Works are currently on hold while we identify a new Church Architect and obtain up to date costs and funding. The heating and some of the lights have now been fixed following failures at the end of January. Our thanks to Ben Wood for arranging a quick fix for both.

Church Spring Clean and church yard tidy up

Saturday 1st April



Come any time of the day and join in
Tea breaks (the important bit)
at 11am and 3pm



Many hands make light work!

Everyone will be very welcome to join in with our church spring clean on Saturday 1st April. On the same day we will be doing a variety of work to tidy up the churchyard. There will be an assortment of different tasks to suit people of different availability and abilities. We have plenty of cleaning materials for the church, but if you have any tools for the churchyard work that would be helpful. In past years this has been an enjoyable social event and an opportunity to practice volunteering prior to the King's Coronation "Big Help Out"!



Thank you to everyone who came along to the Community Tea Party in January where the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and our church had displays. If you wish to get involved with the church in any capacity, please let a PCC member know - Flora Skinner, Pauline O'Gorman, Helen Pritchard, Helen Wood, June Nisbet or Mike Green.

How the parish pays to keep the church open and available....Regular giving is the best source of income for the church. There is now a feature in Parish Giving to make a one-off gift through a single transaction using a debit or credit card, or Apple or Google Pay, using the secure PGS website. If you wish to give specifically to maintain the rear part of the churchyard, please pass your donation to Flora or Mike or use one of the QR codes below.

The Church of St Edmund & St George

There are lots of options for contributing:

Join our worshipping community

Giving - monthly, quarterly, annually, one-off

100 Club Membership

Volunteering



Save our Church





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Scan here to contribute specifically to the fund raising for the west window repairs by credit or debit card →



100 Club.

There are still plenty of numbers if you wish to join! Please contact Mike or one of the other PCC members for an application form. The form and full details of the scheme are on the village website.



ECO Church. We look forward to seeing more diversity in the churchyard this year and to identifying different ways that we can move forward with this initiative. There are many ways that we can all personally help in our own lives, such as those suggested by a movement called “Take the Jump” who are:

“A grassroots project created by normal people, ‘Take the Jump’ is for anyone worried about the state of nature but are not necessarily ‘environmentalists’. For anyone looking for constructive, positive and impactful steps we can take in our own lives.”

Church Cleaning. Thank you to Linda Cotton for agreeing to clean the church this month.

Annual Church Meetings. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) will take place after the Holy Communion service on Sunday 12th March. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held with other churches in the benefice on Monday 24th April, starting at 7.30pm, in Stratton Audley Church. All parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting to find out what our PCC, and other PCCs in the benefice, have been doing.

HETHE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

The King’s Coronation – the Coronation Big Lunch Sunday 7th May. The Parish Council are arranging an event based at the Village Hall. Watch out for details on the web site. Also, on Monday 8th May, which is a bank holiday, everyone is invited to participate in the “Big Help Out”, a volunteering initiative. Any suggestions?

Hethe Community Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

Monday 13th March from 10.00am to 12.00pm

***Friends, neighbours, dog walkers, pram pushers:
an opportunity to meet during the daytime – there’s great
cake too!***



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the total of £305 raised at last year’s MacMillan Coffee Morning.

Elections on 4th May. Note that photographic evidence will be required for all voters at these local elections.

Parish Council. The latest approved minutes from the Oct 2022 meeting are available on the village website.



**The Grand Hethe
FLEA MARKET
Saturday April 15th
1 - 4pm
on the playing field**

Bric-a-brac galore - something for everyone!

kitchen ware, garden ware, tools, DIY, toys, games, books, CDs,
DVDs, decorative items...

Come and browse, buy a ticket at the Church Raffle, try your luck on
the Tombolas.

Proceeds to the Village Hall's modernisation project.



Village Hall Bookings: Please contact the village hall booking secretary
fjskinner@hotmail.co.uk.

The **Stay & Play Group** contact is Jess, email:
jessicablamb@yahoo.co.uk.

The Hardwick Road Allotments. Please note that the contact for the allotments off
the Hardwick Road is now Yvonne Thomas, 3 Wilson Way, Caversfield, OX27 8FB, tel
243536 or 07773065890. The agents are Carter Jonas for the Oxford Diocese.



Hethe Lending Library. There are a rich variety of fiction and non-fiction books, puzzles and CDs to browse
and borrow, in St Edmund & St George Church.

Food for those in need. Any food not taken from the donations in the church will be given every month to
Bicester Food Bank. Helen Wood is authorised to issue a referral number for Bicester Food Bank to those in
need. You will find her at Old Montague Barn, The Green, telephone 01869 278400 or 07999 853347.

Lost property – Box in the church porch.

Bins – Glass recycling bins are located near the village hall. Remember to renew the licences for any brown
(garden waste) bins.

Mixbury All Saints

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CHURCH SERVICES

Services will be on the third Sunday in the month at 9.15am.

MIXBURY CHURCH FLOWER ROTA 2023

Many thanks to Sally Drummond Hay who has organised the Church Flower Rota for many years and now stepped down.

Eryl Tobin will take over this role (unless someone else would like to take it on?). If anyone would like to be added to the rota or removed, please contact Eryl on 07840 464541 or 848466. Thank you to all those who decorate our church with beautiful flowers. It's always appreciated.

March	Emma Bray
April	Easter Day 9 th April – Everyone
May	Barbara Mortimer

MIXBURY CHURCH CLEANING ROTA (Revised 2023 - 2024)



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to go on this rota in order to clean and to help maintain the church throughout the year. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

MARCH	Giovanna Holdcroft and Tanya Howroyd
APRIL	Emma Bray and Viv Williams
MAY	Alison Bailey, Pam Burrill and Jules Channon

If anyone else would like to help with cleaning, we would be very grateful for extra volunteers. This would help to lighten the load on otherwise busy people. The job only requires a couple of hours simple cleaning in your allotted month, and if you can find a partner or join a group of two to make groups of three, it can be a pleasant way to involve yourself in the village and familiarise yourself with our beautiful church. For more information please contact - Julie Mitchell on 01280 – 847769

MIXBURY POP UP PUB NIGHTS

The Mixbury Pop Up Pub has been a tradition in the village for many years now and is a lovely way to socialise and make friends. The hosts provide the venue, glasses and a few nibbles and the guests arrive with their own drinks.

If you are interested in hosting a pub night please contact Tanya – email: markandtanya@yahoo.co.uk.



It's a huge big Happy New Home to Ella, Jev and family who moved in to Mixbury just before Christmas, but also Welcome Back to Ella who grew up in Mixbury. We hope you will be very happy living here.

Save The Dates:



There will be a village picnic in the grounds of The Old Rectory with kind permission of James and Amanda (Thank you) to celebrate the Kings Coronation - Sunday 7th May 2023

Invitation from Swallows Nursery Friday 19th May 2023

There is going to be a Special Preview of Swallows Nursery & Plant Centre. Come and visit the Nursery and view the exciting new Show Gardens whilst enjoying a complimentary drink. We look forward to welcoming you. RSVP Drop in or email: enq@swallowsnursery.co.uk

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Services -

Sunday 2nd April - 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion

Easter Sunday 9th April - 10.45 a.m. Easter Communion

Bonus Ball Lotto -

Our recent lucky winner was Carolyn Markham.

Never too late to join in and support your church. Please contact Ann von Maltzahn for details.

Easter Sunday -

We look forward to welcoming all who are able to join us for our special Easter Sunday service at 10.45 a.m. which will be followed by a very child friendly Egg Hunt and Bucks Fizz for the grown up's!

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St Peter's Church Stoke Lyne Services

Sunday 5th March – 'Food for Thought' at 10am

Sunday 12th March – Evening Communion at 6pm

Sunday 26th Marchy – Holy Communion (10.45am)

Flower Duty for March

Jane Webb/Lucy Knill



Midweek communion and soup lunch – Thursday, 2nd February

The Reverend Liz Welters led the service assisted by Reverend Alice Goodall and as Thursday was Candlemass Day there were lots of candles lit. Candlemass Day is 40 days from Christmas Day, and it is the day when Jesus was presented in the temple. When the time came for the purification rites required by the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, as it is written in the law of the Lord, every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord. You can read the story in St Luke chapter 2 verses 22 to 40

After communion we retired to the tables set for lunch where we had a choice of three different soups as well as a choice of puddings and there were also water and rolls on the table. It is so nice to get together for a chat and talk of things coming up.

Thank you to the ministry team and volunteers who provide the lunch.

Rena Andrews

Food for Thought - Sunday, 5th February

We enjoyed breakfast thanks to Harriet and Rena and spent time considering how to practise gratitude. One of the congregation shared current thinking that it can take 90 days to develop a new habit such as writing in a journal, meditating or practising gratitude and we all agreed that January doesn't have to be the only time to make a resolution or begin to do something new or different.

1. **Say “thank you!”** Who doesn't want to be appreciated for their efforts? Saying thanks can be a gift, and one that feels pretty good, too!
2. **Remember what you appreciate most.** When you're feeling low, take a moment and write down some things that spark gratitude in you, like:
 - The days beginning to lengthen
 - A stirring piece of music or art
 - A delicious meal
 - A child's laughter or a shared moment of joy
3. **Pay attention to your emotions.** Describe in as much detail as possible how your body feels when you express gratitude. Which emotions accompany these bubbly feelings? What kind of thoughts do you notice? When you begin to turn more frequently toward the things you appreciate, the world increasingly opens to reveal that there is always some small thing for which you can be grateful.

Kelly Holden-White

Stoke Lyne W.I. – Thursday, 9th February 2023 at Hethe Village Hall

Rena welcomed all to the meeting and because one of our members needed to leave early we had our speaker on first. This month our speaker was Dave who gave a talk on the Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Dave is a volunteer for Air Ambulance and has been doing it for over 20 years. He gave us a bit of the history of when air ambulances were first introduced and the large areas they cover as well as some statistics of how many call outs they have in a year. The helicopters have a doctor on board so that they can do emergency treatment and depending on the how serious can decide which would be the best hospital to treat their patient. Also sometimes because of not finding a suitable place to land near the casualty, an ambulance car will take the crew to the casualty, or there may already be an ambulance with the casualty.

Dave gave a run down on what they carry in the helicopters and the cost of the medicines etc. The Air Ambulance does not get any funding from the government and relies on donations. They do a lot of fund raising events like parachute jumps and wing walking – and one of our members was interested in doing the latter! Dave told us what happens to the clothing and shoes which are put in the Air Ambulance clothing banks: it is sorted out and sent to places where there is a need be it in this country or overseas.

There were a few minutes of questions and then Rena thanked Dave for coming along and giving an excellent talk.

Teas were then served, and the business given out. Members were asked to vote on the resolutions but as there were a few members missing Judith, our secretary, would email them to cast their votes and add them to the vote take at the meeting, the resolution with the most votes would go through.

Feedback on the meal at Trigger Pond: everyone said how enjoyable it was, nicely presented and staff very helpful.

The next group meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd March at Upper Heyford Village Hall, Somerton Road, at 7.30 pm and members were asked to put names in the book if they were going.

The speaker at the March meeting will be Catherine Hitchings on the subject of “History in the Landscape”. The competition will be a photograph of an Oxfordshire Landscape. Rena and Judith will be on tea duty. This being all the business the meeting closed.

Rena Andrews

Floral Workshop Demonstration - 10-12 pm, Saturday, 28th January at St Peter's Church

This free demonstration was put on by “Flowers designed by Steve”. Steve gave a little run down on how he got into what he does now and how long he has been doing it for. There was tea/coffee for those who wanted it at a cost £1 and also raffle tickets for £1, the prizes for which would be the two floral arrangements he demonstrated.

Steve first of all showed off the tools he used and also the containers the arrangements would be put into then he began his demonstration. He was very interesting to listen to. Most of his greenery was from his own garden, friends or hedgerows and the flowers come from Holland. He gave lots of tips on conditioning the flowers etc.

The first of the two arrangements was white with a few delicate sprigs of greenery and the container was a lined hat box specially for flower arrangements. The finished arrangement was beautiful. The second equally beautiful arrangement was in a basket with a hinged lid and he showed us how to make the lid stand up. This one was more free flowing with bright colours and different levels.



Photo of the raffle winners with their prizes from a Facebook post by “Flowers designed by Steve”

Steve thanked everyone for attending and said that he would be putting out a list of further demonstrations and workshops.

Rena Andrews

Stoke Lyne 100 Club – February Results

Result of the February 100 club are as follows:

1st Prize	Membership No. 43	Faye Billingham	£29.25
2nd Prize	Membership No. 36	Adrian Taylor	£17.55
3rd Prize	Membership No. 27	James Lewis	£11.70

Thanks again everyone for your continued support. Please spread the word so we can attract more members to increase our overall prize money. We now have 40 members, it would be great to get to 100 members. Email janey@oxford-educational.co.uk for membership and payment details.

Regards

Janey Poole
Treasurer
St Peter's Church PCC

Upcoming events at St. Peter's Church, Stoke Lyne.

Bingo Night at St. Peter's, Stoke Lyne. 7pm on Sat 11th March. Bar will be available for alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. £7 entrance to include dinner and one bingo card (additional bingo cards will be available at £1 each) Please let Kelly know if you're planning to come. kholdenwhite@aol.com 01869 345211.

Spring Clean from 10am on Saturday 11th March, please come along to help spring clean the Churchyard and Church. Please bring secateurs or tools to help cut back ivy, hedges and long grass. Bacon sandwiches will be served to fuel helpers! Inside the Church, help will be needed with cobwebbing, polishing silver and wood. Thank you in advance.

Kelly Holden-White

Sunday 7th May. Village festivities to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

More details to follow and please get in touch if you'd like to help.
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A Look at the “Pot-bellied Jesus” of Stoke Lyne

Recently I happened upon a post on Twitter from 15th August 2022 by a Dr Allan Barton, who describes himself as an Art Historian, Medievalist, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and Editor of the Antiquary Magazine. It contained a photo of the figure below and the comment: “A pot-bellied Jesus rising from the tomb. A detail of the monument to Edward Love (died 1557) and his wife Alice (died 1535). The monument was erected when she died as his dates weren't filled in.”



So I decided to see what further information there was about it. The “Four Shires Magazine” of March 2007 took a different view of the figure describing it in a feature on St Peter’s Church as: “*A strange looking saint appears in one of the wall mounted brasses in the church. He even has an eye in his navel!*” However, when you look at the figure you can clearly see the marks in the hands from the nails and the spear wound in the side, details which did not escape other writers: Blomfield in his 1894 History of the Present Day Deanery of Bicester says “*At the top of the stone there is a quaint figure of the Saviour rising from a tomb in the attitude of blessing, with the hands and sides pierced, in brass.*” Arthur Mee in the 1949 Oxfordshire edition of the “The King’s England” observes that “*Above them all is Christ rising from his tomb with the marks of the nails in His uplifted hands.*”

I then had a “google” and found the June 2012 issue of the Monumental Brass Society’s magazine which contained an article entitled “A Rare Survival – Stoke Lyne, Oxfordshire” by Jonathan Moor which is all about the brass and which in his opinion “***deserves to be better known than presently appears to be the case***”. Of the depiction of Jesus he has this to say:

*“Set at the top of the stone, in the middle and immediately beneath the soffit of the arch, is a figure of Our Lord with an aureole and depicted as the “Man of Sorrows” rising from a stylised coffin. Wearing the Crown of Thorns, only the upper part of Christ’s body is visible and therefore only three of five Sacred Wounds – those in His hands and the one in His side. Mill Stephenson refers to this figure as “Our Lord in Pity”, but more recently Malcolm Norris considered that the plate represented the Resurrection of Christ. **Whichever is intended, given the deliberate destruction of so many similar religious scenes on brasses at the Reformation, this figure represents a rare survival.**”*

But what about the rest of the brass? The 1877 book “Brief Annals of the Bicester Poor Law Union and Its Component Parishes” describes the part of the brass immediately below as “*two shields of arms*”:



Jonathan Moor goes into technical heraldic detail, most of which is lost on me:

“That on the left bears Vert, a lion rampant or, charged on the shoulder with a cross pattée gules (Love of Aynbo) quartering per fess indented sable and gules in chief three martlets argent (Lovelace of Hurley, Berkshire). That on the right bears the arms of Love impaling ermine, a fess chequy or and azure, a crescent in chief for difference (Arden)”

However, it was apparent from this that a “*martlet*” was a bird so I “*googled*” the term to find out more. Wikipedia says this: “*A martlet in English heraldry is a mythical bird without feet that never roosts from the moment of its drop-birth until its death fall; martlets are proposed to be continuously on the wing. It is a compelling allegory for continuous effort, expressed in heraldic charge depicting a stylised bird similar to a swift or a house martin without feet.*”

Next is the inscription:

“Delicta juventutis nostra et ignorantias nostras ne memineris Domine”

Jonathan Moor provides the translation: “*Forget not our youthful follies and ignorance O Lord*” but from using Google and a copy of the “New English Bible” I think it should be “*Do not remember the sins and offences of our youth*” as in Psalm 25, verse 7.

Then we have the depictions of the Love family. The Brief Annals states:

Lower a kneeling male figure, backed by five sons, and a female one backed by three daughters, and this inscription:

Of yer Charite pray for ye soules of Edward Love, Gentyelman, and Alys his wife, which Alys lyeth buried under the stone before this stone, and deceased the xx day of January, ye yere of our Lord God MDxxxIV, and the said Edward deceased the [blank] day of [blank] in ye yere of our Lord God MD [blank] on whose soules and all Christian soules of your charitie say a Paternoster and an ave.

From these blanks, it is inferred that Edward Love had enough of his surname to erect this brass to the memory of his wife; but that of his eight children not one was found to complete the memorial by adding the date of their father's demise."



Arthur Mee provides a fuller description “Edward Love of 1535 kneels with his wife Alys and their children in two groups, five boys behind their father, who has long hair and a fur-lined gown, and three daughters with the mother, who has a rich cloak and holds a rosary.”

The Four Counties” author states that “I counted five sons and three daughters, but Pevsner, the authority on churches reckons there are 12 kneeling effigies. But see what you make of it.” No longer trusting this magazine as a reliable source, I looked up the entry in Pevsner’s Oxfordshire to see what exactly was said and once again the magazine had got it wrong. What was written was this “Brass with 12 in. kneeling effigies” ie the effigies (of Edward and Alys) were 12 inches high and not 12 in number!

Jonathan Moor provides some extra background on Edward and Alys. Alys was Edward’s first wife and after her death he married again, this time to a lady called Alice Pope who was one of the sisters of Sir Thomas Pope, the founder in 1555 of Trinity College Oxford. He speculates that the reason why the brass and its religious imagery survived the Reformation intact was because “Edward was the wealthiest man in the parish, and owner (since 1552) of the lay rectory of Stoke Lyne (with the responsibility for the upkeep of the chancel)”. He describes the depiction of Edward and Alys in even more detail than Arthur Mee and points out that both figures are kneeling at a piece of furniture used for prayer called a “*prie-dien*”. Regarding the part of the second inscription which states that Alys was buried “under the stone before this stone” he points out that the chancel was rebuilt in the mid 19thC so the memorial may not be in its original place and “in any event, Alys’ body was later disinterred and re-buried in Aynho church”.

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CHURCH SERVICES IN STRATTON AUDLEY

- Compline on Sunday 5th March (6pm)
- Morning Service in Stratton Audley on Sunday 12th March (10.45am)
- Holy Communion in Stratton Audley on Sunday 26th March (9.15am)



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STRATTON AUDLEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

A meeting of the above society has been arranged for Sunday March 19th at 3pm in Stratton Audley Church. This will be an "Open Meeting" which any villagers who would like to know more about the history of the village are invited to attend.

The society started in 2005 and has undertaken research into many aspects of the history of our village as well as undertaking many visits to local areas of historic interest. However, it is possible that newer members of the community would like to know more about this area, particularly as activities were unable to continue as a result of the lockdown 3 years ago. For all people attending there will be an opportunity to learn more about (or refresh your memory about) -

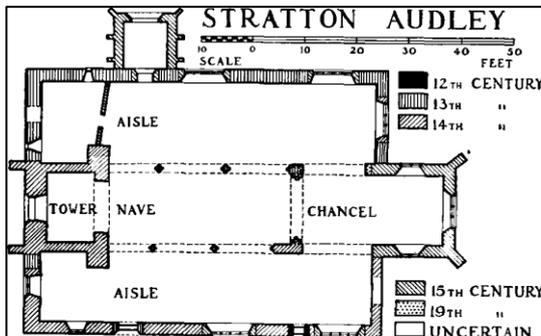


- . the time-line of the village from the time of Wigod of Wallingford (prior to the Norman Conquest),
- . the many Lords of the Manor on that time-line, some more notorious than others,
- . the effects of the Civil War on the village, with a Civil War cannonball available for inspection,
- . George Washington's antecedents having come from the Audley's of Stratton Audley,
- . photographs of the village from 1900/30,
- . information on the second World War, SOE, listening stations in this area.



There will also be an opportunity to review the display boards which were used at the Shelswell History Festival, the "pop-up" model of the Church and a model of the castle of the 12th/13th century, the foundations and moat of which can still be seen in the field beyond the Pound.

Although the date chosen is Mothering Sunday it is possible that younger villagers would relish seeing this before or after enjoying a slap-up meal with their parents/grandparents.



VILLAGE CELEBRATION FOR THE CORONATION

From Stratton Audley Parish Council

As you will be aware The Coronation ceremony for His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6th May 2023 at Westminster Abbey. On Sunday 7th May communities across the country are being encouraged to join in with the 'Coronation Big Lunch' by holding their own street party or celebration.

At the Parish Council meeting held on 25th January it was agreed that a street party should be held similar to the Platinum Jubilee street party which was a great success.

However it has now become clear that due to other commitments most councillors will struggle to find time to organise and run this event, so it will require a committee to be formed by those in the community who would like to see this go ahead and are prepared to commit time to see it through. Naturally the Parish Council will do its bit to support and advise.

First we need to establish interest in holding such an event as many people will already have other commitments. To some extent this depends on whether you think you will be at home over this weekend and if so whether you are prepared to get involved and help organise it. If sufficient people come forward, the Parish Council will organise an initial meeting for everyone to get together. There is potential government funding of £400 which is being applied for and the Parish Council can supplement this if necessary.

It would be much appreciated if you could be in touch with John Honsinger, by email at jhonsinger@btconnect.com or telephone on 01869 278000, to let him know your responses to the queries below:

Name:	
I would like to attend this event Yes/No	
How many in your family group?	
I would like to be on the committee	
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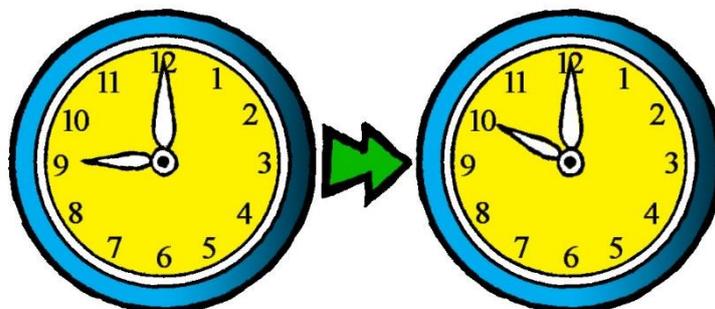
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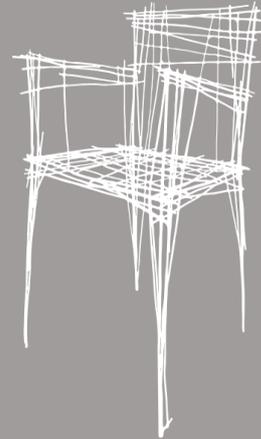
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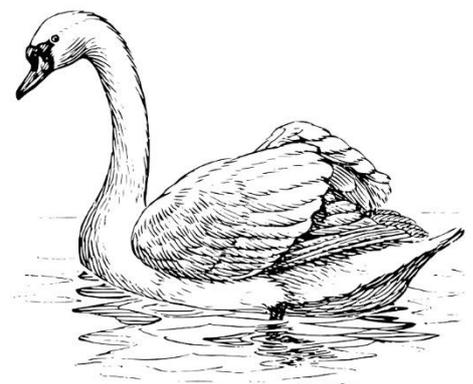
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| DATE                                                                                                                             | 5 <sup>th</sup> March<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent                                                                               | 12 <sup>th</sup> March<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent                                               | 19 <sup>th</sup> March<br>Mothering Sunday                                        | 26 <sup>th</sup> March<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent                                                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> April<br>Palm Sunday                                                                                          |
| ALTAR                                                                                                                            | Purple                                                                                                                                | Purple                                                                                                 | Purple                                                                            | Purple                                                                                                       | Red                                                                                                                           |
| 8.00 am                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                        |                                                                                   | Holy Communion<br>(BCP)<br>HETHE<br>AG                                                                       |                                                                                                                               |
| 9.15 am                                                                                                                          | 9.15am<br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>COTTISFORD AG<br><br>9.15am<br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (BCP)<br>NEWTON PURCELL LW | Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>HETHE<br>AG                                                       | Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>FINMERE<br>AG<br><br>Mixbury Half Hour<br>PW | Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>STRATTON AUDLEY<br>LW<br><br>9.30am<br>Morning Service<br>FINMERE<br>PW | 9.15am<br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>HARDWICK<br><br>9.15am<br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (BCP)<br>NEWTON PURCELL |
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| 6.00 pm                                                                                                                          | 6pm<br>Compline<br>STRATTON AUDLEY<br>PW                                                                                              | 6pm<br>Evening Communion<br>STOKE LYNE<br>AG                                                           |                                                                                   | 6pm<br>Evensong with the<br>Shelswell Group Choir<br>HARDWICK<br>PW                                          | 6pm<br>Compline<br>GODINGTON                                                                                                  |
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