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## Letter from your church

As we write, Spring is here with all the new beginnings of lambs, foals, calves, fawns, chicks, etc.. We too, will all experience a new beginning in July when Reverend Penny Nash arrives as the full-time priest for the Benefice. Penny has been Chaplain at Wycombe Abbey School for the past several years and was Team Vicar in Berkhamsted before that. We look forward to welcoming her and hope the West Wycombe rectory will be a happy home for Penny and her family.

During the long vacancy of five years, we have been blessed with our excellent non-stipendiary (not paid!) priests. The Reverends Veronica Beaumont and Anne Cooper as well as Andi Chapman, Ivor Cornish, Jenny Ellis and Linda Richardson are all to be thanked. We are so grateful to these extraordinary people who have given their own time to Baptise, Confirm, Marry and take funerals for us, as well as holding regular services each month. They offer pastoral care (hospital and home visits as well as last rites) without any financial compensation.

We would like to mention the continual need we have for such generous volunteers of all sorts.

In each of your parish churches, the PCC, churchwardens and volunteers help to look after all aspects of church life.

In Radnage we have seen as Churchwardens, the amazing work done by our volunteers. This includes the recent demolition of the 36 year old shed and construction of a brand new one; many came together to make this happen, including some from the community. The volunteer flower arranging team make a gorgeous weekly enhancement

to the church and there are always refreshments after the service with a rota of volunteers. In addition, volunteers raise funds for the maintenance of the church from events like Garden Sunday, the Annual Quiz, the making of beautiful cards to be sold in church. Snowdrop teas, the soon to be reinstated Autumn walk with tea, as well as refreshments available in the church for all visitors, including walkers and their dogs! Doggie treats available!

Some also volunteer at our school to help the children with their reading and are a real support for the staff. Of course, there are so many other organisations in the village such as the Women's Institute, the Royal British Legion, the Toddlers Club and the Radnage Poors Land Charity that all benefit from volunteers.

We thank all those who volunteer their time, enthusiasm and good humour. It is now recognised that doing good and helping others is excellent therapy. With that in mind we need you, we need volunteers, so please let us know what you would like to do. We'd love to see you in any of our churches. Remember it's good for your mental health!!!

**Radnage Churchwardens,  
Rosy Oliphant and Jennifer Stringer.**





## From the Registers

### Funeral

**Dee Hardwicke Davies**  
St Mary's, Radnage

**Alan William Bailey**  
St Botolph's, Bradenham

### Burial of Ashes

**Kenneth Newell**  
St Mary's, Radnage

**Christopher Graham Hounslow**  
St Lawrence, West Wycombe

**Andrew Hawes**  
St Lawrence, West Wycombe



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# Bledlow Ridge

## News from St Paul's Church

Last week I was lucky enough to be in Dorset with the Franciscan brothers at Hilfield. The sun was wonderful and making the bright new green of the trees and fields look even more amazing. I was there for Ascension Day and the community began the day by going up on the roof to sing hymns. "Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia" echoing out across the countryside.



As well as Ascension the end of May saw the celebrations of Pentecost and finally Trinity.

The service on Trinity here at St Paul's will be special as we greet the summer green

season with a new altar frontal. Pictures and more about this in next month's Contact.

Just writing this has made me realise that there are a lot of words that we use for things and church that are not familiar to many people so I hope to be able to explain some of them in future editions of Contact.

It has been good during our long time of vacancy to welcome other priests to take our services and we are extremely grateful to them. On 16th June, Revd Ivor Cornish will be taking our service and will be welcoming the Watkins family as they bring Felicity for baptism.



## Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council News

The next meeting will take place on Monday 10th June 2024 starting at 7.30pm at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.

The Parish Council met on Monday 13th May 2024 at Bledlow Village Hall - draft minutes of the meeting can be found on our website: [www.bledlow-cum-saundertonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.bledlow-cum-saundertonparishcouncil.org.uk).

Cllr Breese was appointed as Chairman and Cllr Reading as Vice-Chairman.

Cllr Shearer was co-opted as a Councillor for the Saunderton Ward and the Parish Council wishes her a warm welcome.

Standing Orders, Risk Assessment and Asset Register were approved and the website has been updated with them.

The recent Internal Audit report was considered and actions approved. The full report can be found on the Parish Council website.

The Annual Governance and Accountability return was approved. The elector rights dates will be Monday 3rd June 2024 and

ending Friday 12th July 2024, notices will be issued in due course.

The Parish Council recently purchased some litter pickers which are available for use by the Community for litter picks. If you would like to discuss please contact the Parish Clerk.

Meeting Minutes and Agendas • Local Information • Club information  
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If you have any comments, queries or questions then please contact our  
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*For information only no comment required*

## Planning Applications with Buckinghamshire Council Decision

24/05407/ADRC

Fowlers Dene Chinnor Road

Application for approval of details reserved by condition 10 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan) pursuant to planning approval: 23/05878/FUL

*Refuse detail Reserved by Condition*

24/05634/MINAMD

Crofters Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge

Proposed non-material amendment to permission Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and outbuildings and erection of replacement dwelling, detached garage/bin store and associated alterations (alternative scheme to pp 23/05077/FUL) granted under planning ref: 23/06864/FUL

*Application Permitted*

24/05700/CLP

Yewden Cottage Chinnor Road

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed construction of single storey detached outbuilding with office/gym area and shower room

*Grant Certificate - Proposed Development*

24/05326/ADRC

Windrush Chinnor Road

Application for approval of details subject to conditions 2 (materials) and 7 (biodiversity features) of planning approval ref: 23/07192/FUL

*Permit - detail Reserved by Condition*

24/05425/ADRC

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Application for approval of details subject to condition 9 (ecology) of planning approval ref: 21/06179/FUL

*Permit - detail Reserved by Condition*

24/05427/ADRC

9 Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge

Application for approval of details subject to conditions 3 (materials), 7 (landscaping) and 11 (privacy screen) of planning approval ref: 21/06179/FUL

*Permit - detail Reserved by Condition*

24/05404/LBC

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## Exciting Announcement: Bucks Art Weeks at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

We're thrilled to announce that this year's Bucks Art Weeks will be hosted at the charming Bledlow Ridge Village Hall, marking a new and vibrant venue for art enthusiasts to explore.

With its bright and airy ambiance, providing the perfect backdrop for our showcase, and we're eagerly anticipating our inaugural exhibition in this delightful space.

Join us as we transform Bledlow Ridge Village Hall into a haven for creativity and inspiration, where artistry knows no bounds and imagination takes flight. As a collective of 12 talented artists and makers, formerly known as Flexmore Art and Crafts, we're excited to share our passion for art with the local community and beyond.

**Save the dates:**  
**Our exhibition at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall HPI4 4AJ**

**8th to 9th, 14 15 16th,  
21 22 23rd June  
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Since its inception in 1985, Bucks Art Weeks has been dedicated to bringing contemporary Artists and makers closer to the public, fostering a deeper appreciation

for the arts. This year, we're proud to present an eclectic mix of artworks that promise to captivate and inspire.

Our line-up of exhibiting artists spans a spectrum of styles and mediums, ensuring there's something for every taste and preference. From captivating abstract and traditional paintings rendered in watercolour, oil, pastel, acrylic, and mixed media, to intricate fused glass art, leaded lights, ceramic pots, sculptures, our exhibition promises a visual feast unlike any other.

But the creativity doesn't stop there! Visitors can also expect to discover quirky pottery, felt and concrete jewellery, textile art, polymer clay jewellery, upcycled sculptures, and fabric bags – each piece brimming with its own unique charm and character.

And while you immerse yourself in the world of art, why not take a moment to indulge in some well-deserved refreshments? Treat yourself to a steaming cup of tea or coffee accompanied by delicious homemade cakes, adding a touch of culinary delight to your art-filled experience.

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Our formal meetings in the Village Hall have now been put on hold for the Summer as now is the time to be out and about, enjoying your gardening and visiting some of the best gardens around.

So next up is our day trip by coach into Oxfordshire and Northants on 11 June to visit the gardens at Broughton Grange and Coton Manor. The latter is regularly voted as one of the best ones to visit by gardening experts, and as it is one of Timothy Walker's favourites it must be good. The food is a real plus and it won't surprise you to learn that it has a very good plant nursery! A few seats are left at the time of writing at £45 for members and £50 for non-members which covers entry to both gardens, the coach trip and drivers tip. You can use the Contact section on our website ....[www.bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk](http://www.bledlowridgehortsoc.org.uk)... to find out more if you are interested or want to know anything else about the Hort Soc.

Following that, on 16 July we have a free visit for BRHS members to the RHS gardens at Wisley. Because we are affiliated to the RHS, this is necessarily limited to members, but as our Annual Membership is only £10 and entry to Wisley is around £18, you might consider joining us and taking advantage of the saving. It is a "make your own way there"

to arrive at 10.45am, and once tickets have been issued, you are free to come and go as you wish.

There's a summer break in August and then it is into Sept with our Annual Show on Saturday 7th. There are 70 classes to choose from, you don't have to be a member to put an entry in, and as well as flowers, fruit and veg, there are domestic classes with some given recipes, flower arranging and photography. Last year was the first time that we used our website to store the schedules for viewing and an e-entry form, and it worked well. So the 2024 Schedule and Entry form are now on there in the What's On/ Annual Show box, giving you plenty of time to plan your exhibits and perhaps practice some of the mouth-watering recipes!..There really is something for everyone. Entering any exhibit, as well as the admission to this Show, is now free.



## The Ridge Evening WI

**Food, food, glorious food - well not quite!** At our May meeting, Helen Foster, Food Supply Manager for OneCanTrust came and told us all about the organisation's amazing charity work.

The Trust's foodbank is based in High Wycombe and delivers to the town and surrounding areas in South Bucks. It is supported by local organisations, Bucks County Council, housing associations and individuals to deliver weekly food parcels to those who need help. To receive such help, clients need to be referred to them. They have up to 350 volunteers and for example delivered 1017 parcels in March 2024 with an average number of people being supported each week of 553, almost half of whom will be children. They receive food donations from various sources, a large proportion from supermarkets, but also from collection points at churches, schools, organisations

and from individual street heroes. Monthly updates are sent out with details of what is needed. In November OneCanTrust was awarded the Kings Award for Voluntary Service. We were thanked for the food brought in by members which was added to our donation.

The proposed Resolution for the AGM in June, Dental Health, received majority support and our vote will be passed on to our representative.

At our June 5th meeting, 7.30pm in the Village Hall, we will be welcoming John Seaman and his four legged friend to tell us about the National Search & Rescue Dogs



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### Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club

The cricket club is in very good shape.

Writing on 7th May we fulfilled our entire pre-season match programme and despite the dreadful weather preventing some clubs from hosting any matches at all so far, we have played all our four scheduled home games. This is thanks in particular, to work on the ground by Charlie, "Slices", "Taggart" and "Birdy". Perhaps it's the nicknames that does it.

One of these games was a keenly contested inter-club game in which the Club Captain's XI narrowly defeated the Chairman's XI. As a prelude to this match, Marcus Angell of Kit Sponsors SilverDoor, presented sets of personalised playing and training kit to the entire senior section which includes some still playing for the junior sides.

The Saturday League programme commenced on 11th May and spectators are welcome to our home fixtures every Saturday. We are also playing some Sunday matches this year and we started with an exciting 9 run victory over Fiddlers CC in early May.

On Sunday 9th June we hold the annual Sid Bird Memorial Six-a-Side tournament featuring teams as diverse as "Oli's Army", "Risborough Rugby", and "Bowl and Bear" among others. Everyone is welcome to watch the cricket and find out who all these

teams are! We will be running an all-day BBQ from 8.30am with tea and cakes in the afternoon, a raffle and of course the Bar.

The Junior Section is now well under way providing cricket for any youngster of 5 years and older. Practice is on Friday nights when as always, the bar and BBQ s open.

As before, please support projects such as the 200 Club and other vital fundraising initiatives open to everyone in the village and beyond. We welcome new players and supporters and are grateful to Mike Gillett who has already umpired all pre-season weekend fixtures as well as Mario and Kevin who will be scoring 1st XI matches from their laptops.

For more about the club, please visit [www.bledlowridgecricketclub.co.uk](http://www.bledlowridgecricketclub.co.uk) or contact John Rolfe (Club Captain): 07873 516568 - [j.rolfe444@btinternet.com](mailto:j.rolfe444@btinternet.com)



### Bledlow Ridge Tennis Club

Over a dozen of our lovely members gathered for the annual working party on a warm and sunny Saturday afternoon in May, and successfully spruced up the courts, clubhouse and surrounding area. The clubhouse and shed were cleaned, the court edges weeded, various things were painted and repaired, the court surface scrubbed, new signs put up, and everything now looks spick and span. Thanks to everybody who gave up their time to help.

We now look forward to our Open Day on Saturday 15th June at 1pm, where everybody is welcome to come and try out the tennis courts for free. Sam Frost will be offering free taster group coaching for all age groups, our members will be around to chat or have a hit, and the ball machine will be available to try out. There will also be a bouncy castle for younger prospective members!

Our summer league season is now in full swing, and we have teams entered in the mixed, women's and men's Aylesbury and District Leagues. These are proving so popular that we are considering entering two teams in the men's and women's next season.

We'd like to congratulate our head coach, James Woodward from JWT Coaching, who has been awarded County and Regional Development Coach of the Year - and is shortlisted for the National awards in July.

In addition, Sam Frost from JWT, who many of our members will know from private lessons and Rusty Rackets, has achieved his LTA Level 3 Coach qualification.

Our new gravel path from the car park to the clubhouse is now complete, we have extended the patio area, and we've made it easier to retrieve lost balls from behind the courts by installing a hard standing area. Many thanks to Bobby Brown Garden Construction for this work.

If you'd like to get back into tennis, are a beginner and would like to get started, or are an experienced player who would like to join a friendly, inclusive, sociable (and award winning!) club, please get in touch with Ben at 07909 976 725 or [benalawrence@hotmail.com](mailto:benalawrence@hotmail.com).

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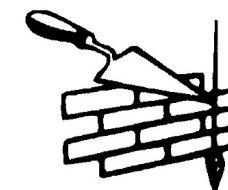
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## The Boot Pub

Dear Villagers

As most of you know our pub, The Boot, is owned by some of the residents within the village (and now some who have moved away). It is an important asset which brings many locals together and, importantly, also adds significant value to property prices on the Ridge. Like many of the other village assets which rely on us to support them, the Pub is no different. Today more than ever, with village pubs closing at an alarming rate, your support is vital for the success and continuity of the Pub.

The most recent tenants, Adele and Jaap, have decided after four years to hand over the reins to someone else. It is important for us to say a very big 'thank you' to Adele and Jaap, for an amazing job in the most challenging period in the hospitality industry. They have worked tirelessly to keep The Boot open (remember the marquees in the garden when Covid was easing!) and done so under the most difficult of circumstances. If you remember they took on the pub just after Covid and without A & J the pub would probably have had to close down for several months. Because they decided to take it on, we are fortunate to still have the pub that we all can enjoy due to their efforts.

We hope that if you see them around the village you will wish them well in whatever venture they next embrace. The Shareholder's Board of The Boot are massively thankful to them and hope they will have chance to look back on many happy memories, despite the challenges.

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a successor for the tenancy of The Boot. From May 20th the tenancy has been under the ownership of Davide Bargione. As a local villager he will be known to a number of you already, either through the cricket club or the school, and we hope that you will find time to pop in and wish

him well as he gets things up and running. He has great experience in the hospitality industry and a desire to take over a successful village pub. We are sure you will find his enthusiasm and food something you will wish to sample on a regular basis.

He believes in good food and a drink (or two) and great company to share the experience with, which is his objective for The Boot. His aim is to create a memorable experience for every guest by providing a welcoming environment, a simple yet delicious food offering and a drink to suit every taste. All Davide asks for in return is that you have a jolly good time with family or friends of your choosing.

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## Nature Notes

Our local blackbird sings a mellow and varied song, not only star of the dawn chorus but also singing during the day. One May morning there was a terrific thunderstorm throughout which he sang heroically. Researchers found that blackbirds' songs become more complex and melodic with age so ours must be a veteran. Woods were vibrant with lime green beech and larch leaves, whitebeam has soft sage green leaf buds which open into the shape of magnolia flowers, and loveliest of all the warm golden green of oak flower tassels with miniature leaves. The weather in spring was rather inclement for butterflies but whenever there was a dry sunny day brimstones, peacocks and orange-tips emerged and in June we can look forward to a shimmer of adonis blues at Yoesden.



## Bledlow Ridge Primary School

The summer term has lots of exciting things for the children and families to look forward to, one of the biggest events is the Ridge Off Roader on Sunday 19th May, this event welcomes runners from afar who take part in a half marathon or 10k run through the beautiful Chilterns. This event raises a huge amount of money for the school and is a wonderful event for the community.

The school is also taking part in 'Walk to School Week' which encourages families to walk if they can to and from school.

The enrichment weeks continue and this term it will be 'The Power of Kindness' this will be a lovely week and one the children will get so much out of as they are all so kind already!

Finally on the 13th July the school will hold the annual summer fete, which raises money for the school but also brings families and the community together. It is a very special year this year as the school is celebrating it being 150 years old, everyone is welcome to come see the display the children in Year 2 have created.

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# Bradenham

## News from St Botolph's Church

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on April 28th, after morning service.

The Vestry Meeting was very brief. Pete Baldwin and Richard Langridge were re-elected as Church Wardens for 2024/25. Both were thanked for their exemplary service in the past year. Proposed by Richard Pushman and seconded by Clare Newcombe. Peggy Ewart agreed to serve as Synod representative.

Meeting closed at 12.45pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting followed. It was attended by members of the Parochial Church Council (except Angela Adams who was in Northern Ireland and sent apologies) and one parishioner. The APM was combined with a Meeting of the PCC.

The minutes of the last PCC meeting were adopted.

Reports from the Chairman and The Treasurer were submitted, accepted and are attached as appendices to these minutes.

The Electoral Roll was reviewed and is displayed in the porch.

The following were elected to the PCC :- Richard Langridge, Chairman, Pete Baldwin, Treasurer, Peggy Ewart, Secretary and Contact co-respondent, Enrica Langridge, Minute Secretary, Angela Adams, Claire Newcombe, Richard Pushman.

The quinquennial inspection had recently been carried out and the church wardens had received a verbal report from the architect. A written report will follow. It

was pleasing that the items identified were within our means, eg refit gutters and clean the pipes, replace the chicken wire in the tower, attend to the lightning conductor. The vestry door, west door and the south door had been treated, and the hinges painted, by Pete Baldwin.

Pete had also dealt with the clock repairers and the repairs will be put in hand as soon as the Diocese has agreed with the plans. Donations specifically for the repair of the clock had been sufficient to cover the costs; the PCC is very grateful to the donors who have made this possible. Thanks Pete and many other supporters for their significant donations to the clock fund. We also would like to thank Pete Baldwin for his care maintaining the churchyard, and with minor repairs.

### Bradenham Cricket Club

The season began on the 4th May but it rained so cricket was off.

A report of the early matches will appear in the next issue of Contact.

**Bot's Books** - reading, eating and conversing continues bi-monthly inside the

Church so inclement weather is not an issue. During the week we are delighted to have many visitors who call in for coffee and biscuits. Comments in the visitors book, and donations, are much appreciated.



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# Piddington

## Piddington Village Hall

Having decorated the Village Hall as befits a Eurovision evening on Saturday 11th May, we were very pleased to welcome a good crowd for the event, a commendable proportion of whom dressed appropriately and, in some cases approximately, in the garb of their nation of choice. Indeed, most survived to end the of the jury scoring, which is a feat in itself.



Our thanks go to Heather Willis for overseeing the event along with her fellow committee members who set up the hall for the night. Heather also organised a sweepstake and raffle that evening which raised over £80 for the Village Hall. We are hoping to arrange more events during the year where villagers can come along for free, bringing their own drink and food, and use the hall's facilities for some light-hearted community activity. It is always great to see the hall in use and if anyone has some time and the energy to help the committee plan and deliver events, please get in touch via the website, our email or reach out through the

village Facebook and other social media sites. The more organisers and helpers that we have, the more that we can offer.

One of the possibilities that the committee has discussed in recent weeks is facilitating a Mother and Toddlers session, probably on a Monday for a couple of hours or so. However, it is difficult to put a finger on how many mums and toddlers we have in the local area and how much interest there might be in such a group. So, again, if this proposal might be of interest to you or somebody you know, please spread the word and let us know what you think via the usual channels.

An updated programme of activities for the remainder of the year is in hand and whilst the precise dates and timings for some of the later events have still yet to be confirmed, the current schedule is set out below. These remain over and above the routine group activities and private functions that take place in the hall, which can be seen on our website.



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## Forthcoming Functions:

**D-Day Celebrations: Friday 7th June –**  
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**Prize Bingo: 22nd June – Starts at 7 pm,**

**Singalong Event: Fri 12th July 7-10 pm**  
The Glee choir will entertain and lead audience participation in the second half of the evening.

**Village Show: Saturday 31st August –**  
The traditional annual village event, organised by Horticultural Society. Timings to be confirmed nearer the event.

**Race Night: 14th September –**  
Organised with help from the team at Badgers Auctions.

**Functions In the Planning Stages for Later in the Year**

**October: Painting Party:** date tbc  
**Sat/ Sun 2/3 Nov:** Possible joint Halloween/ Bonfire night event.

**Friday 29th Nov :** Wreath Making  
**Sunday 1st Dec –** Christmas family event.

**Sunday 15th Dec -** Carol Concert with the West Wycombe Brass Band.





## Women's ministry and worship at the heart of celebration service

Women took centre stage at a special Eucharist service at Christ Church Cathedral to mark 30 years since women were first ordained priests in the diocese.

There were hymns written by female composers, including the debut performance of one written especially for the occasion by Christ Church Precentor the Revd Philippa White. The mass setting and anthem sung during the service and the solo organ pieces at the start and end were also composed by women. Before the service, a quarter peal was rung by 10 women bell ringers.

The afternoon's sermon was also preached by a member of the cohort, the former Archdeacon of Northampton, the Ven Christine Allsopp, and reflected on the important and prominent role of women in the bible such as Mary Magdalene, as the Apostle to the Apostles. She said: "Women are called not in spite of their gender, not in spite of who they are, but because of it."

While women could be ordained as deacons from 1987, it was not until later

that they were able to become priests permitted to celebrate sacraments such as Holy Communion. The first ordinations of women in the Diocese of Oxford took place on 16 and 17 April 1994 in Abingdon, High Wycombe, Reading, Banbury and Buckingham. Many of those first 67 women were present to lead the way for their peers once again, this time in the form of heading the procession of clergy into the Cathedral at the beginning of the service.

The occasion also served as a broader celebration of women in the Church of England. The service was led by the diocese's first female Bishop, the Rt Revd Olivia Graham, Bishop of Reading; while the first female Dean of Christ Church, The Very Revd Professor Sarah Foot, served as liturgical Deacon. The additional liturgical roles in the service were also played by women priests from around the Diocese,

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Bishop Olivia said: "It was a wonderful occasion to bring women's ministry to the fore and commemorate this milestone, especially as we were joined by so many of the women who were part of the 1994 cohort. It was a joyful day, just as it was 30 years ago, to stand side by side with these history makers and all those who fought for women's ordination, and celebrate all that has been achieved."

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# Radnage

## News From St Mary's Church

As I write, we've just had the most beautiful celebration of Ascension Day (May 9th) the day when our Lord ascended into heaven and the disciples rather than being sad at goodbyes were filled with a zeal to spread the Good News of Christ and rushed off to Jerusalem to begin their task. Rev. Andi presided over a church with its doors wide open in St. Botolph's, Bradenham and the evening sun poured in. Probably the best day of the week for many of us, weather wise. I hope by June 9th we have some good, settled weather.

Here in Radnage we have had our goodbyes to many old friends over the past few months and many of our community have come to share in those special goodbyes. The churchyard was filled with 132 people who came to Dee Hardwicke Davies funeral and burial. It was a blessed time and the family felt very supported throughout the service by so many friends.

When it's important we do things well in Radnage and we do them to the best of our ability.

The Summer months bring a full list of events coming up for the village and community - we will keep doing our best to support each one. Look out for the church's tombola stall on June 8th.

One event which we are sliding in between the June D-Day 80th anniversary and October Progressive Supper is an Open Garden day which will take place on Saturday August 17th. The garden at Four Acres will be open from 12noon – 5pm there will be a bouncy castle, a chance for some keen swim-mers to use the pool and tea and cakes.

As there is no Garden Sunday this year we hope this event will raise funds for St. Mary's and a local charity yet to be chosen.

There will be a competition to name the bear. All are invited and we hope many will come to enjoy fellowship and fun together.



Our churchwardens will be re-instated to serve St. Mary's at the Archdeacons visitation. A long word - but it basically means they are officially licensed for another year's office.

This will take place on Wednesday 26th June at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, High Wycombe. It is a great time to come and support your CW's - they do a tremendous amount of good work on our behalf. The Archdeacon gives a short address and then they are all sworn in – it is a moment to be proud of – so come and see them stand up on your behalf.

If you haven't seen it already, come and view the new West wall which our restorer Dan

has now finished. It looks very smart indeed. Don't forget to bring a can with you for our One Can cage. We move ever closer to Rev. Penny coming so please keep her and her family very much in your prayers.

*As always come and enjoy the peace of this beautiful rural church in the heart of the Chilterns. Many enjoy the quiet and a chance to sit and meditate on the surrounding hills. Help yourselves to the tea station in church.*

## theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

May was our Resolution Meeting. This year there were over 95,000 individual se-lections cast by WI members and the most popular resolution, was Dental Health Matters. At our May meeting we learnt more about the issue and dis-cussed the resolution before deciding how our delegate should vote at the Annual Meeting. We voted unanimously to take this to the AGM. Dee and Janet had devised a 'light hearted' quiz, which turned out to be fiercely com-petitive; going to a tie-breaker!

We discussed our participation in the forthcoming D Day commemorative celebration in the village on June 8th. Radnage WI is running a tea and home made cake stall, and in true 40's tradition, we will be suitably attired in headscarves and red lippy! We look forward to seeing everyone there.

June Ann Brown will be talking about learning to fly (later in life!) Ann lives in Radnage.

### Other News:

Our regular walking group is led by Mavis Towell. 2 Walks a month, one short, one longer, finishing with lunch. Walks start at 10.30 am and should finish around 2.30pm. There is a £2 charge for non-members and everyone is very welcome. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mavis by email, [mavis.towell668@btinternet.com](mailto:mavis.towell668@btinternet.com). Please check beforehand in case of unforeseen circumstances.

Our informal Supper Club is thriving; we aim to have them every 2 months. This is

very popular, and a relaxing evening. If you would like to come, or host, please contact us on [radnage.wi@outlook.com](mailto:radnage.wi@outlook.com).

We have a Bring and Buy table at meetings, to raise additional funds. This is always popular. Have a declutter and bring along anything that you no long-er have a use for, books, kitchenware, sewing/ knitting odds and ends, or general bric-a-brac. Remember one woman's junk is another woman's treasure!

**You are very welcome to join us!**

We are a thriving and social group, and our numbers are growing. There is always a cup of tea (sometimes wine!) and delicious cakes. We have inter-esting speakers, and there is always a lively discussion after the meeting. If you are new to the village, come along to one of our meetings to see what we are like before you join! There is a nominal charge of £5.00 for non-members. Our meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month, we meet in Radnage Village Hall. Please aim to arrive at 7.15 for a 7.30 start.

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Please note, It is a locked cabinet and calling emergency services and stating position will allow access code to be gained.

The 'What 3 words' position is: state. eternally. satellite and it is located at Bennett End Triangle (Green)

### WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW COUNCILLORS TO JOIN US!

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### Next Meeting of the Parish Council -

Our next meeting, the Ordinary Meeting of The Parish Council will be held at 8pm on Thursday 11th July 2024.

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### Forthcoming Events at the RBL:-

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June 9th D-Day Anniversary Service at Midday

June 16th UEFA 2024 Euro's – First England Match at 8.00pm

June 22nd Vintage Day and BBQ from Midday onwards

July 20th Summer Disco (details to follow)

### From Brown To Bond – A Yorkshire Tale:-

Most farmers will be aware of David Brown (DB) tractors. Even if you're not a farmer or have never heard of David Brown you should find the following article of interest.

David Brown started out manufacturing gears in the 1860's at his factory in Meltham, a town in the Calder Valley of Yorkshire not far from Huddersfield. At that time his company was the largest producer of machine-cut gears in the world. By the 1930's his grandson David Brown Jr was running the firm and started producing tractors for the farming community. As this business began to flourish WWII started and the scarcity of materials made things look perilous for the tractor trade. A stroke of genius saw David Brown starting to manufacture a towing tractor for heavy bombers such as the Lancaster & Wellington. This led to a commission from the Air Ministry enabling him to keep the agricultural side afloat. As well as tractors towing the bombers the firm also manufactured the gears that were put into Spitfires & Hurricanes – thus remotely

having a part in the outcome of the Battle of Britain. Of course the German Luftwaffe was well aware of this and having bombed the London factories out of existence turned their attention to Meltham Mills, but luckily



they couldn't find it. Apparently the nearest to the works they got was a chicken factory close by – locals woke up the next morning thinking it had snowed because everywhere was covered in a carpet of white feathers!

At the end of the war a report cited the DB factory as one of the reasons for the UK winning – alongside the attack on Pearl Harbour & Hitler's decision to invade Russia.



His interest in these cars led to a win in the 1959 Le Mans race and the Aston Martin DB5 being used by none other than James Bond. His 'Gadget Car' was seen in the film 'Goldfinger'.



However David Brown wasn't too bothered about the success of all this as at the time his tractor business was still flourishing and making him a rich man.

The original gear company survives today albeit under new ownership and in a new factory at Park Works in Huddersfield. Having, many moons ago, taken over the Lancashire firm of Harrison, McGregor & Guest Ltd due to their agricultural interests the company badge was changed to reflect the two counties. This still remains but the tractor & car companies were sold off in the 1970's due to financial losses. Even so the DB name still lives on in the Aston Martin marque.



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# West Wycombe

## News from St Paul's Church

We are on the brink of new beginnings! Not only will our lovely Alison Rimmer have re-located to Dorset, while we share out between us the multitude of undertakings that she has been doing single - handed, but we have just had our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This followed an uplifting service taken by Revd. Canon Rosie Harper. We cleared our minds with coffee and cake - naturally - .A good number of interested parties attended the meeting, which was chaired by Alison Wood. We began with a thanksgiving for all the positive answers to prayer experienced over the past year, for example the successful sale of the Church Room to someone who we know will maintain and cherish the building for which we retain great fondness. You may have noticed how smart the outside now looks.

Proceeds of the sale then enabled us to embark on the reparations to the parish church of St. Paul's, together with gradually improving the interior for multi-purpose usage and more accessibility for wheelchair users. We are now looking forward to new, more comfortable chairs, whilst using the green ones from St. Lawrence's in the interim. The other great answer to prayer was the appointment of a new incumbent, namely Revd. Penny Nash, whose ministry to the United Benefice will commence in July. More about that next month.

Copies of all reports were distributed to all those at the meeting. These comprised the following :-

The Church Warden's Report on behalf of the Incumbent, the Church Warden's Report, Presentation of the Electoral Roll, (which now stands at 28), the Financial Report, the Deanery Report, the Worship Report, the Children's Report and the Social and Fund Raising Report. Much admiration and thanks to all those worthy report writers. If you were unable to attend the A.P.C.M. and would like any information from the reports

please don't hesitate to ask me. Although bear in mind that they represent times that have since been superseded.

Following that, there was a presentation, by Alison Wood and Sharon Henson, of 2 gifts to Alison Rimmer, in recognition and gratitude for her immeasurable time, effort, love and dedication to the parish.

At this point I should mention the amazing, breath-taking and exuberant exhibition and sale of works put on over 3 days, 4th - 6th of May by 'The Exhibitionists', a group of outstanding artists and crafts people. They (and we) were thrilled with its success, which they would like to repeat in due course. Anyway there was a preview held on Friday 3rd at which Alison was present and, unbeknown to her, certain spy's were observing which objects Alison was especially enraptured by, which explains the gifts afore mentioned! Alison not only expressed her gratitude for the gifts, but thanked the 4 members of the P.C.C. and all present for all their hard work and dedication without which she said "I could not have managed".

Well - back to the continuing business of the meeting. Numbers on the P.C.C. are dependant upon a number of factors and, in the case of our parish six members are allowed. For the past year there have been just four, so two more were proposed and seconded, namely Ros Hilborne, for her speciality of social and fund-raising, and myself, for the purpose of writing in the Contact. Although you might be thinking that's been a bit of a mistake after another month or so. The already existing members agreed to stand again for the coming year. The date of the next meeting was confirmed

and the meeting closed with the Grace.

By the time you read this the residents of Weymouth may be noticing the effects of an energetic, beautiful and warm wave having landed on their shore, and we here will have had the wind taken out of our sails - but Alison dear - we wish you everything you wish yourself.

*May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.*

Beverley Cope

## West Wycombe Parochial Church Council (PCC)

We held our AGM on 12th May after the Sunday service at St Paul's Church. At this meeting Alison Rimmer officially "stood down" as Churchwarden and then later in the month re-located from Bucks to Dorset. Alison had been Churchwarden for 9 years and for the majority of that time we did not have a vicar, which meant that, as Churchwarden, Alison had additional responsibilities and many more duties to perform. Those years also included the "Covid Era" and thanks to Alison's initiatives and hard work we were still able to feel part of the church community, even though we were not able to attend church and worship together.



On behalf of the PCC I would like to take this opportunity to say a big "THANK YOU" to Alison for guiding us through what sometimes has been a challenging time. There have been some big decisions to make about the future of the church in West Wycombe and the church buildings - Alison kept us informed along the way and fed

back to us from meetings and discussions she had at both Deanery and Diocese levels. This meant that our PCC meetings could be focussed and productive.

Alison would always say that she enjoyed her role and I believe that she did but it involved a lot of hard work and an immense amount of time. As a PCC we are very appreciative of everything that Alison did - going over and above all expectations.

**Thank you Alison.**

*Whichever church community you decide to become part of in Weymouth, you will be welcomed with open arms - they will be very lucky people! God Bless*

Alison Wood

## News from your Parish Council

**Cllr John Carstensen has returned to active duty after a long period of absence due to illness and he is looking forward to serving the Parish Council and our community again.**

This will be my last article for Contact as I officially retired at the end of May.

I have been reflecting on my role and work and it makes me realise how lucky we are to have such a proactive Parish Council and Councillors. Many residents will not appreciate that most of the things which make our life in the parish of West Wycombe more pleasant are down to your Parish Councillors, all of whom are volunteers and give of their time with dedication.

Your Parish Council was created in 1987 and Cllr Mrs Vicki Smith has been a Councillor since that date and for over 30 years was also the Chairman. Over the years other residents have come forward to be elected as Parish Councillors and it can be a thankless but rewarding task.

Since its creation the Parish Council has been responsible for, and in the majority of cases, paying for, all the footway lighting in Chorley Road, Bradenham Road and Church Lane; the zebra crossing in the High Street and the Pelican Crossing in West Wycombe Road; the footway from the High Street up towards the entrance to the small car park; the burial ground; the Community Orchard; the allotments; the Pedestal Playing Field; all the road safety work along the Bradenham Road by going to the parliamentary select committee for Hs2; the two Vehicle Activated Speed Signs on Chorley Road, the Speed sign on the corner of the Oxford Road; the Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign on the entry to the High Street (currently with the

manufacturers); the bollards to help residents have a good vision splay at Copperfields; getting some of the grass cut within the 30 miles per hour speed limit areas; the most frequently used footpaths kept clear; parking restrictions outside our shops (sadly not visited enough by non existent Traffic Wardens); Christmas trees planted and lit; Jubilee mugs for the all the children at the school and the pre school and many other smaller things like dog waste bins and litter bins and constantly nagging Wycombe District Council when it existed and always Buckinghamshire Council to ensure that street lighting is working, litter bins are emptied, pavements are swept, potholes are repaired and all waste bins are collected. There are many other smaller things which could be added to the list including raising objections and concerns when planning applications come in – so many of the issues we thought would become a problem on some of the developments have come to fruition – but we tried.

It has been a most rewarding and satisfying experience working as Clerk with the Parish Councillors on all the above projects but also frustrating at times as legislation can often hold things up by a considerable amount of time. If you do not live in a parished area there is no one looking after your best interests.

The new Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, Steven Marshall, will be taking over on 1st June and the next issue of Contact will have more from him. Steven has retired from a career in educational management; his last position being

as a Bursar of an Oxford University College. Steven already has extensive knowledge of clerking for a Parish Council.

Our dates for meetings in 2024 are as follows: 13th June, 11th July, 8th August (if required), 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, and 12th December. All meetings start at 8pm and the agenda is issued a week before the meeting and is available on the website (see below) and on our Facebook page.

### FixMyStreet

The Fix My Street website is there for you to report potholes, damaged kerb stones, broken signs etc. – please visit <https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>.

Please remember, to get the latest information on: Parish Council activities; social events; Bucks Council; Thames Valley Police; government legislation; footpaths and many other things that may affect our community go to [www.westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk).

The Parish Council has a Facebook page .

The Clerk works part-time for the Parish Council; however, we are always happy to receive emails or messages on the answer machine and these will be replied to as quickly as possible.

Sharon Henson, Parish Clerk  
[clerk@westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## West Wycombe Community Library

Our opening times are as follows

**Monday - Friday**

**10am - 12 noon**

**Saturday & Sunday Closed**

Phone number 01494 449389

We serve coffee teas, fruit teas

The Library has a lovely courtyard which is set back from the road and in a sunny spot if required or you can sit in the shade.

The Library is situated behind the butcher's in the Swan Courtyard. Please visit us to borrow books or sit at the Library for a read or cup of tea.

We have some lovely blankets for sale. These have been made by Ann & her cousin Wendy. These are £5 each.

Money raised from selling the blankets will be given to a charity with a donation to the Library.



Thank you Ann & Wendy for all your hard work. Thank you also Ann for knitting lovely baby hats for the special care baby unit.

Charmaine Gallaghe



# WEST WYCOMBE WILL BE LIGHTING A BEACON ON THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

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Bell ringing at 19:30

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# Summer FETE

**Sun. 30th June**  
**12pm - 3pm**  
**at West Wycombe School**

• **Fancy Dress Competition** • **Dog Competition**

Games • Bouncy Castle • Face Painting  
• Bar • Food & Drink & Much much more

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## West Wycombe Chamber Choir

After a very successful Easter Concert where we raised £1500 for the Dementia Carers Respite Charity, the choir are looking forward now to our tour of Tuscany, Italy, at the end of May, where we will be performing 3 concerts in beautiful Italian Cathedrals and Basilicas. We will also be getting in some sightseeing whilst there, as well as some serious tasting of Italian food and wine! We have 53 people going, which also includes family members, and we nearly fill one third of the aircraft.

Rehearsals have started for our **Summer Concert on Saturday 13th July at 7pm St Lawrence Church, West Wycombe.** This time we are taking you back to the music of the 60's and 70's. It is always difficult trying to find appropriate music to perform as we have a very large repertoire for this era. However, we think we have managed to fit in enough songs to please everyone and get St. Lawrences rocking on that evening! This concert is in aid of the Wycombe Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme, which aims to help people who are homeless, or in housing need, gain access to privately rented accommodation by offering a guarantee against losses, damage or rent arrears in lieu of the usual deposit.

So far since we started the choir in 2006 we have raised more than £25,000 for various charities. So let's keep up the good work and help this charity to keep going.

Another **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** is our 60's, 70's & 80's evening social event for everyone, on Friday 21st June, 7.30 p.m. in West Wycombe Village Hall with a licensed bar. Should be a great evening for all the family. Tickets now available ring Michèle, number below.

We are always happy to welcome new members to our choir, of all voices, and in particular basses. We practice on Wednesday evenings at West Wycombe Primary School from 7:30pm to 9:30pm, with a short break

so that we can all enjoy a friendly chat with each other.

For further information see our website or ring Michèle 07795 680253 or Barry 07795 680223.

Barry Hodkinson, Musical Director

## 60'S, 70'S & 80'S SUMMER EVENING SOCIAL

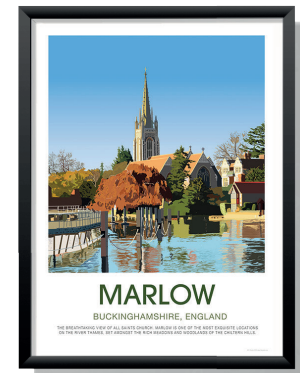
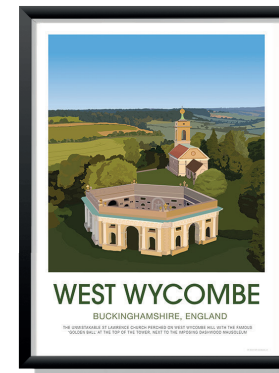
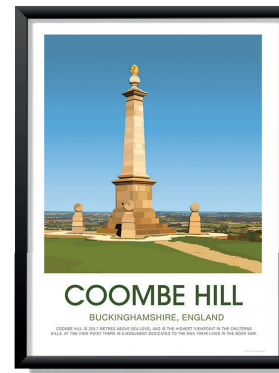
**Friday 21st June  
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High Street, West Wycombe.  
Great music to re-live!**

**Licensed Bar & Raffle Available.  
Bring your own table food.**

**Tickets £12 each.  
Children free.**

### Contact for tickets

Michèle - 07795 680253  
email - machoddy@gmail.com or  
Charmaine 07425 159071  
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## West Wycombe School

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## St Lawrence West Wycombe Community Association

St Lawrence West Wycombe Community Association is working with the Church of England to secure the future of our wonderful Grade I listed church.

They have been working hard over the last few months putting plans in place and will be able to give further details over the next few months, however in the meantime we would like let you know what events we have planned coming up and invite you all to come and visit the church to find out more information.

Thursday 6th June is the 80th anniversary of D Day and in conjunction with West Wycombe Village events, the church will be open to serve refreshments throughout the evening and will be hosting a community flower festival.

The church will also be open on the 8th and 9th June in the afternoon for visitors to come and enjoy the flowers and the beautiful church along with refreshments.

We also have the West Wycombe Chamber Choir Summer concert on 13th July and St Lawrence's Festival on Sunday 11th August to coincide with St Lawrence's Day on the 10th August.

If you want to find out what's happening to the iconic church and tower please come along and have a chat, we'd love to see you.

Lyn Lee

### West Wycombe Village Hall

westwycombevillagehall.co.uk

Mon	Morning	Pip - Phonics with Robot Reg • pip@robotreg.co.uk
	Afternoon	Exercise & Mobility class 1pm, • ollyreedfitness@gmail.com
	Evening	West Wycombe Art Group • wwag.secretary@hotmail.com
Tues	Morning	Available
	Afternoon	Available
	Evening	Jennifer Zumba • jennifer.morais.zumba@outlook.com Masque Player • masqueplayers2022@gmail.com
Wed	Morning	WW Toddler Group • wwabytoddler@gmail.com
	Afternoon	Crochet Club 4.30pm, • ga.watkins@yahoo.co.uk
	Evening	Cycle club (first Wed of every month)
Thur	Morning	Available
	Afternoon	Available
	Evening	Masque Player • masqueplayers2022@gmail.com Happy Hounds Dog Training • www.huntshappyhounds.co.uk/
Fri-Sat	All Day	Available
Sun	Morning	Available
	Afternoon	Available
	Evening	Yoga with Laila Lailanippres2@gmail.com



## West Wycombe Weather Station

Chorley Road - Eileen Chapman

Week ending	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm	Sunshine hours
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	-2	11	28	11
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	-2	13	17	12
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	5	17	24	4
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	5	15	41	14

Additional weather report from Windy Whitby! 24 of us went on the village trip to Whitby on the 22nd, wonderfully organised by Roger Seymour. In a word, it was windy - and cold - and rainy. Our trip to Yorkshire on the 22nd was very wet all day and misty, so no view of the wonderful scenery. Although the rest of the time wasn't very clement, it didn't put a stop to any of our activities, particularly around our hotel

overlooking the rough sea. The north wind was just amazing, I think that the wind down Chorley Road can be pretty brisk, but it is a balmy breeze in comparison. I went out for a short walk one day - having been told that it was cold - and reported back that it was indeed 'not 'ot'. We had a great time due to Roger and Michael, our coach driver, thank you to both of you.



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## West Wycombe Preschool

This year West Wycombe Preschool are turning 50 years old. To celebrate this amazing achievement, we will be creating a giant piece of Wall Art with a collage of art from the community. We would love to invite anyone who lives locally, who has ever attended Preschool, had children at Preschool or worked at Preschool over the last 50 years to take part.

To get involved we ask that you create a small piece of art work – this can be as simple or elaborate as you would like it to be. The images will be digitally recreated on a large wall mounted piece of collage art that will be permanently displayed on the wall in our garden for all to see.

We will be hosting a 50th Birthday Party where the art work will be revealed on Saturday 13th July. To get the collage put together before this we ask that all art is submitted with a £1 donation towards the costs of creating this, in by 21st June. We ask that where possible you use paint or felt tips to create your image as these will stand out best, roughly a 21cm sq image. Please find more details on our website [www.westwycombepreschool.com](http://www.westwycombepreschool.com)

*Jo Brookfield - Manager*



### We now have a Clothing Bank in our driveway

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- Wearable Clothing • Paired Shoes • Handbags • Belts

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# Church Services

<b>Sunday 2 June</b> <i>Trinity 1</i>	<b>Eucharist 10am</b> <i>Reverend Anne Cooper</i>	St Mary's, Radnage	Deut 5.12-15 2 Cor 4.5-12 Mk 2.23-3.6
<b>Sunday 9 June</b> <i>Trinity 2</i>	<b>Eucharist 10.30am</b> <i>Reverend Andi Chapman</i>	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Gen 3.8-15 2 Cor 4.13-5.1 Mk 3.20-35
<b>Sunday 16 June</b> <i>Trinity 3</i>	<b>Eucharist 10.00am</b> <i>Reverend Ivor Cornish</i>	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Ezek 17.22-24 2 Cor 5.6-10(11-13) 14-17 Mk 4.26-34
<b>Sunday 23 June</b> <i>Trinity 4</i>	<b>Eucharist 11am</b> <i>Reverend Chris Bull</i>	St Botolph's, Bradenham	Job 38.1-11 2 Cor 6.1-13 Mk 4.35-41
<b>Sunday 30 June</b> <i>Trinity 5</i>	<b>Eucharist 10.30am</b> <i>Reverend Veronica Beaumont</i>	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Wis 1.13-15;2.23-24 2 Cor 8.7-15 Mk 5.21-43
<b>Sunday 7 July</b> <i>Trinity 6</i>	<b>Eucharist 10am</b> <i>Reverend Anne Cooper</i>	St Mary's, Radnage	Ezek 2.1-5 2 Cor 12.2-10 Mk 6.1-13
<b>Sunday 14 July</b> <i>Trinity 7</i>	<b>Eucharist with Baptism 10.30am</b> <i>Reverend Ivor Cornish</i>	St Paul's, West Wycombe	Amos 7.7-15 Eph 1.3-14 Mk.6. 14-29
<b>Sunday 21 July</b> <i>Trinity 8</i>	<b>Eucharist 10.00am</b> <i>Reverend Veronica Beaumont</i>	St Paul's, Bledlow Ridge	Jer 23.1-6 Eph 2.11-22 Mk 6.30-34,53-56
<b>Sunday 28 July</b> <i>Trinity 9</i>	<b>Eucharist with Baptism 11am</b> <i>Reverend Andi Chapman</i>	St Botolph's, Bradenham	2 Kings 4.42-44 Eph 3.14-21 Jn 6.1-21

### What does TRINITY mean?

Jesus is God's Son; Jesus teaches us to call God 'Father'. When Jesus ascended to God the Father, he sent the Holy Spirit, who is also the presence of God. Three ways in which we come to know God.

As the first Christians thought about all this, they concluded that although there was only one God. God was known to them in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We call this the TRINITY. God is three and God is one.

Trinity Sunday was celebrated on 26th May but the date changes each year as it relates to Easter and the phase of the moon. Through the summer each Sunday is known as the number of weeks after Trinity e.g. Trinity 1, etc. During this time we learn about the teachings of Jesus.



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