

Parish Newsletter
Sunday 19th April
3rd of Easter



Choral Evensong this Sunday 19th April 5.30pm at St Mary's

This Sunday at St Mary's the choir will be singing choral evensong as part of our Easter celebrations. The service will feature some fantastic music including the Tomkins responses, Bairstow's setting of Psalm 114, the Walmisley in D Minor Mag and Nunc, and Wesley's much-loved anthem "Blessed be the God and Father". *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!* There'll also be two congregational hymns and an organ voluntary. All welcome.

Next Parish Lunch is on Wednesday 29th April, 1.00pm at The Kings Arms, The Moors.

Everyone is very welcome - please contact Anne (378267) to book or for further details.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting APCM takes place on Tuesday April 28th, 8.00pm at St John's

This meeting is open to everyone on the Electoral Roll, so do come along. We will be electing or re-electing Churchwardens and Deanery Synod representatives, and electing some new PCC members.

It is not too late to put yourself forward for election to the PCC, and get involved in important decision making in the Parish -have a word with the churchwardens if you're interested.

We will also be considering the accounts and reviewing all our many activities in 2025, in preparation for moving forward. You will find 2 booklets in each church this Sunday, to read ahead of the meeting - the "Papers" contains a review of events in 2025, and the "Accounts" speaks for itself. These documents will also be available on the parish website kidhp.org.uk so do consider reading these online instead.

Anne Handsley, PCC Secretary

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8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

10am Open Space Service (St Mary's)

10am Holy Communion (St John's and
livestream)

10am Holy Communion (Hampton Poyle)

5.30pm Evensong (St Mary's)

Mon, Weds and Fri

10am Pause for Prayer online

Tuesday 21st April

7.30pm Iona Service (St John's)

Weds 22nd April

11am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

Sunday 26th April

4th of Easter

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

10am Joint Parish Service (St John's)

NO 10am Service at St Mary's this week

All livestreams are here:

www.youtube.com/@KidHPChurch

Don't forget our service sheets are downloadable and online. Feel free to bring a tablet to the service to help the environment.

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From May 18th-22nd, we will be helping lead a “Be:Space” week in North Kidlington primary.

We will set up a prayer room/space in the school to encourage the children to engage in prayer and/or reflection. There are a number of prayer zones each with a simple interactive activity connected with a type of prayer - e.g. praying for the world, or expressing your worries, or remembering people you're thankful for etc. During the week every class spends 45 minutes or so in the prayer room. It really is a lovely experience and a great opportunity to explain Christian prayer to - and stir spirituality in the lives of - primary aged kids (as well as their teachers and parents!).

Be:Space is only possible because of volunteers who help explain the activities to kids, and are on hand to answer questions. Sessions are 45 mins long, and all training will be provided. If you would like to help out during the week, please contact Paul (curatepaul@kidhp.org.uk).

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN RETURNS

During Lent, we have been focusing on the financial needs of our Parish through a Stewardship Campaign. We have had an encouraging response from many people so far, but there are still many who have yet to submit their return. For these people, please can you complete the information requested on the last page of the "Giving To Grow" booklet that was included in the information pack you have taken away. Once completed, you can "post" it into one of the boxes at the back of the churches, or post it to the Parish Office. Thank you!

Opportunity to become a PCC member

We will have a few vacancies on the PCC at the APCM on April 28th, so if you are interested in finding out more, please speak to your churchwardens who will be happy to give you more information and a nomination form. PCC members are trustees of the Parish and make important decisions about how the Parish is governed. Anne Handsley, PCC Secretary

Parish Fete – July 4th 12:30-4:00pm Please save the date!

Thank you to those who have joined the planning team and helped ensure the continuation of the Fete. As we begin our planning we find we are short of a few key positions to ensure the day has the feel we love.

BBQ We are looking for keen BBQers to man the BBQs. We already have a couple of additional helpers, but we really need someone who can safely BBQ both the meat (sausages & burgers) and the veggie burgers. We have our own large BBQ and have the availability of another smaller one (for the veggie burgers), we just need someone with the time and skill to cook the food!

Children's Games Coordinator We need one or two people to head up the running of the children's games, again we have the equipment and information needed to run the games, we just need someone/small team to make sure it happens.

First Aiders Those of us that trained with the parish as first aiders have certificates that will run out before the Fete. So, if you have a certificate that will be active on 4th July and are going to be at the Fete (either on a stall, or just in attendance), we would love to hear from you. We are keen to have several First Aiders around the Fete so there is plenty of back up if needed.

If you can help at all please email: tilly.evershed@gmail.com

Felicity's Sabbatical

Felicity will be going on sabbatical from 1st May to 31st July this year. All Sunday services will continue as normal, thanks to our wonderful clergy team.

The protocol is that Oliver and the churchwardens will have oversight of the general running of the parish, and it is normal for the Area Dean to be involved in supporting, answering questions, and liaising with the diocese as needed. Robert Buckledee, as lay chair, will chair the PCC and Standing Committee. All the other PCC working groups will function as usual (finance, fabric, eco, Children and Young People...)

Supporting Oliver and the wardens are Malc and Margaret as our office and admin team, and the wider team of licensed clergy and ministers. In the summer term we will enjoy the fete, a sermon series on Prayer, a Week of Accompanied Prayer, and the usual summer events.

Felicity will have time away, some time with family, and will be researching Equine Assisted Psychotherapy: an emerging therapeutic way of working with horses which more and more is being used to treat anxiety, ADHD, eating disorders, addiction, loss, depression, bereavement, anger, and other conditions which many of us live with.



**This Friday
17th April,
7.30pm at the
King's Arms**

Serving the Community

Dates for your diary :

Funerals:

Sheila Thackray
27th April, 1pm St Mary's

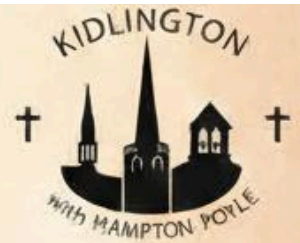
In our Prayers this Week

Peter, Eirian and James
Sarah and Vassilis
David and Tricia, Pat, Diana
Andrew
David T
Graham Bullock
Cat and Hannah

Those who have died:

Sheila Thackray
Joan T
Bridget B
We continue to pray for all where there are wars,
civil strife or natural disasters

Saturday 18th April
St Mary's Church
7pm



DESERT ISLAND DISCS

Buy tickets here:
<https://tinyurl.com/oliver-desert>



Rev'd Oliver Harrison

Interviewed by Jan Jeffreys

£12.50 on the door

Includes a glass of wine and nibbles



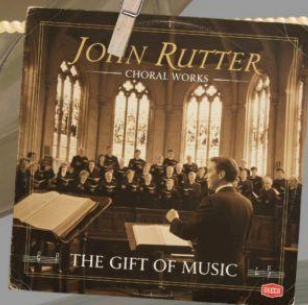
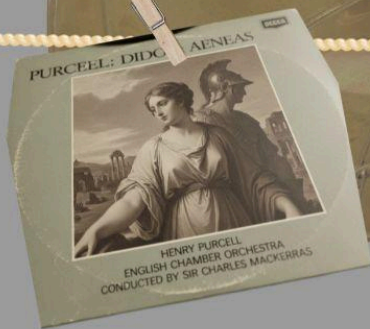
Kidlington Amateur Operatic Society

presents

Messages Through Music

from Purcell to The Carpenters

Thursday 23rd April
Saturday 25th April 2026



St. Mary's Church, Kidlington

7:30 p.m.

Tickets: £15; 11-17 years £10

for tickets call 01865 375613, online at www.kaos.news
or in person at Oxford Building Supplies High Street or Anemone
Florist Kidlington Centre

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Musical Dialogue



Dame Imogen Cooper

in conversation about
the pleasures and
pressures of being an
international pianist -



Tim Horton

- also a brilliant pianist
and Kidlington resident



26TH APRIL 2026 @ 6PM

St Mary's, Church Street, Kidlington OX5 2BA

Tickets £25 - discounts available

Booking - fosmk.org.uk or Eventbrite

