

Parish Newsletter  
Sunday 3rd May  
5th of Easter



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This Sunday marks the beginning of The Sermon Series on Prayer with the title of the first sermon: “Being Loved”.

Over the next few weeks we are looking forward to the following sermons:

How do I pray?  
Prayer Ministry  
Being Attentive  
Being Justified

You may already have a hard copy of the Sermon Series booklet, it can also be seen online and downloaded here:

<https://tinyurl.com/adventure-of-prayer>

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8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

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

10am All Together Service (St John's)

10am Holy Communion (Hampton Poyle)

**Mon, Weds and Fri**

10am Pause for Prayer online

Tuesday 5th May

7.30pm Iona Service (St John's)

Weds 6th May

11am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

**Sunday 10th May**  
6th of Easter

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

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

10am Holy Communion (St John's)

3pm Rogation (Starts at 39 Oxford Rd)

All livestreams are here:  
[www.youtube.com/@KidHPChurch](http://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](mailto:curatepaul@kidhp.org.uk)).

## **Sunday 10th May TIG monthly youth group 7-8.30pm at SJK - Newcomers welcome**

### **Giving to Grow - Thank You!**

A big thank you to everyone who has responded to the 'Giving to Grow' Stewardship Campaign through Lent. You have all been wonderful and we are well on the way to meeting our target. Some people have yet to return the tear off form that indicates the action you are able or not able to take. If you have not returned your form there is still time..... and then there may be a need to put your intention into action. Quite a few people have commented that they really want to do something but haven't got around to doing it yet. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

### **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](mailto:tilly.evershed@gmail.com)

## Eco-Team sunset survey of St Mary's Churchyard Sat 2nd May 8pm



The Eco-Team are organising a 'Sunset Survey' of the Churchyard, starting at 8pm on **Saturday 2nd May** for members of the Church Family and your friends (there will be other bat walks later in May publicised through the Kidlington Eco Group website <https://kidlingtonecogroup.co.uk>). Rendezvous in the Churchyard at 8pm on Saturday 2nd May.

There will be bat detectors, and an optional walk over to the White Bridge to see if we can find Daubenton's Bats, the "water bat" and other species. For those who don't want to come to the Bridge, stay in the Churchyard and see what you can see and hear - the birdsong can be fabulous in the evenings!

We are planning on a fire, with baked potatoes, S'mores, and toasted marshmallows, No charge, but donations to cover food welcome and any surplus to the Church Funds

In order to get an idea of numbers, it would be useful - but not essential - to register using <https://tinyurl.com/kidhpsunsetsurvey26>

We'll finish with Compline at 9:15, but you'll be welcome to stay later if the mood takes you! Child friendly, but children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

### Felicity's Sabbatical

Last Sunday is Felicity's last service before her sabbatical. In her absence Robert Buckeldee as senior warden is legally holding the reins supported by the Area Dean, whilst Oliver is the senior priest supported by the full team of clergy and lay ministers. All worship will continue as usual and there are some exciting things happening such as the Week of Accompanied Prayer and the Parish Fete to enjoy. 3 months will fly by and most people will not notice the difference. Felicity will be away sometimes but also at home and so you will see her around Kidlington and Hampton Poyle walking the dog, shopping etc. It's lovely to say hello. Please do not feel you have to shun her, but she is away from work and is under strict instructions not to interfere with the wonderful staff team, so it is not helpful to start talking about church business at these times. But friendship is always good!

### Serving the Community: Funerals

Brenda Havard 12th May 2pm - Ox Crem  
Joan Townsend 14th May 1pm - Nth Ox Crem  
Christopher Webb 15th May 2pm Ox Crem  
John Collier 19th May 11am Ox crem

### Weddings at St Mary's

6th June: Boppy and Finn, 11.30am  
25th July: Bea and Jez 1pm

### 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, David and Margaret

#### Those who have died:

Rosemary T, Joan T  
We continue to pray for all where there are wars, civil strife or natural disasters

## Rogation Sunday 10th May at 3pm Meet outside 39 Oxford Rd.



Join us for our annual walk of blessing around our lovely village. It is a fun and special thing to do. We will stop to bless key places in the village: the green, fields, ponds, a garden, the pub, we might sing a hymn, say a prayer or read a poem. At each point we leave a biodegradable cross of flowers. Everyone welcome, including dogs! Meet outside 39 Oxford Rd, Hampton Poyle. Finish with tea and cake. £3.00 voluntary donation.





LET IT ALL GO  
**GREENBELT**

27-30 AUGUST 2026 BOUGHTON HOUSE

MUSIC

**ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT \* BCUC  
FULU MIZIKI \* THE PROCLAIMERS**

**BLUE ROSE CODE \* FLAMY GRANT \* GRACE PETRIE**

**MARTYN JOSEPH \* PENGUIN CAFE \* ROSE BETTS \* RUMAC**

**ST CATHERINE'S CHILD \* SHLOMO & THE GOB ORCHESTRA**

ANSERINE \* ALYA ISHA & THE RA KHOLECTIV \* CAPYAC \* CRY'S MATTHEWS \* DARAA TRIBES  
DAVID BENJAMIN BLOWER \* DEVA ST. JOHN \* DUB COLOSSUS \* DUSTBOWL REVIVAL \* FLAT MOON  
GECKO \* GENERATION FERAL \* HANG LINTON \* HARRY BIRD \* HOPE & SOCIAL \* IRKED  
JARMOUSE \* JOSEPH TAWADROS \* JUNIOR BROTHER \* LEE BAINS \* LIZZY HARDINGHAM  
LUKE WALLACE \* MARTHA MAY & THE MONDAYS \* PAMBELE \* SERIN \* SISKIN GREEN \* SOAPBOX  
SPEIT \* STEBEE \* TC & THE GROOVE FAMILY \* WITHERED HAND \* XRAY VEZ \* YAKKIE

IDEAS & ACTIVISM

**CATHY NEWMAN \* CHARLOTTE CHURCH \* JORDAN STEPHENS  
MARTIN SHAW \* MICHAEL SHEEN\* \* MINA SMALLMAN \* MOBEEN AZHAR**

ANN PETTIFOR \* BELLE TINDALL-RILEY \* BEN RAWLENCE \* BILL MCKIBBEN\*

CHEER UP LUV \* COLE MORETON \* FATIMA IBRAHIM \* JAY GRIFFITHS \* LAMBROS FATSIS

LAMMA MANSOUR \* LIZ BUCAR\* \* LUCY WINKETT \* NICK LOWLES \* OMAR BARGHOUTI

REFUGEE TALES \* ROBIN INCE \* RUTH VALERIO \* SHANE CLAIBORNE\*

SONITA ALLEYNE \* SUE PARFITT \* VANDAL FACTORY PODCAST

POETRY & SPOKEN WORD

**HARRY BAKER \* THE HOT POETS**

DESREE \* ERIN BOLENS \* HANNAH DAVIES \* JASMINE GARDOSI \* PÁDRAIG Ó TUAMA

PAUL COOKSON \* RENSOLL \* YASMIN JENKINS

THEATRE & COMEDY

ANCESTORS BY PETER BRATHWAITE

COMEDY CLUB WITH JONATHAN MAYOR \* KAYLEIGH JONES \* MATT GREEN \* RIA LINA

FOLK ON \* HUG BY LEVANTES DANCE THEATRE

LUISA OMIELAN WITH GOD IS A WOMAN THE MUSICAL

MATT WINNING WITH SOLASTALGIA \* NO DIRECTION HOME

REC.ON(STRUCTION) BY MAX CALAF & LUCAS RUIZ \* REGGIE WATTS

ROLL PLAY BY SIMPLE CYPHER \* SAINTS ON THE BRIDGE BY TESTAMENT

SORRY (I BROKE YOUR ARMS AND LEGS) BY MAYBE YOU LIKE IT

THE LIGHT HOUSE BY ALYS WILLIAMS

WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

ANDY SQUYRES \* CARRIE GRANT

FRANCESCO BY DANIEL ZAPPI \* SEKRIIT \* WILDERTHORN

VISUAL ARTS

MALAK MATTAR \* MUSSON+RETALLICK, MIGRATION

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

BUNGALOW BILL \* CIRCUS KAOS \* DIZZY O'DARE \* DJ JOZZY

FAMILY TWIST \* FIERY JACKS \* FISCHY MUSIC \* HAYLEY YOGA

PLAY SHAPES \* POCO DROM \* SOHAN KAILEY

PLUS

DJ SETS \* YOUTH PROGRAMME \* WORKSHOPS

SKATE RAMP \* GRADE 1 LISTED PARKLAND

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***Summer Sundays  
at St Mary's***



***Church Open for  
Afternoon Teas  
3pm to 5pm  
in the Refectory at the back of  
the church  
from 3rd May to 6th September***



## SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES THIS SEASON

**All services in the parish for May to August 2026 will be shown on the website ([kidhp.org.uk/onsite-services](http://kidhp.org.uk/onsite-services)) and will be announced in news-sheets, but here is a simple list of where to find the regular Sunday services each week. Please do come even when the service is not in your "regular" church building.**

3 May	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	All Together
	St Mary's HP	10am	Holy Communion
10 May	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
17 May	<b>St Mary's HP</b>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Rogation</b>
	St Mary's K	10am	Open Space
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's HP	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's K	5.30pm	Choral Evensong
<b>24 May, Pentecost</b>	<b>METHODIST</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>CTK joint service</b>
31 May, Trinity	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's HP	10am	Holy Communion
7 June	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	All Together
14 June	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's HP	10am	Holy Communion
21 June	St Mary's K	10am	Open Space
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's K	5.30pm	Choral Evensong
<b>28 June</b>	<b>St John's</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Joint Parish Communion</b>
5 July	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	All Together
	St Mary's HP	10am	Holy Communion
12 July	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
19 July	St Mary's K	10am	Open Space
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion

	St Mary's HP	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's K	5.30pm	Choral Evensong
<b>26 July</b>	<b>St Mary's K</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Joint Parish Communion</b>
2 August	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	All Together
	St Mary's HP	10am	Holy Communion
9 August	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
16 August	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's HP	10am	Holy Communion
<b>23 August</b>	<b>St John's</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Joint Parish Communion</b>
30 August	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	All Together
6 September	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	All Together
	<b>St Mary's HP</b>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Pet Service</b>

*Also 8am Service of Holy Communion in St Mary's Kidlington every Sunday.*



Oliver with his new Maeving RM1S Electric Motorcycle. Amazing fun !