

Parish Newsletter
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6th of Easter



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This Sunday, the Sermon Series on Prayer continues with the theme of the sermon: "How do I Pray".



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

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 Holy Communion (St John's)

3pm Rogation (Starts at 39 Oxford Rd)

Mon, Weds and Fri

10am Pause for Prayer online

Tuesday 12th May

7.30pm Iona Service (St John's)

Weds 13th May

11am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

Sunday 17th May

7th of Easter

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

10am Open Space Service (St Mary's)

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

5.30pm Evensong (St Mary's)

10am Holy Communion (Hampton Poyle)

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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Choristers and Youth Choir this Sunday 10th May

The Choristers and Youth Choir are singing at St Mary's at 10am on the second Sunday of the month this term. Our next service is this Sunday 10th May, when we will also be making some chorister promotions to the roles of Senior Chorister and Head Chorister. Do come and support our young people and enjoy their beautiful music!

Finzi "Lo, the full, final sacrifice" at Evensong on Sunday 17th May

The anthem "Lo, the full, final sacrifice" by Gerald Finzi is one of the true masterpieces of the Anglican choral repertoire. It is a beguiling composition with a rich text taken from two metaphysical poems of Richard Crashaw (c. 1613–1649), "Adoro Te" and "Lauda Sion Salvatorem". It features some hauntingly beautiful melodies and harmonies, and its soaring final "Amen" is officially the best "Amen" ever composed, according to Radio 3 listeners in a recent poll!

The choir have been working hard on it in rehearsals and will be singing it next Sunday 17th May at 5.30pm as part of our monthly choral evensong at St Mary's. As always, you are warmly invited to join us for the service, which will also feature the Preces and Responses by Smith, the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Willan, two congregational hymns and an organ voluntary (The St Anne Prelude by J S Bach). A wonderful way to wrap up our Easter/Ascension season!

Church Youth Weekend Away 2026



Calling All Parents & Carers of Teenagers,

We're delighted to announce that bookings are now open for our **3rd Annual Church Youth Weekend Away** — a time for teenagers to step back from the busyness of life, grow in faith together, and enjoy real community across all ages.

This year we're heading to a **new location: Adventure Plus, Main Street, Clanfield, Oxfordshire, OX18 2SN** — a fantastic setting with great facilities, beautiful surroundings, and plenty of space for worship, teaching, rest, and fun.

Dates: Friday 25th – Sunday 27th September 2026

Cost : £100 per person (by end of May; please use reference "WA26-[surname]")

(We never want cost to be a barrier. If you need support, please speak confidentially to a member of the leadership team.) Across the weekend, we'll share meals, worship, teaching, activities, and time to connect more deeply with God and one another. Whether you've been part of the church for years or have only recently joined, this is a brilliant opportunity to feel part of the whole church family.

How to Book: Please email the Team Vicar, The Rev Oliver Harrison at oliver@kidhp.org.uk

We're really looking forward to all that God will do as we gather together.

With every blessing, Children & Young People Team

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).

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

Week of Accompanied Prayer 28th June to 3rd July

Do you sometimes find it difficult to pray?

Would you like to know more about different ways of praying?

Would you like to deepen your relationship with God?

No matter our age or where we are on our faith journey, we all have further to go, and more to learn about prayer. Yet it is something we find hard to talk about, even in church.

This summer, starting on **Sunday 28th June**, CTK are inviting you to share in a Week of Accompanied Prayer. During the week, from Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July, you are invited to commit to half an hour of prayer each day and to spending half an hour with a prayer guide, talking about your experience of prayer. The guide will listen and may offer suggestions for different approaches to prayer. These sessions will be totally confidential and supportive – the intention is to encourage and help you to grow in confidence in prayer, and deepen your relationship with God.

The week will begin with an opening service on Sunday 28th, when those taking part will meet their prayer guide. The guides will not be from Kidlington but will come mostly from around Oxfordshire. They are all trained Spiritual Directors, or accompaniers, who each have a ministry of walking alongside people in their journey of prayer and relationship with God. They are giving their time for free, claiming only travel expenses. During the week, you will meet with your guide as far as possible at the same time and in the same venue, and we will do our best to make that as convenient for you as possible.

Most meetings will take place in church premises (all the churches are taking part). There will also be the opportunity to meet on Zoom if that is easier for you. The week will end with a closing service on the Friday evening. Leaflets are available in each church, with a form to complete if you wish to take part. I can also send it by email. Because of the complexity of juggling venues, times and guides,

I need the forms to be returned by Friday 5th June at the latest!

For more information please contact Penny Pedley
pennypedley@gmail.com

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



Of course the weather was nothing like it is in this picture but nevertheless the survey was a success. Within minutes 3 species of Bat had been detected: Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle and Noctule.

We walked over to the White Bridge to see if we could find Daubenton's Bats, the "water bat" but to no avail, however it was a beautiful misty wet evening.

There will be other bat walks later in May publicised through the Kidlington Eco Group website.

<https://kidlingtonecogroup.co.uk> .

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, Malcolm and Maureen

Cat and Hannah, David and Margaret

Those who have died:

Rosemary T, Joan T, Ron C

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

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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) 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	St Mary's HP	3pm	Rogation
	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
24 May, Pentecost	METHODIST	10.30am	CTK joint service
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
28 June	St John's	10am	Joint Parish Communion
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
26 July	St Mary's K	10am	Joint Parish Communion
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
23 August	St John's	10am	Joint Parish Communion
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
	St Mary's HP	3pm	Pet Service

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