

Parish Newsletter  
Sunday 17th May  
7th of Easter



**Sunday 17th May St Mary's- At the Open Space service we continue our series on women in the Bible. - Ruth - Stepping into the Unknown, Service of the word, no Eucharist. Communion is at St John's**



## **Pentecost Sunday 24th May**

When Jesus ascended into heaven the disciples returned to Jerusalem to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. They spent the time together in joyful prayer and worship.

The Holy Spirit came upon them at Pentecost which is 50 days after Easter.

The coming days could be a special time of prayer and community for you as well.

How will you keep this time before Pentecost?

On **Pentecost Sunday (May 24th)** we will join with all the Christians in Kidlington for a single joint service of prayer and praise. On this day we think it is more important to be together in God than to have our own traditional services.

This year we will be at Kidlington Methodist Church for a **10.30am** start to an Ecumenical Service of the Word.

All musicians and singers are warmly encouraged to get involved with the joint music group. Just turn up at 10am on the day. Music is available in advance for those who would like it. Contact HMorgan@email.com for more details.

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8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

10am Open Space Service of the Word  
(St Mary's)

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

5.30pm Evensong (St Mary's)

10am Holy Communion (Hampton Poyle)

**Mon, Weds and Fri**

10am Pause for Prayer online

Tuesday 19th May

7.30pm Iona Service (St John's)

Weds 20th May

11am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

**Sunday 24th May**

8th of Easter

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

10.30am Joint Service at Kidlington  
Methodist Church

**No Service at St John's this week**

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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## **Finzi "Lo, the full, final sacrifice" at Evensong on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **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)).

## **We have a few extra youth events and fundraisers coming up:**

### **Bake Sale Sun 28th June**

In support of the Youth Weekend Away - After the joint church Service at St John's'

### **TIG Punting Trip Sun 12th July from 6pm (NB instead of TIG)**

For current secondary school ages. More details to follow...

### **Quiz Night - Sat 18th July at St John's 7.30pm**

More information to follow soon

Please save the dates - we'd love your support and for the young people to get involved!

## **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  
pennyspedley@gmail.com

The next **PARISH LUNCH** is on **Wednesday 27th May, 1.00pm, at King's Arms, The Moors.**

Everyone is very welcome, but please let me have your orders by Wednesday 20th.

If you haven't joined us before, do contact Anne for further details on 378267

## 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](mailto: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

### Serving the Community: Funerals

John Collier 19th May 11am Ox crem  
Ron Cosford 21st May 11am St Mary's  
Rosemary Tucker 9th June 1pm St Mary's

### 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

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



# SATURPLAY

Drop-in group for babies and toddlers  
aged 0-5 years, and their families

CRAFTS HOME CORNER BOOK CORNER  
OUTDOOR PLAY BABY ROOM SNACKS  
TEA & COFFEE SINGING-TIME FRIENDS

St John's  
Church  
Hall

The Broadway  
Kidlington

3rd Saturday  
of the  
month

10am - 11:30am

£3 per  
child

£2 each  
additional  
sibling



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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.*