



**Trinity Sunday begins the season of 'Green' which is called 'Ordinary Time'. Here is a little story that might help us with ordinary routines that are of course not at all ordinary.**

*A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".*

*This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column.*

*Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"*

*Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!*

**Sunday 31st May**  
Trinity Sunday

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

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

10am Holy Communion (St John's)

10am Holy Communion (Hampton Poyle)

**Mon, Weds and Fri**

10am Pause for Prayer online

Tuesday 2nd June

7.30pm Iona Service (St John's)

Weds 3rd June

11am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

**Sunday 7th June**

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

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

10am All Together Service (St John's)

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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## Fete Preparations

Our Parish Fete is only 5 weeks away (Saturday 4th July 12:30 – 4pm)  
We need your help to make sure it is a success.

### Donations for Stalls

We need items for all of our stalls :- Cakes and produce (please add your name to the list at the back of church), Books, White Elephant (Bric-a-Brack) Plants, Tombola (big and small prizes needed), Toys, pamper and Bling (Toiletries, jewellery etc), Retro (vintage items).

### Stall holders/Helpers – seated positions available.

There are lists in church where you can sign up to help run a stall.  
Please sign up if you possibly can, remember favourite spots get taken early!

**Help before the Fete**, please sign up on sheets in church to help

**Thursday 2nd July 7pm** – fun, but also hard work

- Clear Church ready for stalls
- Collect tables from Methodists and St John's – We particularly need people with cars large enough to take 6ft tables!

**Friday 3rd July** – fun suitable for the less active!

- Morning, from 9.30am – Layout and decorate stalls
- Afternoon from 1:30pm – Sort all the donations by stall

**Saturday 4th July** – Set up and take down

- From 8am – put up Gazebos and outside tables
- From 9:30am – Decorate outside stalls
- From 4pm - Clear up, return tables, set up church for Sunday

## 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

The Week will start on 28th June, but this is a reminder that, if you wish to take part, this is the last week that you have to complete the form and get it to me. I need the forms back by Friday 5th June. This may seem early, but we need to match those who are taking part with prayer guides who are available at the same time and to ensure everyone has a place to meet. That juggling takes time.

The Week is a precious opportunity to reflect on your experience of prayer and the Prayer guides are looking forward to coming or meeting you online. If you haven't heard about the week before or are unsure about what is involved, do find a leaflet in your church or email me for more information on [pennyspedley@gmail.com](mailto:pennyspedley@gmail.com)



# 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

Bridget Bannister Memorial Service

5th June at 1pm St Mary's

Rosemary Tucker

9th June 1pm St Mary's, followed by committal at St John's Chapel, Oxford Crematorium

The proceedings will be live streamed on the following link:

<https://www.funeralstreaming.co.uk/watch/60468/>

There is a memorial / donations page:

<https://rosemarytucker.muchloved.com>

## 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

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



# 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***

**Services for this season**  
**More info on [www.kidhp.org.uk](http://www.kidhp.org.uk)**

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
26 July	St Mary's HP	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's K	5.30pm	Choral Evensong
	<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.*

# Next pub night Friday 5th June



**Men's Pub Night**

**First Friday of every month**

**Kings Arms from 7.30pm.**

## **Fair Trade Group - an expanded remit!**

The Parish Fair Trade Group is expanding its focus to include more ethical issues in our shopping. Such issues include environmental sustainability, impact of transportation, employment conditions, etc. Our hope is that, through this, we can all become better informed shoppers. As a start, in the next few weeks, information will be provided about loo rolls and in due course samples will be provided for you to try. Watch this space!