

Parish Newsletter  
Sunday 23rd Aug  
12th Sunday after Trinity



## August Calendar

Little Acorns will continue on Tuesdays  
Bouncing Babies will continue on Wednesdays  
Friday SEN Squirrels is finished until 4th Sept

Breast feeding will continue on Weds

Mothers and Toddlers open every Thus  
throughout August 9.30 - 11am.

**Please note no group on 27th August**

Tuesday Iona and Wednesday Communion  
continue.

No Choir, nor Choristers, nor Evensong during  
Aug

No Pause for Prayer during Aug

No TIG in Aug

**Sunday 23rd Aug**  
12th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

**NO 10am at St Mary's this week**

10am Joint Parish Service (St John's and  
livestream)

**Mon, Weds and Fri**

**10am Pause for Prayer online**

Pause for Prayer has now stopped for the  
summer break and will resume in September.

Tuesday 25th Aug  
7.30pm Iona Service (St John's)

Weds 26th Aug  
11am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

**Sunday 30th Aug**  
13th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

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

10am Holy Communion (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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As you may know Dr. Bruce Foreman, the Organist and Director of Music at St John's, is leaving us to take up the same position at St Nicholas, Marston. After more than a decade here, we wish him all the best in his new job.

**Sat Aug 22nd will be Bruce's valedictory recital 7.30 - 8.15pm at St John's followed by drinks and a farewell party. All welcome!**

The next day (Sun 23rd Aug) will be our Joint Parish Service also at St John's and Bruce will be playing us out for one last time.

Thanks, Bruce, for your faithful service, friendship, and fellowship!

Please remember the theatre group production of **Alice in Wonderland on Sunday Sept 6<sup>th</sup> in St Mary's Kidlington**. This is organised by the *Friends of St Mary's* in recognition that most Friends events so far have been for adults. This is a professional theatre group called *This Is My Theatre*, bringing their production to us and we hope that many families with children will want to come and enjoy it as a last treat of the summer. Booking is through the *Friends of St Mary's* web site: [fosmk.org.uk](http://fosmk.org.uk) It does cost more than our standard church events because the Friends is a fund-raising organisation to support the historic fabric of the church, and because we have to use the standard prices of the theatre group. If there are families that you know of who might be interested please spread the word among your contacts. Thank you.

## Moses Day – Saturday 12th September 2026

**A Fun Day for All Ages: MOSES - THE JUKEBOX MUSICAL – Saturday 12th September 11am-5pm in St Mary's, Kidlington**

Back in 2024 we had a really fun day together singing and staging the story of Joseph with well-known songs and music. Since January, we have been planning a **follow-up event**, and here it is!

We will be staging a **scratch JUKE BOX MUSICAL** based on the life of **MOSES**, up to his leading his people into the wilderness. The songs are all **well-known** and from a range of eras, from hit musicals like **Oklahoma** and **Man of la Mancha**, and from Artists including **Queen** and **Taylor Swift**.

The **Narration** linking the Songs is told by a Palace Guard from a script written by Justin. Rosemary and David Meara, along with the **Making Group**, have been working away at scenery, costumes and props.

**No prep needed**, just turn up on the day at **St. Mary's**, and musical maestro **Huw Morgan** will guide everyone through the music and staging. There's an **activity for everyone**, with singing and non-singing parts, props to make and move (and play!), costumes to fit, make-up to apply, refreshments to supply, washing up to do, furniture to move, and lots of conversation and sheer fun throughout the day. It's not a performance – just a day of fun.

We start at **11 am** (refreshments from 10.30) and will end by **5pm**.

Lunch at 1 o'clock is **bring-and-share**, so do please bring something to share if you can.

If you have **small children** who won't last the day, no problem, bring them along **at 3 pm prompt**, as one Act includes a **flock of sheep** and we need small people to play them on stage :).

See you on **Saturday 12th September!**

Continuing our Monthly theme for 2026 of *Women in the Bible*, the **Open Space** service at 10am on **Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>** is '**Priscilla and Aquila, Partners in the Gospel**'. Felicity is planning the service with a team that so far includes Katie Tupling and Colin and Alison Johnson. Priscilla and Aquila were friends of St Paul and were a husband and wife team playing a leading role in the emerging church. This one's all about teamwork.

Would you like to be part of the team to plan an interesting and thought-provoking service? You do not need to be an expert on church services. You do not have to lead on the day. But you may have a vital contribution to make as we talk through how to present their story and reflect on their ministry and ours.

*Open Space* is planned by different people each month (which makes it very inclusive), and co-ordinated by a member of the ministry team. If you would be interested in being part of a planning team for September 20<sup>th</sup> please let me know. Ideally we have two planning meetings and I will set a date when we know who wants to be involved.

Why not take a risk and join the team for next month?

## Serving the Community:

### Funerals

Annette Newbery  
24th Aug, 1pm, Nth Ox Crematorium

Sally Anne Morris  
26th Aug, Middy, St Mary's Kidlington

## In our Prayers this Week

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

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

## Fantasy Football League

This year Scott Cheeseman has set up a fantasy football league for anyone in the parish (or wider connections) to join. The league is set up through the Premier League fantasy football page. Starting next weekend! This is for fun and open to all ages and anyone who wishes to join.

To join the league people need to create a team and then click join private league and click this link below.  
<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/79tmyx>

Or join via the app at - 79tmyx



# ***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)**

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|------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| <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.*



**Our pets are a blessing to us..**



**..Join us in blessing them!**

Bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to  
**A Blessing of the Animals**



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
**3pm in the**  
**Churchyard,**  
**Church Lane,**  
**Hampton Poyle.**

**Refreshments afterwards (for doggies and humans).**

**Everyone welcome. Contact Felicity for more details: 07821 542182**

**We share our lives with animals; we depend on them.**  
**A short and fun service of appreciation and**  
**every animal will receive God's blessing.**



THIS MY  
THEATRE

# Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

## ST MARY'S CHURCH KIDLINGTON

6th September, 5pm  
[thisismytheatre.com](http://thisismytheatre.com)

Book Tickets



In association with...

Refreshments Available | Please book in advance



Kidlington Amateur Operatic Society  
presents

# Sister Act

Broadway stage version

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct - Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2026 7:30 pm

Gosford Hill School, Kidlington

Tickets £15, under-17 £10

VIP tickets £20, under-17 £15

#### CREDITS SHEET

Music by ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by GLENN SLATER

Book by CHERI STEINKELLNER and BILL STEINKELLNER

Additional book material DOUGLAS CARTER BEANE

Based on the Touchstone Picture Motion Picture 'Sister Act'

Written by Joseph Howard

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International All authorised performance material

are also supplied by MTI [www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)

Orchestrations by Doug Besterman

Vocal and Incidental Music Arrangement by Michael Kosarin

Produced on Broadway by Whoopi Goldberg and

Stage Entertainment in association with the

Shubert Organisation and Disney Theatrical Productions.

Original Production Developed in

Association with Peter Schneider and

Michael Reno and Produced by Stage Entertainment

World Premier Produced by Pasadena Playhouse,

Pasadena CA and Alliance Theatre, Atlanta GA

Sheldon Epps, Artistic Director,

Susan V. Booth, Artistic Director,

Lyla White, Executive Director,

Tom Pechar, Managing Director,

Tom Ware, Producing Director

Tickets online at [www.ticketsource.com/kidlingtonkaos](http://www.ticketsource.com/kidlingtonkaos)

or at Oxford Building Supplies High Street

and Anemone Florist Kidlington Centre

[www.kaos.news](http://www.kaos.news)

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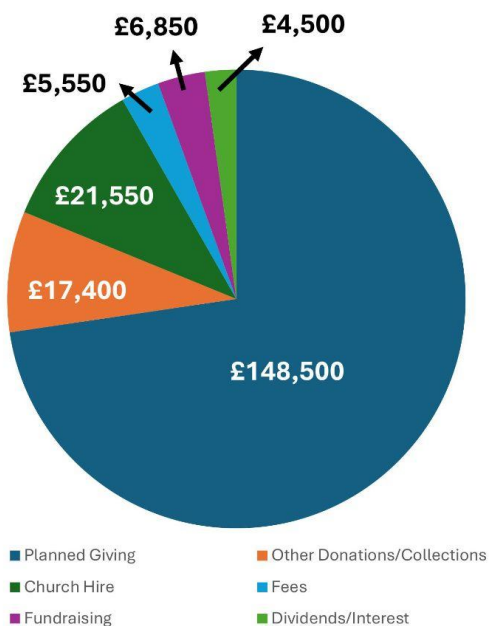
# Budget Commentary

- The vast majority of our income comes from Planned Giving. This reflects the generosity of our congregations and supporters, and we are very grateful for this.
- We receive NO FUNDS from the Oxford Diocese, or from the national Church Of England – we stand on our own financially.
- The Stewardship Campaign has been very successful, and we have managed to increase our income to cover expenditure and help build up reserves.
- Approximately half of our income is paid to the Oxford Diocese as a Parish Share. For more details on Parish Share, please ask one of the Church Wardens.
- The other budgeted costs reflect a “business as usual” situation and do not take into account any special projects, especially relating to buildings.

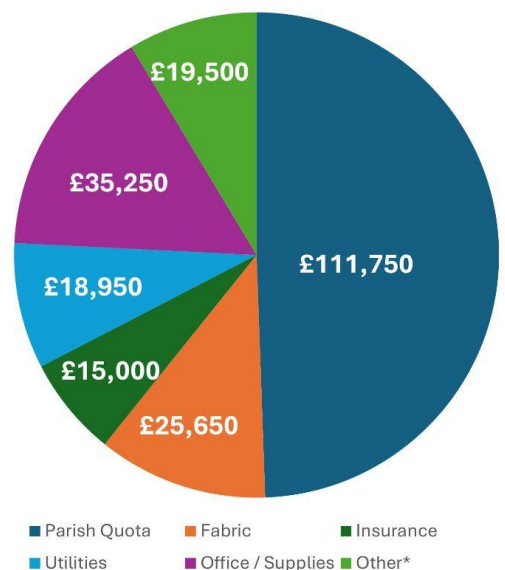
## Parish Of Kidlington With Hampton Poyle –2026 Budget

Note: this is the budget signed off by PCC in November 2025, and the reason why we needed a Stewardship Campaign

**Total Income = £204,380**



**Total Expenditure = £226,100**



\* Other = Music, CYP, Mission, Depreciation, Expenses