

Parish Newsletter
Sunday 13th Sept
15th Sunday after Trinity



Saturday 12th Sept, 10.30 - 5pm
Moses Day (St Mary's)

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Preacher this Sunday at St Mary's: The Rev'd Dr Laura Biron-Scott, chaplain of Balliol College Oxford and former curate in this parish. Do come and say hello to Laura who is excited to see us all again

Sunday 20th Sept, 10am

The *Open Space* service next Sunday (10am St Mary's) focuses on Priscilla and Aquila, a married couple who worked as important partners in the gospel with Paul.



Like Paul they were tent-makers, and prominent leaders of the early church. In our worship we will celebrate their partnership and make use of several works of art in thinking of important figures who remain rather hidden by history and convention. Who is hidden in our communities? Who do we see and not see? Where do we fit in our communities and in God's Kingdom?

This will be a Service of the Word. Holy Communion is celebrated at 8am in St Mary's and 10am at St John's. Everyone is welcome.

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8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

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

10am Holy Communion (St John's)

Mon, Weds and Fri
10am Pause for Prayer online

Tuesday 15th Sept
7.30pm Iona Service (St John's)

Weds 16th Sept
11am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

Sunday 20th Sept
16th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

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

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

10am Holy Communion (Hampton Poyle)

5.30pm Evensong (St Mary's)

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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Church Fun Day:

The Story of Moses (Part 1)

Saturday 12th September



- Act in the story
- Sing together
- Move props and help create the scenes
- Create fish for the River Nile
- Share lunch and enjoy time together

There really is something for everyone, whatever your age. Whether you would like to be on stage, help behind the scenes, sing, move scenery, or simply enjoy being part of the day, we would love to have you with us.

No expertise is required! We will use whatever skills and talents you have, whether that is acting, singing, making, moving scenery, washing up, or encouraging others. The most important thing is that we enjoy being together as we share in this exciting story and have fun as a church family.

David and Rosemary Meara, have been leading our making group, creating fabulous costumes and scenery. Justin Scroggie has created an original script, and Huw Morgan is ready to lead us all in singing and acting as we tell this exciting Bible story together. Helen Lambourne, is coordinating the catering and helping to keep everyone well fed throughout the day.

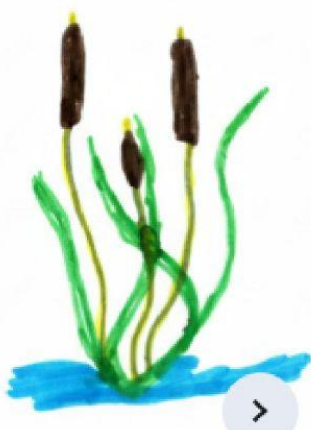


What to Bring

- Something to share for lunch
- A cake to share if you can

Important -

PLEASE WEAR BLACK IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON STAGE, (ideally trousers and T-shirt/shirt)



Times

Arrive from 10:30am
Prompt start at 11:00am
Younger children welcome to arrive for 3pm if they would like to act on stage
We expect to finish by 5:00pm

Everyone is welcome!
Fun, Food, Fellowship and Faith for All Ages

Thank you to those who came to the Pet Service last Sunday. We gave thanks and blessed the animals that do so much to brighten up our lives. 27 people, 10 dogs, one horse, cats and a hamster in spirit, were in attendance!



Calling All Parents & Carers

Hope you've had a great summer! Our Children's & Young People's programme has restarted with the new academic year. Our usual monthly patterns looks like this:

1st Sunday of the month 10am: All Together at St John's — an all-age service with art, craft and activities.

2nd Sunday of the month 10am: Choristers sing at St Mary's — OR— there Sunday School ("Junior Church") at St John's (in the evening there's the "TIG" youth group, 7-8:15pm at St John's; see details below*)

3rd Sunday of the month 10am: Junior Church at St John's — with breakfast beforehand (in the afternoon the Choristers sing at Evensong; St Mary's, 5:30pm)

4th Sunday at 10am is a Joint Service, which alternates between St Mary's & St John's; either way there's Junior Church (in the evening there's the "Go 4th" home group, 7-8:15pm at St John's; see details below**)

We also have lots of one-off concerts and events, including a "scratch jukebox musical" based on the life of Moses on Saturday September 12th at St Mary's. Plans are also afoot for Christmas, but as it's only just September I'll leave that for now!

Meanwhile, and as usual, do get in touch if you have any questions, comments, concerns etc. Your children matter to us and we take our responsibility to them, and you, seriously (while also having as much fun as we can.)

Hope to see some of you and your fantastic kids on Sunday at St Mary's and/or St John's over the autumn.

God bless you!

Oliver (The Revd Oliver Harrison) Team Vicar, Kidlington

* Our brilliant youth group, **"TIG"** ("**T**ogether **I**n **G**od"), meets on the **2nd Sunday of the month 7-8:15pm** at St John's for Year 6 and up

** **"Go 4th"** is a **Bible study and discussion group for young people** who want to explore their faith in more depth, ask questions, and come away thinking about God, life, themselves and others in a new, more mature, way.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who were involved with this summer's Sunday teas.

To the leaders, servers and bakers as well as all those who came to enjoy the teas - we made £1,449.44 for church funds. It is a very worthwhile community event. Thank you. Philippa Burrell

Diocese of Oxford Learning Hub

The Learning Hub provides resources for church members as well as clergy. It is open to all, is completely free and comprises "bite size", "going deeper", "study group courses" and "focus streams". Content is designed to be accessible to all skill levels and no mandatory assignments are required. Two interesting bitesize courses (3 - 6 hrs) are 'Called to wonder' and 'Come and see: the Beatitudes'. Courses can provide a pathway to formal lay ministry.

You can find all the information by going to <https://oxford.learn.anglican.org/>

Children and Communion

Communion is a big part of our church life here in the parish, as it is all over the world. Many of our children and young people are in services where we celebrate it, but we don't often teach on it specifically, and it's even rarer we talk about it in a way aimed at children and young people. This October all that will change! Beginning on October 2nd and running before choristers for four weeks (Oct. 2nd, Oct. 16th, Nov. 6th, Nov. 13th), we are going to have a kid-friendly session for choristers to learn about communion: why we do it, what it means, and why it's important. If your young person is interested, we'd love to have them there. At the end of these sessions, if you and your children want, they can be admitted to communion, which means they will be able to take it during the services, receiving bread and wine with everyone else. We will be in St. Mary's refectory from 4:45pm till 6pm, and we'll feed them pizza and pasta (or something different if they have allergies etc) before choristers begin. This will primarily be aimed at those in Key Stage 1 and 2, but if you have a young person/young people older than that we can happily accommodate them. Please email Paul (curatepaul@kidhp.org.uk) if you're interested.

Serving the Community: Funerals

Tracy Stoppani - Memorial
19th Sept, Midday, St Mary's

Georgina Paterson
2nd Oct, 11.30am, St Mary's

Wedding

Walter and Ning
7th Nov, St Mary's Hampton Poyle

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



We will be having Harvest Services in all three churches on Sunday 4th October

.....and all gifts brought then will be donated to the Foodbank. Also if anyone is interested in helping with sorting goods received from all our Harvest supporters there will be special ""sorting sessions" at Kidlington Baptist Church, 5pm-7pm on Thursdays 8, 15, 22, 29 October - or contact Margaret.

As always, we continue to help lots of people each week and we are able to maintain our full parcels for all those who have been referred to us for support. We provide basic items made up into parcels suitable for a family or individual as is needed. We are always grateful for all contributions of food people donate, using funds which are donated to us to buy food and fill any gaps. But at this time of year our shelves are getting emptier and we are appealing for help in building up stocks ready for the next few months.

Without the support of organisations including schools, churches and individuals throughout North Oxfordshire we would not manage to provide the parcels that we do. If you are able to support us, please make contact via the details at the header of this letter; we look forward to hearing from you. We are able to arrange collections.

The following food items very welcome.

Tins of fruit, custard or pudding rice, soup, baked beans & spaghetti.

Tins of meat, tuna & vegetables (i.e. peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes & tomatoes)

Rice (500g bags). Pasta (500g bags). Breakfast Cereals

Coffee, tea & small packets of sugar. Long-life semi-skimmed milk & long-life fruit juice.

Biscuits, jams & spreads. Bars of chocolate make a treat.

Also welcome

Toilet rolls, washing up liquid, laundry liquid or capsules, other cleaning materials.

Soap, shampoo, deodorant personal hygiene items.

Thank you yet again for all your support.

Melvina Fawcett

Trustee & Organiser, on behalf of the Foodbank Team

E-Mail: melvina@northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk

Web: www.northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk

After the Harvest Festival service at St Mary's the Eco team have organised "Count on Nature" to encourage the congregation to go out and about in the church yard to see what wildlife and wildflowers are there. This may involve attracting earth worms with mustard and catching insects in umbrellas! Not to be missed.....! Oct 4th is also Saint's day of St Francis of Assisi, a great lover of nature.

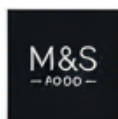
It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to
support people living with cancer.



**Friday 25th September
10am to 12noon
St Mary's Refectory (behind church),
Church Street, Kidlington**

MACMILLAN
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Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (361917), Scotland (SC65967) and the Isle of Man (664). Also operating in Northern Ireland. HACTH31_Poster2



From Bach to Bollywood (and everything in between!)

An evening of music, dance & words by the
members of St Mary's choir & congregation

Saturday 24th October at 6pm



**St Mary's Church,
Kidlington, OX5 2BA**



Free admission and refreshments,
with a retiring collection for St Mary's funds



Kidlington Amateur Operatic Society
presents

Sister Act

Broadway stage version

Wed 21st Oct - Sat 24th 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

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

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www.kaos.news

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES THIS SEASON

All services in the parish for September to December 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.

6 September	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	All Together
	St Mary's HP	3pm	Pet Service
13 September	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
20 September	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
27 September	St Mary's K	10am	Joint Parish Communion
4 October (Harvest)	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	All Together
	St Mary's HP	5pm	Harvest
11 October	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
18 October	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
25 October	St John's	10am	Joint Parish Communion
1 November	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	All Together
	St Mary's K	5.30pm	All Souls
8 November (Remembrance)	St Mary's K	10am	Remembrance Service
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's HP	5pm	All Souls & Remembrance
15 November	St Mary's K	10am	Open Space
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's H	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's K	5.30pm	Choral Evensong

22 November	St Mary's K	10am	Joint Parish Communion
29 November (Advent)	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's HP	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's K	5.30pm	Advent Carols
6 December	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	All Together Christingle
	St Mary's K	5.30pm	Presence & Absence
13 December	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's HP	10am	Holy Communion
20 December	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion with Nativity Play
	St Mary's K	5.30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols
27 December	St John's	10am	Joint Parish Communion

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

More about Advent and Christmas services nearer the time

Coffee concerts are also being revived again for the Autumn!

These are short informal concerts by local musicians following the Sunday 10am Service at St Mary's

More information to follow when I have it



Cleaner Required - please note that there may be some possibility of combining this post with the Cleaner required at Kidlington Baptist Church.

St Mary's Church, Kidlington

Job Title: Part-Time Church & Hall Cleaner

Hours: 3 hours per week (Mondays or Tuesdays)

Salary: £17.00 per hour

Reporting to: Church Warden

Role Summary

To ensure our Church and Church Hall are maintained to a high standard of cleanliness, providing a welcoming environment for our congregation and community and especially clean for baby group in the hall on Wednesdays.

Probationary Period one month during which this employment can be terminated immediately.

Thereafter one months' notice on either side is required.

Main Responsibilities

- Cleaning: Vacuuming church carpeted areas and refectory floor, mopping floor in the kitchen, cleaning toilets, sanitising surfaces, and cleaning kitchen.
- Dusting/Polishing: Dusting chairs, ledges, and sweeping the church floor.
- Occasionally do cobwebs and wipe window frames
- Check fridge and dishwasher
- Empty all bins and cleaning them as needed.
- Checking and replenishing toilet rolls, soap, and paper towels.
- Occasionally iron out wax on altar plinth with iron and brown paper
- Leave church and back table generally welcoming and tidy
- Be aware of particular special events that might need a tidying / cleaning eye afterwards (and liaise with warden if extra hours needed)
- Safety & Security: Reporting damage or hazards to the Church Warden, ensuring doors are locked upon departure, and following health and safety protocols and the Lone Worker policy

Person Specification

Previous cleaning experience preferred but not essential.

Trustworthy, hardworking, and attentive to detail.

Ability to work independently.

If interested please contact: office@kidhp.org.uk Thanks!

JOB ADVERT FOR A CLEANING ASSISTANT

Job Title: Cleaning Assistant

Closing date: Saturday 12th September 2026

A cleaning assistant is required for Kidlington Baptist church to be part of a team that is responsible for the cleanliness and upkeep of the interior of the building.



This is a part-time role for 2 hours a week on a rota basis.

An example of a typical rota would be: Week 1 - Tuesday (1hr) and Wednesday (1hr) worked flexibly between 4pm and 6pm, Week 2 - Saturday 2hrs working time is flexible to meet the needs of the church and users of the premises.

These 2 weeks will alternate.



The role involves lone-working with key holder responsibility and you will be part of a supportive team. Cleaning training will be provided.

Applicants should be over 16 yrs of age.

The job is dependent on suitable references.

Interviews will take place week beginning 21st September 2026.

If you would like more information or require an application form, please contact Gill Chisnall on gill.chisnall8@gmail.com or 07753 287156.