



Harvest Celebration

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We will be having a stall at Kidlington Connections Community Fair tomorrow Sat 3rd Oct at 2pm at Exeter Hall.

Do come and support us if you are around.

Sunday 4th Oct Harvest Thanksgiving

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

10am Communion Harvest Thanksgiving
(St Mary's)

10am All Together Harvest Thanksgiving
(St John's)

5pm Harvest Thanksgiving (Hampton Poyle)

Mon, Weds and Fri **10am Pause for Prayer online**

Tuesday 6th Oct
7.30pm Iona Service (St John's)

Weds 7th Oct
11am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

Sunday 11th Oct 19th after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

10am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

10am Holy Communion (St John'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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Harvest Festival Thanksgiving

**St Mary's Church, Kidlington
Sunday 4th October 2026
10am**

Close your eyes and think about your favourite food. Think about the people that cooked that food for you...and give thanks for them.

Think about the ingredients that are needed to make that food, give thanks for all those who were involved...the farmer...the delivery driver... the shop or supermarket workers...

On this day we are going to think about the harvest we share and how we care for those whose harvest is not so good.

All welcome!

Calling All Parents & Carers

Our Children's & Young People's programme has restarted with the new academic year.

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**)

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 In God"), 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.

Theological Forum is back!

Over the course of this year we'll be taking a journey through the Old Testament, so we can both better understand scripture as a whole, and the one who fulfils it. Most months, **after the joint service at 11:30am**, we'll have an approx. half hour talk followed by Q and A. We begin on **September 27th**, as Paul will be speaking on the foundational stories in Genesis 1-11. Grab your coffee and biscuit and join us as we delve deeper into this curious text.

Sunday Summer teas at St Mary's. A vacancy.

After a successful summer I am stepping down from organising Summer Teas. I would like to hand this job on. It's rewarding, involving getting to know people in the church and community. There's a great spirit of teamwork and service. Please speak to me if you are interested in taking this on. Philippa Burrell

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

Georgina Paterson

2nd Oct, 11.30am, St Mary's

Joan Smith

2nd Oct, 1pm, St Mary's

Alice Norrie

6th Oct, Midday, St Mary's

Wedding Walter & Ning 7th Nov, 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

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A note from the Foodbank

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. 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.

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

Soap, shampoo, deodorant and personal hygiene items.



Count on Nature

After the Harvest Festival service at St Mary's on the 4th October 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 with umbrellas! Not to be missed.....!

Oct 4th is also Saint's day of St Francis of Assisi, a great lover of nature!

MacMillan Coffee Morning 2026: A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our MacMillan Coffee Morning on September 25th. We made a total of £400, which is splendid. Thank you to those who baked delicious cakes, who helped on the day, and who came to support the work of MacMillan Cancer Care.

Well done everyone!

David and Rosemary Meara

Men's pub night tonight Friday 2nd from 7.30pm at the Kings Arms

For families who no longer attend our groups during the week, or those who would just like something a little extra, don't forget that our **Saturplay drop-in play sessions officially started on Saturday 19th September!**

We'll have lots of indoor and outdoor activities for little ones to enjoy in the hall and garden, as well as a quiet baby room with age-appropriate baby toys. There will also be healthy snacks for the children, and tea and coffee on tap for the grown-ups!



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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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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DAVID BRIGGS

Sunday, 8 November 2026 at 3pm

Tickets: £15, students/u18s £5

www.kidhp.org.uk/briggs or on the door

Saturday 14th November
St Mary's Church
7pm



DESERT ISLAND DISCS

Buy tickets here:
<https://tinyurl.com/yo-desert>



Yo Davies

Interviewed by Jan Jeffreys

£12.50 on the door

Includes a glass of wine and nibbles





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

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



Translating the Bible: A Study Afternoon | Christ Church, University of Oxford

https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/events/translating-bible-study-afternoon?utm_id=97758_v0_s00_e0_tv4_a1demo0g42chge