



**New Small Group -  
Fellowship Group - Thursdays**



**10-11:30am Fortnightly on Thursdays**

A small number of us meet together regularly in a pastoral fellowship group held in a home in the parish. This group is for those who would like to get to know each other better and where there is an opportunity to support and pray for one another. We also aim to develop our understanding of scripture and spirituality, so use resources such as Bible study guides to aid short discussions around chosen themes. For further information contact Chrissy at: [chrissy\\_dove@hotmail.com](mailto:chrissy_dove@hotmail.com)

**Theological Forum 25th Oct**

Theological Forum continues this week (25th October) after the joint service at St. John's. Grab a coffee after the service and we'll start at 11:30am. The next in our series walking, or sprinting, through the Old Testament will be **John Goldingay speaking on "Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."** For those of you who don't know John, here's his brief autobiography:

John Goldingay is a retired priest and professor who goes to Morning Prayer in Christ Church, writes books about the Old Testament (currently writing one on Satan in the book of Job), and lies in the sun on his lounge. Oliver once told him to listen to Oasis, and he did.

If you did not make it to the first session on Genesis 1-11, please don't let that stop you! It will be a great session and well worth coming to!

**Sunday 25th Oct**  
21st after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

**10am Joint Parish Service (St John's)**

At this service we will be reflecting on what it means to be a safe and caring church. You are very welcome, especially if you have not been to a service at St John's before.

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

**Mon, Weds and Fri**

**10am Pause for Prayer online**

**Please note from November this will only be on a Weds**

**Tuesday 27th Oct**

7.30pm Iona Service (St John's)

**Weds 28th Oct**

11am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

**Sunday 1st Nov**

All Saints

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

10am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

10am All Together Service (St John's)

5.30pm All Souls Service of Remembrance  
(St Mary'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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## 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" ("Together 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.

**Urgently Needed** Local Ukrainian family urgently needs affordable 3 bed rented accommodation in Kidlington. Please contact Anne Handsley ( 378267 ) if you are able to help. Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

We will have Divine Advent calendars and Transform Trade Christmas cards on sale after the joint service in St John's this Sunday so do bring your cash/card with you.

## Kidlington Almshouse Charity requires a new Secretary to the Trustees.

Key responsibilities include organising and attending quarterly Trustee meetings; preparing agendas; drafting minutes and generally liaising with residents, Trustees and the Almoner to ensure the smooth running of the Trust. This is a voluntary role and would ideally suit someone who has experience in a secretarial/administrative role and lives in Kidlington or the surrounding area.

Please email Caroline Coleman: [carolineecoleman@btinternet.com](mailto:carolineecoleman@btinternet.com) for further information or to express an interest in this position.

## Serving the Community:

### Funerals

23rd Oct  
Penelope Downton - Nth Ox Crematorium - 2pm

### 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  
Joe and Zara

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

## Coffee concerts at St Mary's

Our latest series of Coffee Concerts at St Mary's has begun with a successful organ concert by David Hewett, the St Mary's Director of Music. These are informal concerts starting at 11.30am, immediately after 10am service, and lasting for around 20 minutes. Please note, if you want coffee this has to be before the concert. So coffee is around 11 - 11.30, then concert at 11.30am. All welcome, and families are especially encouraged to attend - the idea of the Coffee Concert series is to provide bite-sized pre-lunch musical treats for all ages.

These events kickstart our celebrations of the organ's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and we'll be following it up with a celebrity organ recital by David Briggs on Sun 8th November at 3pm (see poster within) and the Coffee Concert to be given by our student organists on Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. There will also be Coffee Concerts on 1st and 22nd November, featuring chamber music ensembles.

### 1st November 11.30am St Mary's



**Bethe Levvy**, a native of *New York City*, started her professional life as a ballet dancer, but eventually decided music was for her the stronger passion. She earned a *B. Music at Oberlin Conservatory* and an *M.A. at New York University*, studying with *Herbert Stessin* who became Head of the Piano Department at the *Juilliard School*. She participated in the *Aspen* and *Tanglewood Festivals*, and also performed as a singer with early music groups, both in the US and since coming to the UK. She plays chamber music with many different instrumentalists and singers, and teaches at *St. Edwards* and *Oxford High School*.



**Karin Norlén** is a versatile and internationally recognised viola player and teacher, and has played in the *Royal Opera House*, *London Philharmonic Orchestra*, *English National Opera*, *Birmingham Royal Ballet* and many other orchestras. She is a founder member of the *Little Venice Ensemble*; a collective of internationally acclaimed musicians in *Sweden* and the *UK*. The group's first CD "*Deck the Halls*", released in 2014, was praised by audiences and music critics alike and was runner up in *Christmas Disc of the Year* by *Classic FM*. – More information about Karin and her brand is available here: [Karinnorlen.com](http://Karinnorlen.com)

## COFFEE CONCERTS

AT  
ST MARY'S CHURCH, KIDLINGTON



Sundays | 11:30am-noon



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|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11 Oct | David Hewett, organ                                                       |
| 1 Nov  | Karin Norlén, viola<br>Bethe Levvy, piano                                 |
| 22 Nov | Anne Bardsley, soprano<br>Rosie Meyrick, clarinet<br>Mike Bardsley, piano |
| 13 Dec | Organ students of St Mary's                                               |

Free - retiring collection in aid of church funds



**St John's Church Kidlington**  
*Part of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle Team*  
**North Oxford**

Seeks to appoint a  
**Part Time Music Co-Ordinator –**  
**Sunday Mornings £2600 pa**

Are you:

- Passionate about encouraging people to get involved in music?
- Flexible in liturgical musical styles?
- Able to play the organ / keyboard to a high standard?
- Collaborative, and with excellent people skills to work with small numbers of people of all ages and of varying musical abilities?

If so, we would love to talk with you.

St John's is one of 3 churches in a team which works well together. We have a congregation of about 35 adults and between 3 and 15 young people. In church tradition we are gently liberal Catholic, but people are more important than liturgical form. Our other Kidlington church (St Mary's) has an established choral tradition and many St John's youngsters are also choristers there. St John's has few musical resources at present however the congregation is keen to change this and expand our musical repertoire.

What we would like:

- To widen our congregational singing repertoire (hymns / choruses / Taize / Iona / rounds....)
- To involve instrumental players and encourage those learning instruments to get involved
- To work towards an informal and inclusive singing group
- To work together on the choice of music
- To start simply and grow things organically

What we can offer you:

- A friendly and supportive environment
- Clergy and lay people who will work with you and communicate
- Flexibility to try things and see if they work

This post is subject to DBS check at enhanced level

For more info contact [oliver@kidhp.org.uk](mailto:oliver@kidhp.org.uk) or [felicity@kidhp.org.uk](mailto:felicity@kidhp.org.uk)



# 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*



# Sparklers

## ALL AGE Café

A Halloween Alternative

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Kidlington Baptist Church, High Street

4:30pm to 7:30pm



Hot Dogs

S'mores

Popcorn

Candyfloss

Hot chocolate, tea, coffee



Craft

Games

Storytelling

Firepit



Sweets & sparklers  
for children



Just turn up

Free

No fancy dress





# *All Souls*

## *Service of Remembrance*

St Mary's Church, Kidlington  
Sunday 1st November 2026  
5.30pm

This is the cherished annual service where we remember by name, with love and gratitude, all those who have died recently and not so recently— especially our family members and friends. Each person's name is read out and everyone present can light a candle (or more) for those they are remembering.

This year we will make instant flower arrangements so please bring a single flower with you for each person you are remembering.

In the preceding weeks we gather a list of names to be read aloud.

You can add a name by writing legibly on the list in St Mary's towards the end of the month (Oct) or by emailing Malc in the office

[office@kidhp.org.uk](mailto:office@kidhp.org.uk)





## Fairtrade & Ethical Group Product focus No 2 – Chocolate



Most of us have a favourite chocolate bar or snack, whether it's milk, white or dark chocolate, contains biscuit, wafer, caramel or nuts. Are there any other factors in your choice of purchase?

Issues:

- **Low prices** paid for cocoa beans mean many cocoa farmers live below the poverty line
- **Child labour** is common in cocoa bean farming where there is no regulation
- **Palm oil** is widely used in mass-produced chocolate bars, the production of which leads to deforestation, land grabbing and human right's abuses
- Rainforest Alliance schemes have **no minimum price** and a considerably lower premium paid to the community than fairtrade
- **Pesticide** use is high in cocoa cultivation.

Solutions:

- Buy **Fairtrade** – this guarantees a fair price for the farmers and puts money back into the community.
- Buy **organic** to avoid heavy chemical use.
- Choose a **palm oil free** company or brand
- Fairtrade and organic certifications have **regulations** in place that **guard against child labour**



To help you on your journey towards more ethical chocolate that is better for the producers and the planet we are planning a chocolate tasting session after the service on

**Sunday 1st November  
And Sunday 29th November  
at both St Mary's and St John's**

We will have bars from four more ethical brands that are also available locally – **Ombar, Divine, Tony's Chocolonely** and **Co-operative**. Where possible we'll have some milk, white and dark for you to try so that all tastes are covered and we'll provide information about where to buy and what else is available from each brand.



# ORGAN SPECTACULAR



**ST MARY'S CHURCH, KIDLINGTON**  
Celebrating the organ's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary



**DAVID BRIGGS**

Sunday, 8 November 2026 at 3pm

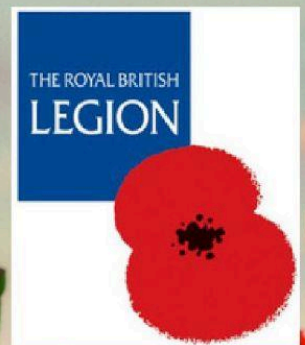
Tickets: £15, students/u18s £5

[www.kidhp.org.uk/briggs](http://www.kidhp.org.uk/briggs) or on the door

**Kidlington Concert Brass**

**Presents**

# **A Concert of Remembrance**



**In aid of the  
Poppy Appeal**

**Sunday 8th November, 3pm**

**Exeter Hall, Kidlington**

**Entry by donation to the Royal  
British Legion Poppy Appeal**

**[www.kidlingtonconcertbrass.org.uk](http://www.kidlingtonconcertbrass.org.uk)**



Saturday 14th November  
St Mary's Church  
7pm

# MAROONED WITH MUSIC

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



# **“EDUCATING GOD’S WAY”**

**David, Meghann, Joshua and Isaac  
Hewett share their recent  
experience of life, faith and  
education in Western Uganda**



**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

**7.30pm**

**St John’s Church, Kidlington**

**Free entry with retiring collection for  
Child Care School, Maliba, Uganda.**



**Sunday morning services this season, more about Advent and Christmas services soon!**  
**More information on [www.kidhp.org.uk](http://www.kidhp.org.uk)**

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| 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               |
|                             | <b>St John's</b> | <b>10am</b> | <b>Joint Parish Communion</b> |
| 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<br>(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               |

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