

Welcome to our Services in Church and streamed

AUGUST

SUNDAY 7th

Trinity 8 11.00 am Holy Communion Stow, streamed

SUNDAY 14th

Trinity 9 11.00 am Morning Service
of the Word Stow, streamed

11.00 am Mattins
(lay-led) Upper Swell

SUNDAY 21st

Trinity 10 9.30 am Holy Communion Lower Swell

11.00 am Holy Communion Stow, streamed

SUNDAY 28th

Trinity 11 11.00 am Holy Communion Stow, streamed

Most Thursday mornings on Zoom there will be Parish Prayers at 9.00 am followed by Listening to God at 9.30 am. Please feel free to attend either or both of these by following the link on the website.

Please note that we will continue to use the one-way system for returning to pews via the North Aisle after receiving Communion. Anyone wishing to continue wearing a mask should feel at liberty to do so and sit in church in a socially distanced way.

This Benefice Diary will be published as needed. Please note that any information contained in it is subject to change, if guidelines in relation to Covid-19 require this.

THE BENEFICE WEBSITE will always have the latest news!

<http://www.scats.org.uk>



From the Churchwardens

There is so much uncertainty in our lives at the moment, for instance the cost of living crisis, record-breaking weather and climate change, and the war in Ukraine which is affecting global oil and grain supplies. By September we would hope to hear a little more about when our vacancy may be advertised and also who will be our new Prime Minister.

It is perhaps appropriate to recall some words of St Paul who urged that 'prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.'

With best wishes from

Robert, Desmond, Chris, Adam, Jolyon and Hazel

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COFFEE MORNING AND BOOKSTALL



The North Cotswold Deanery Mothers' Union will be holding a coffee morning and bookstall in St Edward's Church from 10 am until noon on Thursday 11th August. Funds raised will be in aid of MU projects throughout the world.

MU is a global organisation with over 4 million members worldwide offering Christian care for families. Projects include promoting entrepreneurship and education, alleviating poverty, combatting violence and encouraging equality in various countries across the globe.

Please do come along and support this event.

DELIVERIES OF BENEFICE DIARIES

Many thanks to all who confirmed their wish to continue receiving a copy of the Benefice Diary, together with a Services Summary for the month. The website will always display the current diary, services summary and also (under Sunday Essentials) the bible readings for each Sunday of the month. During services in church the readings will be displayed on the screen and a services summary with the hymns, Collect and, where relevant, post Communion prayer will be handed out to everyone with the service booklet (and collected at the end of the service for use the following week). The above documents can be found at

www.scats.org.uk/things-to-download/ and

www.scats.org.uk/benefice-diary/

Please email secretary@stedwardsstow.org.uk if you would like to receive occasional updates from the St Edward's team.

MU AND CLOSELY KNIT

The MU will not meet on their usual first Thursday this month, but please do come along to the coffee morning on Thursday 11th August.

Closely Knit meets Saturday mornings at 10am — noon. All are very welcome, as are any donations of wool.

BELLS AT STOW

We have been most grateful to the North Cotswold Bell Ringers (NCBR) for kindly ringing the bells at St Edward's, Stow. Desmond is delighted to say that this has been very well received by townfolk and popularity to be part of the NCBR team ringing at Stow is growing.

RIP

We were saddened to hear of the death of Jerry Williams, recently moved to Stow, whose funeral will be on August 10th at Pershore.



THANK YOU NOTE FROM TONY AND MONICA

Reverend Tony Whitaker held his final service in the Benefice at St Edward's on Sunday July 10th. After the service the churchwardens formally thanked Tony and Monica for all their support during their time with us. This included a message of thanks from Rev Martin Short. Tony and Monica were presented with gifts and glasses were raised in their honour, wishing them well in their new home. Subsequently Tony and Monica sent a lovely card (see above) and the following message:

To the congregations of the Benefice of Stow-on-the-Wold, Condicote and the Swells

Thank you for the welcome, fellowship and friendship, shared worship and prayers over these last years, especially during the pandemic. A very warm thank you too for your generosity expressed at the service on 10th July, which we shall use to buy two trees for our garden in Chinnor—a lasting reminder of our journey with you in the Cotswolds.

Please be assured of our continuing prayers during the vacancy.

Love Tony and Monica

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Music at Stow is presenting a festival of music in September as follows:

Thursday 15th Darius Brubeck Quartet, jazz; Friday 16th Craig Ogden, classical guitarist; Saturday 17th Geno Washington & The Ram Jam Band, R & B. For further details visit www.musicatstow.co.uk

International opera singers Henry Neill & Christina Gansch are giving a concert on Saturday 17th September at 7 pm in Holy Ascension Church in Oddington. The programme will include opera, operetta & song ranging from Mozart to Vaughan Williams, with some Flanders & Swann as well. Tickets are £33.00 to include canapés and a glass of champagne. Available from Eventbrite, search the website for Oddington Gala evening. Or get tickets from dilys.neill@gmail.com or call/ text 07799431044.

LOOKING AHEAD— DATES TO NOTE

Celebration of Rev Jane Gardner's 25 years as a priest, October 2nd.

Stow School Harvest Festival, St Edward's Church on October 13th.

Memorial service for the late Brigadier Clive Beckett, noon October 28th.