

Englefield Parish News

June - July 2018



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Front cover: *One of this year's Hereford calves enjoying a first taste of outdoor life at Mayridge. Work has started on preparation for this summer's showing season which begins at the end of May and runs through until the end of September. Good luck to Terry and the team.*

Englefield Parish News is published every two months and is now distributed free to all households in the parish of Englefield. Contributions are welcome and can be emailed to catherinehaig@gmail.com or handed in to Nick Wynne-Jones or to the Village Stores by the 20th of the preceding month.

From St Mark's House

Dear friends

Red or white? That was the only choice we faced at Mama Paola's trattoria where there is no menu but only and always the meal of the day, served the traditional way: four courses of home-cooked Italian food, plain but plentiful. Such simplicity is welcome if considering supermarket shelves but our response to life's vicissitudes depends upon what it serves up and what our choices are. Our meal at Mama Paola's was a favourite haunt of our guide and concluded a small tour on which he had taken us off the more familiar tourist tracks in our recent Roman visit. He led us to the place reputed to have been the home of Luke, the Gospel writer, and the place in Rome where 'Paul was allowed to stay in lodgings of his own with the soldier who guarded him' (Acts 18.16).

Paul is thought to have written four of his letters from imprisonment and when he wrote to the church in Philippi he was not in the Carcer (the Mamertine dungeon) where he was 'incarcerated' but in his own rented house, although chained to a soldier. Robbed of freedom, deprived of choice, he had reason to grumble at what life served up, we might think. But he wrote to the Philippians, 'Do everything without grumbling ... Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!' He had one great choice which he exercised: to choose his attitude. As Viktor Frankl, the Holocaust survivor, wrote, 'everything can be taken from a man but one last thing: the last of the human freedoms – to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstance.'

Many people allow circumstances to determine their attitudes. Circumstances may not be as we would wish but we cannot wait until they change to suit us. They may never do so! God may have other, far better, plans. Paul might have questioned why he was in prison; instead he used those years to write letters that are still changing lives and bringing hope today. As John Bunyan said of his imprisonment, when he wrote *The Pilgrim's Progress*, 'Maybe this is not so much a prison as an office from which I can reach the world with Christ's message.' Paul would have agreed! To refuse to allow circumstances to determine our attitudes is not to deny setbacks, sickness or sadness. Paul experienced extreme, extensive suffering in the course of his pioneering ministry; yet he wrote, 'I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him [Christ] who gives me strength.' If Paul learned it, so can we!

Choosing

Nick and Harriet

Diary: June - July

Saturday 2 nd June	The Village Artisan Food Market , Beenham Village Hall, RG7 5NN, 10am till 12 noon Bingo at the Social Club, 8pm
Sunday 3 rd June	Holy Communion , 10.30 at St Mark's
Monday 4 th June	Fish and Chips supper at the Social Club, 8pm <i>please pre-book with Tony by Friday 1st June (07802 479952)</i>
Tuesday 5 th June	Antiques evening with James Podger, in aid of West Berks CAB in the Long Gallery, see page 13
Sunday 10 th June	Holy Communion , 10.30 at St Mark's
Tuesday 12 th June	Darts, Games Social at the Social Club, 8pm
Wednesday 13 th June & Thursday 14 th June	Englefield Countryside Days for Schools
Sunday 17 th June	Holy Communion , 10.30 at St Mark's
Tuesday 19 th June & Wednesday 20 th June	Afghan Connection Literary Festival , see p 19
Friday 22 nd June to Sunday 24 th June	West Woodhay Garden Fair , see page 18 and 23
Sunday 24 th June	Holy Communion , 10.30 at St Mark's Afternoon Tea Concert , Enharmonic Choir at Rushall Farm Black Barn, 4.30pm, see page 17
Monday 25 th June	St Mark's PCC meeting , 6.30pm, Social Club
Sunday 1 st July	Holy Communion , 10.30 at St Mark's
Monday 2 nd July	Fish and Chips supper at the Social Club, 8pm, <i>please pre-book with Tony by Friday 29th June (07802 479952)</i>
Saturday 7 th July	The Village Artisan Food Market , Beenham Village Hall, RG7 5NN, 10am till 12 noon Bingo at the Social Club, 8pm
Sunday 8 th July	Holy Communion , 10.30 at St Mark's
Tuesday 10 th July	Darts, Games Social at the Social Club, 8pm
Saturday 14 th July	Englefield Flower Show and School Fete , 2.30pm, see page 9 for more details
Sunday 15 th July	Holy Communion , 10.30 St Mark's.
Sunday 22 nd July	Holy Communion , 10.30 at St Mark's
Sunday 29 th July	Holy Communion , 10.30 at St Mark's`1

Mondays 4th and 18th June and 2nd and 16th July

Time to Pray in the Englefield Chapel - an opportunity to meet for half an hour for quiet reflection and prayer - from 6pm till 6.30pm, usually on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month. All welcome.

Save the dates:

Saturday 8th September **Ride + Stride** in aid of Berkshire Churches Trust

Saturday 15th - Sunday 16th September **Royal County of Berkshire Show**

Saturday 29th September **Ufton Cycle Sportive** (see page 21)

Congratulations

To Amy and Finn Nobay on the birth of Joshua Oskar, a grandson for Nick and Harriet Wynne-Jones.

To Don Barton who celebrated his 80th birthday on Saturday 19th May.

To Joanne Ford and João Pereira, married in Lisbon on Saturday 19th May.

To Peter and Carole Ford on their 40th wedding anniversary on 12th May.

House moves

Duncan, Nia and Arlo Rands who moved at the end of April from Chalkpit to their new home at Number 31 North Street .

Ahmad Bjobj and Manal al Falojee and their children, Elham and Almothana, who have recently moved from The Street to Church Street, Theale.

Farewell

Englefield Parish Council is sad to be saying goodbye to Julia Ives, who leaves the role of Parish Clerk at the end of May. The Parish Council would like to thank Julia for all of her hard work and we hope to be able to announce her successor soon.

Edward Crookes, Chairman

RIP

Victoria, daughter of Alison Pocock of Wickcroft Farm. Our thoughts are with the Pocock family and the Strang family.

Valerie Clark who died on March 24th, aged 79, after a long battle with PSP. Her funeral service was held at Kings Bridge Crematorium.

Valerie and Brian were married for 60 years. They became regular worshippers at St Mark's when their daughter Linda Anderson and family moved to Englefield in 1995 and continued to attend services for many years. Valerie was a member of the Englefield Knitting Circle and a frequent visitor to the Village Tea Rooms.



Report from the APCM

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Monday 23rd April at Englefield Social Club, Peter Haig and Carol Boulter were elected as Churchwardens for the year. The annual report and audited financial statements for 2017 were received. The Electoral Roll was confirmed as 139. Elizabeth Benyon, Richard Benyon, Victoria Fishburn, Aldo Guiducci, Catherine Haig, Susan Smith, and Melanie Townsend were all elected to the PCC for a three year term. Ron Marillier was co-opted for the year and also appointed Treasurer with David Gibbons as Assistant Treasurer. Other appointments included Penny Savage, Secretary; Susan Smith, Electoral Roll Officer; Susannah McBain, Safeguarding Representative; Liz Marillier St Mark's Verifier; and 28 sidesmen. The Deanery Synod Representatives continue as Hugh Boulter, David Gibbons and Torquil Montague-Johnstone.

The Chairman, the Revd Nick Wynne-Jones, thanked all those who give their gifts to serving our Lord within the life of St Mark's. There were positive comments on the warm welcome received by new worshippers at St Mark's as well as appreciation of the pastoral care given by Nick and Harriet Wynne-Jones.

The PCC would like to thank the Englefield Social Club for accommodating its meetings during the year and for the welcome received each time.

Englefield PCC has been following the training and guidelines it has received from the Oxford Diocese in order to comply with the new data protection legislation. This process is ongoing and our interim privacy policy notice is on the St Mark's website <http://www.stmarksenglefield.org.uk/privacy-notice/>.

Penny Savage, Secretary to the PCC

Let's Talk Theology

The Let's Talk Theology group is holding a 'bring and share' evening on Wednesday 27th June. Attendees are invited to bring a plate of food, either savoury or sweet, and a passage of Scripture for everyone to discuss. The evening is open to all, 7.50 for an 8pm start, at the Parish Room, St Mary's Sulhamstead, RG7 4ED.

*Derek Spears
Bradfield Deanery Spiritual Development Group*

From the archive

Readers concerned about the 'extreme' weather we are said to be experiencing these days may be reassured by the following taken from the Englefield parish magazine in 1916:

CONFIRMATION

A more unpropitious day for a Confirmation could scarcely be imagined than Tuesday, 28th March. Incessant snow fell, to the accompaniment of the worst gale there has been for 40 years. So violent was the wind that over 50 large trees were laid low in the Park alone! In spite of the truly appalling weather, most of the candidates turned up. We were favoured by a visit from our own Diocesan - the Bishop of Oxford - who, vested in cope and mitre, gave two most helpful addresses to the candidates. The Choir attended in full muster, and the bells were pealed both before and after the service. From this Parish the following were confirmed: Barbara Nannette Skipwith, Nora Annie Chandler, John Oliver Young, Noah William John Culley.

The weather on Easter Day (23 April) was however 'most favourable, on the whole.'

Richard Smith



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Garden of the Year 2018

After what has been a very long, cold winter the warmer weather is finally here! Our gardens are springing into life with all the promise of a great summer ahead. Now is the time to think about entering your garden into the Garden of the Year 2018 competition. All personally kept gardens large or small are welcome - we would love to see the results of all your hard work. Sue Broughton, Head Gardener on the Englefield Estate, has kindly agreed to be our judge once again and judging will take place on the afternoon of Monday 25th June. The winner will be announced on the day of the Flower Show, 14th July 2018.

If you would like to enter your garden please contact me on 0118 9323385.

Sarah Fraser

Please can all prize winners return their trophies by 31st May either to myself, Sarah Fraser, Lucy Cottage, North Street, 0118 9323385, or drop them into Andy at Englefield Village Stores. This allows us to get them to the engravers and back in time for the show. Thank you.

Expansion at Wickcroft

Local residents will have noticed that the Estate has begun work to convert the traditional buildings adjacent to the existing farm shop to provide larger premises. The new facilities will include a butchery and café for Cobbs Farm Co Ltd, who currently trade from the site as Fielders, and are outgrowing the current facilities. The work will take around a year to complete and will breathe new life into the redundant farm buildings.

Edward Crookes, Estates Director

Thank you

I would like all the residents of Englefield to know that I have thoroughly enjoyed my work with Englefield Parish Council, and indeed with Padworth, and thank all of you for your concern when I was ill.

I wish you all every success, and I know the Councillors will support their Chairman Edward Crookes with vigour. I was pleased to attend the Annual Assembly on 23rd May to say my 'good byes' to you all personally.

Julia Ives



Summer plans at the Garden Centre

Wow what an interesting start to spring we've had! Two weekends in March that had snow, then all but one weekend in April we had rain, then we start May with one of the hottest weekends on record.

However the season is now in full flow with everyone able to make their way into their gardens and vegetable plots. Whilst everyone was indoors we were busy in the greenhouse getting everything ready. The people we support have been potting up herbaceous plants which are now just coming into bloom and we've been pricking out and potting up like busy bees to get all our bedding and patio plants ready. We've got over 100 hanging baskets ready for sale with more being made every day and if you're a keen vegetable grower then we have got a great range for you to choose from. Come and say hi to your local charity garden centre.

Austin Crabbe, Manager

Thank you to the Bible Study group

I was so touched by the amazing flowers that arrived on my doorstep a few weeks ago and are still looking fantastic and have given me huge pleasure. I don't know who suggested I deserved such a wonderful present but would like to thank all those in the Bible Study group, especially those who helped pouring tea and coffee and clearing up so efficiently.

Anne Hallifax

Concerts in the park

There's just a month to go before the summer outdoor concerts in the deer park: Madness on Friday 6th July; the classical group Il Divo on Saturday 7th; and Tom Jones on Sunday 8th July. To find out more about each of the concerts and to book tickets, visit <http://www.inglefieldestate.co.uk/>

Peter Carson, House and Events Manager

The 'BUZZ' from the school

Conservation is the 'BUZZ' word at Englefield Primary School as it embarks on many projects within school to enhance the children's learning and awareness of all aspects of nature within their local surroundings.

The Gardening Club started off the project by planting insect friendly plants in their flowerbeds and visiting the local Englefield Garden Centre to source seeds and plants to grow within the grounds of the school.



The average age of a British beekeeper is 66 years old. Englefield Primary School is set to reduce this as it begins a Primary School Beekeeping Club this term. Thanks must go to the school's PTA for supporting the project and funding the children's safety suits. Thanks also to a locally situated beekeeper's apiary. Serena Watts, a class teacher in the school, has initiated this and is now delighted that she is able

to share her love of the hobby with the children on a weekly basis. As the project progresses, help and support has been offered by members of Newbury Beekeepers Association. Having hosted the International Meeting of Young Beekeepers in England for the first time in summer 2017 in Marlborough for 12 – 16 year olds, the British Beekeepers Association is very keen to involve the younger generations in the art of beekeeping in order to develop beekeeping skills and knowledge in the younger generations.

Englefield's beekeeping club members left their first visit to the apiary chatting about all they had seen: Jimmy (Year 5) said, 'When we took the frame out it was so beautiful. You could see all the babies.' George (Year 3) exclaimed, 'It was frightening at first when they were on me but they were just being a bit nose!' Oscar (Year 3) explained, 'At the end some of the bees were buzzing and making a funny sound.' Finally, Zachary (Year 4) summed up the excitement saying, 'I could spend all day doing this!'

While it wasn't the warmest day for opening a hive the children certainly got a 'buzz' out of all they saw. It was a promising beginning for this new venture.

Claire Bushnell, School Secretary

Englefield Flower Show and School Fete

Preparations are well under way for the 2018 Englefield Flower Show and School Fete on Saturday 14th July. These two events combined for the first time last year with great success and will be following the same format this year. Schedules are due out soon and will be available from Englefield School, the Village Shop and St Mark's Church. Classes in the show tent will include the usual Flower Show categories for flowers, vegetables, floral art, household, photography, art and handicraft, along with classes for children. Themes for the floral art classes include 'Autumn Colours' and 'Suffragettes'. The Men Only cooking class is a chocolate cake (recipe to be provided) and other household classes include biscotti, a wholegrain loaf, marble cake and coffee and walnut cake. The Message class this year will be using the initial letters of 'Meghan Markle'.

The Show will open at 2.30pm and there will be stalls, activities and plenty of refreshments available during the afternoon. Entries should be submitted by Wednesday 11th July (with the exception of the Garden of the Year - see page 6). We look forward to seeing you!

Flower Show Committee and Englefield School PTA

Rail closures continue

The closures of the railway line between Pewsey and Theale continue as work is undertaken to electrify the railway line between Reading and Newbury. The next dates are Saturday 2nd to Thursday 7th June, Saturday 9th to Sunday 10th June, Monday 9th to Thursday 12th July and Monday 16th June to Sunday 5th August. Other dates are listed on the GWR website: www.gwr.com/Newbury2018. Replacement bus services run during these periods and there are concessions for season ticket holders. Parking spaces are significantly reduced at Theale Station during the closures.

Aston Martins in Englefield

Car enthusiasts will be descending on Englefield for the 19th annual Bonhams Aston Martin Sale on Saturday 2nd June and the Aston Martin Owners Club's prestigious Concours d'Etat on Sunday 3rd June. Both events are open to the public and you can pre-book tickets and find out more from the Club's website www.amoc.org/events/concours.

Spring in the garden

I think the most beautiful season in the garden is spring at Englefield House. The cold weather delayed the flowering of the magnolias and we have had a combined flowering with the cherry blossom. The tree size rhododendrons look magnificent in the woodland and have been in bloom for sometime now recently joined by the sweet smelling azaleas whose perfume permeates the air. The stream area planted with many beautiful plants such as the candelabra primula and blue poppies looks stunning. The formal area of the garden has been in flower since March with tulips, followed by the camassia and now the alliums and I have noticed the plump buds on the roses will soon be open. In the kitchen garden we are flat out sowing, hoeing, watering and at the moment pruning the wall-trained stone fruit. The greenhouse is where we propagate all our annuals, such as zinnias, antirrhinum and echinacea and is at its peak of production. Some of these plants will be used in the box borders where we want to add more colour as the summer progresses. The remainder will be planted in the cut flower borders of the kitchen garden and these encourage lots of pollinating insects into the garden to pollinate our vegetables and fruit. The wild flower meadow in the field by the Old Rectory has started to flower with red campion and I have seen a corn cockle that I hope will be joined by many others. Wild meadows are a challenge to manage and it will be interesting for us all to watch its development as it establishes.

The garden is home to many birds and they are all busy raising a brood. Earlier today I was suddenly aware of a baby thrush standing on a carpet of pink cherry blossom from the tree above it, quietly watching me and hoping that I hadn't noticed it!

Susan Broughton, Head Gardener



EDUCATIONAL VISIT LEADERS

The John Simonds Trust based at Rushall Manor Farm, Bradfield, is looking for leaders, who have a love and understanding of the countryside. You will join a team of sessional workers welcoming children and young people on visits to this beautiful part of West Berkshire. The visits mainly take place during term time. Employment is on a supply basis, giving flexibility in working pattern. A typical day would start at 8.30am and finish at 3pm. To find out more about the John Simonds Trust please look at our website www.rushallfarm.org.uk. Enquiries: phone 0118 9744547 or email jst@rushallfarm.org.uk.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and the successful candidate will need to provide evidence for an enhanced DBS check.

News from Rushall Farm



On 24th April a statue of the leading suffragist Millicent Fawcett was unveiled in Parliament Square. The Fawcett statue joins eleven men including Churchill, Mandela and Gandhi. My own Rushall Farm 'square' would, yes, have a statue of Nelson Mandela but also Leonard Cheshire, John Wimber and Sir William Benyon. But a new addition would have to be Dame Steve Shirley.

She arrived in Britain in 1937 from Germany at the age of five, with her nine-year-old sister as child refugees. They were placed in the care of foster parents living in the Midlands. In 1959 she set up her own company Xansa, specifically to create job opportunities for women with dependents. She predominately employed women, with just three male programmers in the first 300 employees, until the sex discrimination act of 1975. She retired in 1993 creating 70 millionaires amongst her staff. Her son Giles was autistic and died after a seizure aged 37.

Opposite the Newbury Show ground is Priors Court, a centre for autistic young people, with a staff of 500 and around 70 pupils. Dame Stephanie Shirley has been the driving force behind the creation of this wonderful resource, donating £30 million, eager to give away with warm hands. She was committed to providing somewhere Giles would have been understood and able to thrive, and where parents could rest assured they were doing their best.

Every Tuesday a group of twenty 16-year-olds from Castle and Brookfield Special Schools come to the farm. It seems to us that the needs are much greater than they were even two years ago. It is a lively group, noisy with oscillating emotions, clumsy at times but caring, engaging but artful. One tall thin lad pirouettes off ahead on a walk to see the sheep and new-born lambs while another is subdued with little communication and a reluctance about movement of any sort, while the totally blind nervously feels his way on uneven ground and touches and smells blossom and an example of an apple. Always a challenge and wanting to learn, we had the opportunity to visit Priors Court and had our eyes opened to a world so different to our own. We came away with a resolve to put into practice many of the simple things we had seen making life easier and more fun for everyone.

John Bishop

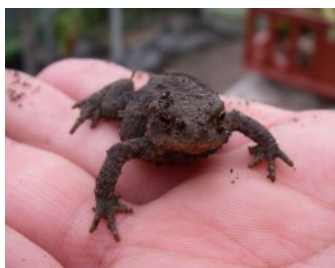
News from Five a Day

The weather has certainly been ‘weird’ over the last few months. Like many gardeners we have been affected by the change from freezing cold to very hot in a matter of days. It’s giving our gardening volunteers a real challenge to keep the Five a day Market Garden thriving. Sadly it meant our volunteers’ spring celebration had to be cancelled. They’d collected a pile of wood for the bonfire. The Englefield Estate came to our rescue by taking away all the wood to chip. The weather doesn’t stop our intrepid volunteers and on one very rainy Wednesday in May they all turned up and planted our courgettes. Our friends from Conservation Reading On Wednesday (CROW) came along at the same time and sorted out our compost area, which badly needed some TLC.



The Thyme Together sessions started in April. These sessions support older people and their carers, giving them a chance to socialise and enjoy some gardening. Everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and in May they got creative and built our a scarecrow of our founder Pam Goddard. We still have a few more places on this course so if you know of anyone who is over 65 and would like to spend a couple of hours a week doing some gardening and enjoying tea with homemade cake then please contact me on yvonne@fiveaday.org.uk.

At the moment we are very busy getting our crops into the beds. The strawberry patch built for us by one of our corporate teams in March, is now paying dividends. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a bumper crop – our first in three years since the rabbits moved in.



We are pleased to announce our summer course for families. If you want to keep the kids active and to learn about wildlife and gardening, then come along. Each weekly two-hour session is based around different wildlife and gardening themes. You can come along to one or all of them. Details will be on our website, Facebook (5adaygarden) or on our noticeboard.

Produce is now available including strawberries, lettuce, spinach, radishes and potatoes from the garden on Wednesday or Friday, or from Englefield Garden Centre. All funds raised subsidise the courses for isolated and vulnerable adults.

Yvonne Redgrave, www.fiveaday.org.uk

On royal parade

My goddaughter, Rebecca Herd, attended the St George's Day Parade of Queen's Scouts at Windsor Castle, on 22nd April this year. HRH Princess Beatrice of York reviewed the parade, and was joined by Bear Grylls, Chief Scout.

Liz Reeves



Saturday volunteering at Five a Day?

Are you are interested in chilling out for a few hours on a Saturday in the tranquil space of our garden and learning new skills all for a good cause? Hear what Julie, one of our volunteers, has to say:

'I started gardening at Five a day at the beginning of the year. As well as having the chance to garden in a beautiful setting, with a really friendly bunch of people, what I really like about this project is the sense of helping the wider community access the garden. It really gives people from all walks of life, from the smallest child, to the weekly 'thyme together' group for the elderly, to the learning disability group, the opportunity to explore the benefits of gardening, friendship, learning and togetherness. There is always time for tea and cake too, I love volunteering for this project, I can't think of a nicer way to spend a few hours a week!'

Saturday volunteering is now available for those who are busy all week. It is on a drop in basis so requires no regular commitment. We have other volunteer sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

For more info visit the website fiveaday.org.uk

Antiques evening in the Long Gallery

There is a fundraising evening on Tuesday 5th June in the Long Gallery at Englefield House in aid of West Berkshire Citizens Advice. James Podger of Great Grooms, Hungerford, will speak and guests are welcome to bring along any items they would like him to look at. Drinks and canapes from 6.30pm, talk 7.30pm, music by Watership Cantabile. Tickets £25 from marigold.jaques@btinternet.com.

Date	Sidesmen	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
June 3rd 1st Sunday after Trinity BCP	Doris Edwards Dianne Graham		Catherine Haig 2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Gill Barton Mark 2:23-3:6
June 10th 2nd Sunday after Trinity	Liz Marillier Gloria Sleep	Lucy Seal 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20	Aldo Guiducci 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Ann Stone Mark 3:20-end
June 17th 3rd Sunday after Trinity	Dianne Graham Linda Price	Paula Fenwick 1 Samuel 15:34- 16:13	Penny Savage 2 Corinthians 5:6- 10,14-17	Melanie Townsend Mark 4:26-34
June 24th 4th Sunday after Trinity	Richard and Sue Smith	Carole Ford 1 Samuel 17:32-49	Miles Edgar 2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Ron Marillier Mark 4:35-end
July 1st 5th Sunday after Trinity BCP	Ian and Penny Savage		Torquil M-J 2 Corinthians 8:7-end	Carol Boulter Mark 5:21-end
July 8th 6th Sunday after Trinity	David and Stephanie Gibbons	Don Barton 2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10	Peter Haig 2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Gloria Sleep Mark 6:1-13
July 15th 7th Sunday after Trinity	Paula Fenwick Linda Price	Linda Price 2 Samuel 6:1-5;12b- 19	Dee Boddy Ephesians 1:3-14	Dinah Perkins Mark 6:14-29
July 22nd 8th Sunday after Trinity	Peter and Denny Hollands	David Gibbons 2 Samuel 7:1-14a	Ron Marillier Ephesians 2:11-end	Elizabeth Benyon Mark 6:30-34;53-end
July 29th 9th Sunday after Trinity	Terry and Dinah Perkins	Ronan O'Sullivan 2 Samuel 11:1-15	Victoria Fishburn Ephesians 3:14-end	Harriet Wynne-Jones John 6:1-21
August 5th 10th Sunday after Trinity BCP	Doris Edwards Dianne Graham		Penny Savage Ephesians 4:1-16	Aldo Guiducci John 6:24-35
August 12th 11th Sunday after Trinity	Richard and Sue Smith	Peter Hollands 2 Samuel 18:5- 9;15;31-33	Lucy Seal Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Ann Stone John 6:35; 41-51
August 19th 12th Sunday after Trinity	Terry and Dinah Perkins	David Gibbons 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3- 14	Gloria Sleep Ephesians 5:15-20	Melanie Townsend John 6:51-58

If you are unavailable for any duty on the rota, please try to find a swap, or otherwise contact Saffy O'Sullivan. Saffy will always be found on the website, www.stmarksenglefield.org.uk/rota, or in the church porch. Please let Peter know. For prayer requests, please contact Dinah Perkins on 0118 9302731, and the intercessor will include your request.

Intercessions	Sacristan	Administrators	Sunday Club	Cleaners
BCP	Penny Norris	Penny Savage Terry Perkins	Andrea Kean Alice Johnson	Paula Fenwick Harriet Wynne-Jones
Richard Benyon	Sue Smith	Carol Boulter Melanie Townsend	Susannah McBain Sara Guiducci	Elizabeth Benyon Melanie Townsend
Elizabeth Benyon	Penny Norris	Peter Haig Dinah Perkins	Melissa Bennett Liz McKean	Doris Edwards Dinah Perkins
Victoria Fishburn	Dee Boddy	Torquil MJ Penny Savage	Zoe Benyon Gillian Pinkhardt	Gill Barton Dianne Graham
BCP	Penny Savage	Carol Boulter Saffy O'Sullivan	Penny Savage Alice Johnson	Lucy Seal
Liz Marillier	Penny Savage	Terry and Dinah Perkins	Susannah McBain Gillian Pinkhardt	Doris Edwards Dinah Perkins
Melanie Townsend	Penny Norris	Peter Haig Melanie Townsend	Melissa Bennett Denny Hollands	Elizabeth Benyon Gloria Sleep
Harriet Wynne- Jones	Sue Smith	Gill Barton Denny Hollands	Carolyn Ahanchian Liz Reeves	Paula Fenwick Linda Price
Stephanie Gibbons	Catherine Haig	Dudley Fishburn Penny Savage	Zoe Benyon Catherine Haig	Harriet Wynne-Jones
BCP	Dinah Perkins	Terry and Dinah Perkins	NO SUNDAY CLUB	Carole Ford Dianne Graham
Catherine Haig	Dinah Perkins	Carol Boulter Terry Perkins	NO SUNDAY CLUB	John and Liz McKean
Ron Marillier	Dee Boddy	Gill Barton Torquil MJ	NO SUNDAY CLUB	Melanie Townsend

ivon on 01491 825996 or 07799 060949. For diary planning for future Sundays, an up-to-date rota can
Penny Savage know if you have any notices for the pew sheet or announcements to be made in church.
request on the following Sunday.

Afternoon Teas at Aldworth

Summer teas at St Mary's Church, Aldworth, start again on Wednesday 6th June and then every Wednesday in June, July and August. Delicious homemade cakes will be available in the company of the historic Aldworth Giants from 2.30 to 4.30pm. For further details and to book groups contact me on 01635 578624 or gillwilding@hotmail.com. And if you can you make cakes and/or spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday afternoon, then St. Mary's, Aldworth, needs you! Please contact me if you can help this summer.

Gill Wilding

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David Sheppard

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West Woodhay House has a long-held reputation for raising money for charitable causes with the 2017 fair donating in excess of £27,00 to the benefiting charities. This year the following charities will benefit: The Rosemary Appeal in aid of the new cancer care unit in the West Berkshire Hospital, Fair Close Day Centre, National Garden Scheme, Newbury and District Agricultural Society and the Walbury Beacon Benefice Churches.

Entry to the fair includes access to this wonderful private garden. Parking is free and there is no charge for children. For further information see page 23 or go to www.westwoodhayfair.co.uk.

One week later, on Sunday 1st July, **Ashampstead Open Gardens** sees 12 gardens in the village open to the public from 2pm to 5pm.

Ashampstead's local rare plants specialist, Paul Barney of Edulis, will have a stall at the Village Hall where visitors can buy plants seldom found in garden centres. And many of the gardeners will have potted up cuttings of their favourites for sale at a nominal price.

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Thoughts for the week

These reflections are just some of the short commentaries that are compiled by Aldo Guiducci each week on the readings in church. They are all available, week by week, on the pew sheets and on the church website.

‘If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.’ (John 15 v 10)

Love, it turns out, is more than just a feeling. It is much more grounded than that. In this passage, Jesus tells us that our remaining in his love

comes about by our keeping his commands. For many, this will come as a surprise; surely, they will say, Jesus’ love is unconditional? The answer to this is ‘yes and no’ – yes, Jesus’ love towards any person is unconditional, and is offered as a free gift of his grace. But – and this is important – his love demands a response. We must either accept it or reject it. To accept it, Jesus says, involves making a conscious choice to follow him – to keep his commands. He draws the parallel with his own relationship with God the Father, showing that this closest of close relationships turns on his willingness to follow the Father’s loving commands. One of the reasons this can seem strange is because we mistakenly believe that commands necessarily mean a curtailing of our freedom. The reality is that following Jesus’ commands actually make us free. When playing a game, following the rules enables the players to be free to enjoy the game. When people ignore the rules, it quickly turns into chaos and the result is a spoiled game that nobody enjoys.

‘But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.’ (John 16 v 13a)

When they hear about the Holy Spirit (or Holy Ghost), some people mistakenly think of an impersonal, pervasive energy, like ‘the force’ in Star Wars. This in turn can lead to a distorted view of our relationship with God, as it can prompt us to think that by performing the right prayers or actions we are able to use the Spirit as we might use electricity. But notice how Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit throughout this passage – as ‘he’ not ‘it’. The Spirit is a person (the third person of the Trinity) and the way we interact with a person is completely different from the way we interact with forces. The Spirit’s role is to guide the church into ‘all the truth’; not meaning the truth about every subject but the specific truth about the person of Jesus, and what he said and did. The existence of the New Testament is permanent evidence that the apostles were guided into the truth about this.

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