

August - September 2019

# *Englefield Parish News*



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**Front cover:** *One of many stunning floral entries in the Flower Show last month, photographed by Terry Perkins. See pages 6 - 8 for more photographs and a full report.*

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# *From St Mark's House*

## *Dear friends*

We are writing on the fiftieth anniversary of those historic words: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". Our minds fondly recall, however, the eighth man to walk on the moon, James Irwin, who was our guest at Stowe School when we were on the staff there. He wrote, "When I was on the moon, I was inspired to quote from Psalm 121: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help?" I knew my help was coming from the Lord who made the heavens and the earth. He made the moon and made it possible for Jim Irwin to place his footprints there.' That psalm was originally for pilgrims going up to Jerusalem, but it holds good for any journey in life, including to the moon and back! It encourages us to **look beyond the mountains to the God who created them:** "My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip ..." That strength, security and stability is much needed in our current turmoil.

Society is increasingly troubled by uncertainty and insecurity, by division and distrust which breed agitation and fear. This is disruptive and destructive on a personal level and in the national realm. When "nations are in uproar", another psalm speaks to our condition: "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46.11). This is not, as is often misleadingly thought, an invitation to meditation. It is a command to a rebellious, restless world to submit to God whose laws we have abandoned and whose love we have abused. Chaos and confusion come from human folly and selfishness. In a situation of national crisis God spoke through the prophet Hosea: "return to the LORD. Say to him, 'Forgive all our sins and graciously receive us, so that we may offer you our praises'" (Hosea 14.2). This is our urgent need, for leaders and led, whatever may be the outcome of political processes in coming months.

From space our blue and beautiful planet "looked so fragile" and so it is, with threats to its ecosystem and its human population. The aspiration of "peace for all mankind", expressed by the plaque Apollo 11 left on the moon, can only be fulfilled by people whose hearts are changed by following the person who came to earth 2000 years ago. James Irwin reflected, when he looked at his footprints on the moon, "I believe Jesus Christ walking on the earth is more important than man walking on the moon. I will pray that you will yield your life to the Master and let Him guide your footprints." Jesus came to guide our feet into the path of peace and has left us an example that we should follow in his footsteps.

In His steps

*Nick and Harriet*

# Diary: August - September 2019

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Holy Communion</b> , 10.30 at St Mark's
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Holy Communion</b> , 10.30 at St Mark's
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Holy Communion</b> , 10.30 at St Mark's
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Holy Communion</b> , 10.30 at St Mark's
	<b>Rotary Club Englefield 10km run</b> , in aid of Ufton Adventure, <a href="http://www.inglefieldrun.info/">www.inglefieldrun.info/</a>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>Holy Communion</b> , 10.30 at St Mark's
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Service of Institution and Induction</b> for Revd Martin Davy at Holy Trinity, Theale, 7pm, page 5
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Greenfest</b> , a community event on sustainable living, at Hampstead Norreys, 10am - 4pm, see <a href="https://communitygreenfest.weebly.com/">https://communitygreenfest.weebly.com/</a>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Holy Communion</b> , 10.30 at St Mark's
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Let's Talk Theology</b> new series on the Trinity, 7.45pm, at St Mary's Sulhamstead, RG7 4ED
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Ride and Stride</b> in aid of Berkshire Churches Trust, see page 5 for more details
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Holy Communion</b> , 10.30 St Mark's
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>Royal County of Berkshire Show</b>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>Holy Communion</b> , 10.30 at St Mark's
	<b>Concert by Harry Russell</b> and The Berkshire Organists Association, 3.30pm at St Mark's
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>PCC meeting</b> , 6.30pm at St Mark's
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Parish Council meeting</b> , 6.30pm
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b> , a special family service, 10.30 at St Mark's, see page 23
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Ufton Cycle Sportive</b> , see page 24
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Holy Communion</b> , 10.30 at St Mark's
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Deanery SDG lecture</b> Professor June Boyce-Tillman speaking on her latest book, <i>Freedom Song, Faith, Abuse, Music and Spirituality</i> , 8pm at Bradfield College
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Let's Talk Theology</b> , details as above
Mondays 5 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> August and 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> September	
<b>Time to Pray</b> 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 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays of every month. All welcome.	

*St Mark's PCC meetings for 2019-20 will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, with the APCM on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020.*

## Congratulations

To Norah Allen on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, celebrated with a surprise party organised by family and friends on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

To Dylan Henderson and Chloe Major married at St Mark's on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

To Andrew Strang and Katy Tidbury, married on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

To Rich and Liv Edwards on the safe arrival of twin boys, Leo and Alec, on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, brothers for Finn and Robin.

To Alexander Bowyer and Eleanor Walker married at St Mark's on 13<sup>th</sup> July.

## RIP

John McKean, who died on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June. A family funeral was held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July and a service of thanksgiving and celebration for John's life will be held in the autumn. Our thoughts are with Liz, Helen, David, Giles and Abi and the grandchildren.



*Nick and Harriet with a group of students from Lee University, Tennessee, who came to the service at St Mark's on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Their tour leader, Rowena (right) was a member of the congregation at Nick's former church in Essex and he conducted her wedding.*



## *A new Bishop of Reading*

Olivia Graham, currently Archdeacon of Berkshire, has been appointed to be the next Bishop of Reading, taking over from the Rt Rev Andrew Proud who retired earlier this year. She will be the first female Bishop in the Diocese and will be consecrated in a service at St Paul's Cathedral on November 19<sup>th</sup>, and then welcomed to Berkshire with a service in Reading Minster on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. She has worked in the

Oxford Diocese since she was ordained in 1997 and currently lives in Newbury.

## *Works at St Mark's*

Repairs to the boundary wall on the north side of the churchyard have now been completed. During August and September repairs to the quatrefoil windows in the west wall of the church will be undertaken by Bristol Glass, with scaffolding and temporary boarding in place meanwhile. Lastly, a new wooden step with handrail has now replaced the previous plastic one up to the organ. The PCC - and all our organists - are very grateful to Andrew Rockall for his work on this.

## *Raising funds for Berkshire churches*

The main charity fund raising event for the Berkshire Churches Trust (BCT), known as Ride+Stride, takes place this year on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. The main objective of the BCT is to help keep our churches in Berkshire maintained and fit for purpose. I am aiming to cycle (or walk) to as many churches as I can manage that day and would welcome your sponsorship if you are not wanting to participate yourself. There will be a sponsorship form at the back of the church from 25<sup>th</sup> August or you can use the BCT's Just Giving page at: [www.justgiving.com/berkshirechurchestrust](http://www.justgiving.com/berkshirechurchestrust).

This is also a request for volunteers to act as stewards (who may themselves seek to be sponsored) at St Mark's that day between 10am and 6pm to welcome visiting participants. It is not a particularly onerous task and there will be plenty of time to contemplate the eternal verities and/or to read a novel as I have done on the day for the past couple of years! Please let me or Catherine Haig know if you are able to help with this. Thank you!

*Torquil Montague-Johnstone*



## *A move to Madagascar*

Adam Boulter (son of Hugh and our churchwarden Carol) and his family will be leaving south west France in mid August to take up the post of Dean and Principal of the Anglican Theological College of Toliara, in south western Madagascar, in the Anglican Province of the Indian Ocean. Prayers are asked: for Adam who will be training candidates for the priesthood and supporting the growth of the Church in that area; for Beth who will continue in her role of consultant in Development Economics; for Joseph, Hannah and Benjamin, as they all adjust to a different culture and way of life. Adam will be posting news and paintings on his website as he goes along at:

[www.adamboulter.co.uk](http://www.adamboulter.co.uk).

## *A new Rector for Holy Trinity*

We are delighted to be able, at long last, to announce that our new Rector will be Revd Martin Davy, who will be joining us from Southwark Diocese where he has been curate with Morden team ministry. Bishop Steven will institute him at a special service at Holy Trinity on 5<sup>th</sup> September - see the invitation below for details. We look forward to welcoming Martin, his wife Lisa and their two young children as they move into the Rectory this month.

*Margaret Elliot and Wendy Wickham, Churchwardens*



### **Holy Trinity Church**

invites you to join us for

***The Service of Institution and Induction***

*for*

***The Reverend Martin Davy***

*by*

***The Right Reverend Dr Steven Croft***

***Bishop of Oxford***

*on*

***Thursday 5th September 2019 at 7.00pm***



# Englefield Village Fete and Flower Show



Those of us with long memories of the Englefield Flower Show will note the changed title this year. The combination of the Flower Show with the school summer fete has helped the re-creation of a traditional whole village celebration of summer – the Englefield Village Fete and Flower Show.

And what an afternoon of sun and fun we had! A glorious day of blue skies and

sunshine maintained the unbroken record we have somehow achieved of a fine summer afternoon for the event. The magnificent Beenham Wind Orchestra set the scene with a programme of classic summery tunes. The children danced round the maypole and entertained us with a street dance display. The barbeque, PTA run tea tent, Pimms tent and beer tent did a roaring trade – the beer tent ran dry just before the end of the show! There were new additions to the traditional stalls this year - a



huge inflatable bouncy slide, and tractor rides which proved highly popular with young and old. The car park overflowed and had to be twice extended. A record number of friends and neighbours turned up, filling the field, visiting the attractions, sitting in the sunshine as the music from the orchestra filled the air. Next to the show field, the Five-a-Day market garden

held an open day and the fete crowds were encouraged to visit and see for themselves the enterprising work they do to promote the therapeutic benefits and a love of gardening for young and old alike.

Throughout the country, village shows are closing or turning into a vehicle for commercial enterprises selling their wares. But at Englefield we are used to bucking the trend and maintaining tradition while building on it. Your fete committee with the help of the incredible Englefield School PTA broke all records again and the Fete this year was expanded on all fronts. More stalls, more activities, more entertainment and most of all, more entries to the centre of the event – the Show Tent.

Again this year our parishioners, parents, friends and families responded magnificently to the requests for show entries – up about 20% on last year and maintaining the upward trend of recent years. The flower classes were particularly popular and the display of flowers in the centre of the tent perfumed the air and delighted the eye. The late start to the growing season and moving the show two weeks earlier to bring it into the school term time has undoubtedly added difficulty for our vegetable growers – but even so entries in some of the vegetable classes were up both in quality and number.



The judges commented that the quality of the art, craft and photography classes was one of the highest they had seen. As for the baking and preserves classes, the number of entries made the trestle tables groan. Our cookery class judge is an elegant lady and it is a mystery how she maintains her figure while sampling over 120 food class entries, including a record 18 tea loaves in the men only section. And the children did their parents and teachers proud too. The new cookery room in the school was the stimulus for a huge increase in the children's food classes – the tables in the children's tents were almost overflowing with entries of cheese straws and chocolate cakes. They looked and apparently tasted delicious.



There were more children's craft entries too, to complement the traditional handwriting and painting classes. For the first time the children's entries were combined with the main show in two tents at the entrance to the marquee. The awarding of rosettes in the children's classes was a great success. As they arrived children dragged their parents straight to the tents to see who had won. The rosettes soon moved from the display to the chests of our young entrants and were proudly worn around the show. We had to stem the tears of one entrant whose rosette had been lost. She quickly brightened up when given a new one!



What is the secret of our revived and hugely popular Fete? How are we bucking the trend of other less successful village fetes? It is undoubtedly the great support from our Englefield and school community who prepared, grew, cooked and made a record number of entries and came in their droves with friends and families to enjoy each other's company, eat drink and be merry enjoying the music, sunshine and all the fun of the fayre. It is that, coupled with an incredibly hard-working Fete and PTA committee who prepare for the event throughout the year and also stage the fete, run the stalls - and clear up on the day.



We could not manage without the great help of the Estate Yard team who deserve our heartfelt thanks for preparation of the site and dismantling of the tents afterwards. Amongst many other individuals who richly deserve our thanks are: Tom Larkcom at Hall Place Farm for the loan of straw bales;



the Beenham Wind Orchestra for yet again a wonderful performance; Rushall Farm for the loan of the tractor and trailer for the rides; our judges for coping with the increased demand of so many show entries; Zoe Benyon for presenting the cups and prizes; Mary Maclean for her experience and advice and help on the day; the joint chairs and members of the exceptionally dedicated Englefield School PTA.

Your committee is already noting further improvements for next year and the preparation will start when we meet anew in September. So please make a note of next year's date, provisionally **SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY**. Please spread the news and encourage entries and bring neighbours, friends and relatives next year. Please look out for emails which will keep you informed about show entries (any queries to efsentries@gmail.com). And please offer help on the lead up to the date or on the committee (contact the committee chairman Mark Postles mapostles@gmail.com).

*Chris Gittins, Show Administrator*

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**The 2019 winners of the cups and shields**

<b>CHALLENGE CUPS</b>	<b>GIVEN BY</b>	<b>HOLDER</b>
Garden of the Year	Lady Benyon	1 <sup>st</sup> Carol von Strvensee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Andy & Victoria Clarke 3 <sup>rd</sup> Richard & Sue Smith Trevor Allen
The Cox Cup	M. & P. Cox	
Rose Challenge Cup	F. Lamperd & H. Wilkinson	Margaret Stevens
Oliver Bridges Cup	H.O. Bridges	Trevor Allen
Bill Partridge Memorial Cup	Flower Show	Andy Clarke
Kathleen Lamperd Memorial Cup	F. Lamperd	Sarah Fraser
Bob Orchard Memorial Cup	Flower Show	Trevor Allen
Ambrose Setterfield Memorial Shield		Team Lloyd
Senior Citizens Shield		Team Lloyd
Miniature Challenge Cup		Sarah Fraser
Floral Art Challenge Cup	M. Hart	Sue Smith
Victor Brown Memorial Bowl	J. Brown	Gordon Fletcher
Novice Challenge Cup	N. Allen	Karen Elliot
Social Club Ladies Challenge Cup	The Social Club	Allison Pocock
Wendy Greaves Memorial Cup	C. Roberts	Bernard Neal
Photography Cup	T. Perkins	Angie Wooton
Des Allen Memorial Cup	N. Allen and Family	Angie Wooton
Children's Cup	J.K. Strang JP	Oscar Jones
Handwriting Shield Yrs 1 & 2	J. Dunn	Ambre Morgan
Handwriting Shield Yrs 3 & 4	J. Dunn	Isla Fox
Handwriting Shield Yrs 5 & 6	J. Dunn	Charles Phelps
Joan Dunn Memorial Cup Yrs 1&2	Flower Show	Elodie Butler
Joan Dunn Memorial Cup Yrs 3&4	Flower Show	Ruaridh Paterson
Joan Dunn Memorial Cup Yrs 5&6	Flower Show	Isabelle Smith
The Mrs Black Memorial Cup	Mrs S. Smith	Jessica Hendricks

## *Joining Englefield Estate with a little help from Sir Tom*

On a glorious sunny afternoon in July 2018 my husband, his family and I had the pleasure of attending the Tom Jones concert in the beautiful grounds of Englefield Estate. We were all overwhelmed by the beauty of the drive through the grand main gates, onto the driveway to the main house and the stunning deer park where we parked. We then had the pleasure of a lovely walk through the park up to the house passing the lake to get to the concert arena.



Whilst enjoying the views I was in deep conversation with my family, discussing how wonderful it would be to work on an Estate like Englefield's and that it had always been my dream to work in such beautiful surroundings. When my husband grabbed my hand, he had been looking on the Englefield webpage for the event information and the evening's timings for the Sir Tom Jones concert and had noticed that the Englefield Estate was advertising a position at the Estate Office.



I was so excited I bounced up and down before noticing that the closing date was that evening and as we were at the concert I was saddened I wasn't going to be able to apply. However my husband had other ideas, we found a lovely spot sheltering from the heat under a tree to the left of the House, and using our mobile phones started composing a covering letter and tweaking my CV which luckily I had saved in my e-mails from a few months previous.

I was able to send my application in on time and the next day I was so pleased to receive a phone call from the Estate regarding my application. The rest of the story speaks for itself, as I am now the Property & Lettings administrator at the Estate Office and thoroughly enjoying and learning all there is about the Englefield Estate and its history.

My husband and I may have missed the first couple of songs, but without the amazing concert I would have never have known about the position. I do hope Sir Tom didn't mind that we were a little distracted and I guess 'It's Not Unusual' for Sir Tom Jones to inspire generations.

*Suzanne Taylor*

## *Planning for the future*

We're very grateful to everyone who attended the Estate's drop-in event at the Long Gallery on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July. The exhibition presented some ideas for the sustainable future of the village, including the sensitive regeneration of the Estate Yard, provision of additional car parking and sought views about housing needs. Whether or not you were able to attend, we would welcome your feedback by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Details of the exhibition and an online feedback form are available at [www.englefieldvillage.co.uk](http://www.englefieldvillage.co.uk). Hard copies are also available at Englefield Stores.

*Edward Crookes, Estates Director*

## *50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations*

You may have seen the amazing fireworks over the deer park on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. They were the culmination of the Laithwaites Wine 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. This started with lunch at the House for guests including members of the Laithwaites family, followed by a tour of the gardens, which were in full colour for summer. The evening event had a festival vibe and over 800 Laithwaites employees enjoyed archery, laser clay shooting and mini golf, as well as a range of inflatable games and fun fair type stalls. There was a selection of food to choose from, including a hog roast, burger bar, German sausages, a Mexican taco bar, pizza or an English cheese platter. Guests partied on into the night with a silent disco, karaoke bus, and live music from the Rick Parfitt Junior Band and the evening concluded with the fireworks over the lake. Feedback from the event has been overwhelmingly positive: "we simply could have not chosen a better place to celebrate 50 years."

*Sarah Mosby, House and Event Administrator*



*Photo:  
Penguins*

# *News from Rushall Farm*



Last month 105 scouts and 25 leaders descended on Rushall Manor for the second of two preparation camps. They are heading off to Uganda over the summer on a three-week expedition, helping construct a school, with a safari at the end of their stay. On the first camp they were learning to lay bricks, basic carpentry and manual skills. This camp was focusing on team building including a drumming workshop, tomahawk throwing, archery, first aid, staying healthy and learning to be self-reliant for food and cooking it! They also had to fill potholes on the farm tracks, sort out some trees across footpaths and clear the scrub and piles of decaying timber and accumulated stuff from the improved workshop at Oaklands.

There is a saying that 1 skilled man is worth 10 unskilled volunteers, so it was with a level of dread that I arrived to look after my first batch of 20 at eight o'clock on Saturday morning. We cautiously started cutting grass off the banks with shears and to my surprise they seemed both to enjoy the task and do it well. Around the other side of the building we lit a fire and were agreed that it would be a modest affair with due regard for the overhanging trees. It wasn't long before the exercise seemed to gain momentum with the fire growing bigger, barrow loads of nettles and grass cuttings, blackthorn and hazel coppice, and some huge decaying timbers manhandled to add to the inferno. Mid-morning an ash tree with die back was cut down, the old charcoal sieve demolished, and work started on overhanging vegetation on the ditch and bank opposite the building. It was a hot day and a relief to stop at 12 for lunch. But as I arrived back another 30 appeared this time, determined not to miss out on the experience. A small group plus sledge and club hammers decided to demolish a very well-constructed stand for a large water tank. They duly took it in turns to hit the concrete blocks. Full instructions were given by the team as to where the blow would have maximum impact with cheers of approval when progress was being made. Two hours later their work was done. Around the corner those in charge of the fire were looking very red in the face and drinking a lot of water as dry leaves were now being raked out of the ditch to stoke the fire. Yes, evening did come and barbecue time, and Oaklands, well it looks rather cared for again, apart from some slightly singed overhanging trees!

*John Bishop*



## *News from Five a Day*

Five a Day Market Garden joined in the village celebrations of summer with our Open Day complementing the hugely successful Village Fete and Flower Show. More than 120 people visited the garden and we raised around £243 which will help to keep our mowers and secateurs in good condition!

The magnificent volunteers contributed in so many ways to make it a fantastic day; mowing, weeding, watering, harvesting vegetables and fruit, picking flowers, making jams and jellies, knitting brooches and hedgehogs, baking delicious cakes, cookies and cupcakes, and keeping our visitors entertained!



Did you know that Five a Day hosts weekly sessions for older people? Many come from local villages, enabling them to enjoy gardening, share their experience and knowledge and also take time to enjoy the tranquillity of the garden. These sessions, which are free, are held on Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm. If you know anyone who would like to come along, even if it's once a month, please email [learning@fiveaday.org.uk](mailto:learning@fiveaday.org.uk) to

register your interest. We are grateful to the Pargiter Trust which funds Thyme Together through the Berkshire Community Foundation.

Have you seen our produce from the garden on sale in the Garden Centre? Thank you, Austin, for giving us a table just inside the main entrance. We also sell from the garden on Wednesday and Friday mornings when the gardening volunteers are in to weed, mow and harvest vegetables. We're looking forward to a good harvest of apples, pears, quinces and medlars along with the ripening boysenberries, tayberries and blackberries – if we can pick them before the birds do!

Keep in touch with Five a Day Market Garden via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/5adaygarden/> and call in for a chat with the volunteers. Gardening is a great way to switch off from the busy-ness of life, and everyone enjoys the tranquillity of the garden.

*Wendy Tobitt on behalf of the Five a Day Committee*



## *From the Old Fire Station*

We can't quite believe we are almost at the summer holidays. We have enjoyed several activities and outings over the past weeks. The children have been really interested in recipes and mixing media and materials. We can't tell you how much fish pie has been made from the mud kitchen in the children's garden yum! yum!



Our preschoolers are soon to be moving on to BIG school and we have been lucky enough to meet the new teachers after we invited them in. Soon we will be having a graduation leavers party in the long gallery thanks to Englefield Estate. We are very much looking forward to this. We are also looking forward to meeting all our new starters in the new term. We are very happy that our little nursery is becoming more and more well known and popular amongst the community.

We are keen to continue exploring the local community so if there is anyone that has a hobby they would like to share with the children or maybe even a particular skill then please do get in touch [sophie@theoldfirestationnursery.co.uk](mailto:sophie@theoldfirestationnursery.co.uk). Don't forget we offer nursery and preschool places for children 3 months and above.

*Sophie Bieny, Manager*



## *Thank you*

Just a quick word to express our sincere thanks for all the kind messages and prayers, while Graham has been poorly. The latest from the hospital indicates a successful outcome, by the end of his treatment for prostate cancer, and the more pressing issue is getting control of his acute bronchial condition. So please keep him in your prayers so he may continue to play a part in Englefield life. The power of prayers is strong.

*Lizzie Reeves*



## News from Englefield School

It seems a long time since the last article and much has happened in and around school. John and Viv from the Wooden Spoon charity came in to talk to the Year 5/6 class about their planned rugby match at the advanced base camp of Everest. The children were fascinated and were then very excited to receive photos and updates from them to add to their learning in their Mountains topic. I'm delighted to say they were successful in their attempt.



Year 3 and 4 had a fabulous time on their residential visit to Thirtover. with orienteering, grass-sledging, a traversing wall, a low ropes course and other outdoor equipment. Making the beds was as much fun as always! They were a super group to take away.

Year 5 and 6 then enjoyed their four-day residential trip to Swanage. Pond-dipping, orienteering, a sand dune study and a night walk with stories of smugglers from days gone by were just a few of the highlights. Our 'Has Englefield Got Talent?' night ended with a resounding 'Yes!'. On the last day we enjoyed a tour around Corfe



Castle and were lucky enough to see the Flying Scotsman puff by on the railway from Swanage, a real extra treat! The children get so much from our residentials: team work, caring for others, responsibility, outdoor learning and adventurous experiences as well as having simple fun with their friends outside of the school environment.

We have enjoyed 2 great musical productions: 'Diwali' by Years 3 and 4 and 'Summer Holiday' by Years 5 and 6. Both were brilliantly acted with powerful and confident singing. Well done to all!

Just before Easter, the whole school went on a sponsored nature walk around the Englefield deer park. We were raising money for our whole-school trip to Path Hill in Whitchurch in June which was a superb experience for all ages; activities such as fire-lighting and team-building were done in mixed aged groups so the older pupils supported the younger ones, one of the many benefits of being in a small school.

Well done to the Englefield Players for another impressive performance at the annual Murder Mystery Night. We are so lucky to have so many parents and ex-parents willing to either get up on stage or support us on the night, a real community event. It was great to have some local residents in the audience this year as well as our own parents. It raised an amazing £1,470 for the school!

We were delighted to be asked to sing at Bishop Andrew's retirement service. It was a joyful occasion and our Year 5/6 singers did us proud. We also sang at Bradfield May Fayre which is always a fun event and it raised money for the school too.



One of the signs of summer is the start-up of our bee-keeping club under the enthusiastic and careful direction of Mrs Watts. This year we have done our first honey harvest much of which was sold at the Flower Show. We also won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the honey class. In addition to bee-keeping, the children hatched chicks and cared for tadpoles which are now in our pond.



We have been involved in a range of sporting events this term including cross-country, kwik cricket, netball, football and tennis, and have had a good deal of success, particularly in swimming. A special well done to Caitlin for winning the trophy for the most successful girl in her age group at the Swimming Gala. Our Sports Day finally took place in glorious sunshine after one cancellation due to rain. The day was well supported, starting with family picnics and involving a carousel of activities plus some very competitive races on the track. We even had the parents taking part in a house relay...extremely energetic!

The annual Englefield Village Fete and Flower Show was an amazing success, both for the local community and in terms of fund-raising for the school. The children did Maypole dancing and our 'Performers' and 'Street Dance' clubs also demonstrated their talents. Our PTA kept everyone refreshed with tea, Pimms and homemade cakes and the children were entertained with various games run by parents and pupils. We also had a record number of school entries to the craft tent.

Unfortunately this year we have lost more pupils than usual because of house moves. For this reason we now have spaces in most year groups. We also have spaces in our before and after school clubs which may help working parents. If you know someone in the area with older children who were hoping to bring their children to our school and be part of our happy, family community, please make sure they know that we may be able to accommodate them. We can be contacted over the summer holidays on the following email address: [headteacher@englefield.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@englefield.w-berks.sch.uk). We hope you all enjoy the summer; please remember that you are always welcome to contact the school (0118 930 2337) if you would like to come in for a visit or to help in any way.

*Hilary Latimer, Headteacher*

Date	Sidesmen	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
August 4th 7th Sunday after Trinity BCP	Doris Edwards Dinah Perkins		Ronan O'Sullivan Colossians 3:1-11	Torquil MJ Luke 12:13-21
August 11th 8th Sunday after Trinity	David and Stephanie Gibbons	Anne Edgar Genesis 15:1-6	Dianne Graham Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Melanie Townsend Luke 12:32-40
August 18th 9th Sunday after Trinity	Liz Marillier Gloria Sleep	Saffy O'Sullivan Isaiah 5:1-7	Mike Kimber Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Hugh Boulter Luke 12:49-56
August 25th 10th Sunday after Trinity	Sue Smith Melanie Townsend	Kahlen Spaulding Jeremiah 1:4-10	Linda Price Hebrews 12:18-end	Stephanie Gibbons Luke 13:10-17
September 1st 11th Sunday after Trinity BCP	Paula Fenwick Linda Price		Dudley Fishburn Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Peter Haig Luke 14:1,7-14
September 8th 12th Sunday after Trinity	Peter and Catherine Haig	Gill Barton Jeremiah 18:1-11	Ronan O'Sullivan Philemon 1-21	Carol Boulter Luke 14:25-33
September 15th 13th Sunday after Trinity	Doris Edwards Dinah Perkins	Peter Hollands Jeremiah 4:11-12; 22-28	Gloria Sleep 1 Timothy 1:12-17	Aldo Guiducci Luke 15:1-10
September 22nd 14th Sunday after Trinity	David and Stephanie Gibbons	Elizabeth Benyon Jeremiah 8:18-9 – 9:1	Torquil MJ 1 Timothy 2:1-7	Melanie Townsend Luke 16:1-13
September 29th HARVEST FESTIVAL	Peter and Catherine Haig	Peter Haig Jeremiah 32:1-3a; 6-15	Denny Hollands 1 Timothy 6:6-19	Annie Stone Luke 16:19-end
October 6th 16th Sunday after Trinity BCP	Elizabeth Benyon Melanie Townsend		David Gibbons Philippians 4:4-9	Ron Marillier John 6:25-35
October 13th 17th Sunday after Trinity	Paula Fenwick Linda Price	Carole Ford Jeremiah 29:1,4-7	Dianne Graham 2 Timothy 2:8-15	Torquil MJ Luke 17:11-19

If you are unavailable for any duty on the rota, please try to find a swap, or otherwise contact Saffy O'Sullivan. Saffy can always be found on the website, [www.stmarksinglefield.org.uk/rota](http://www.stmarksinglefield.org.uk/rota), or in the church porch. Please do not be afraid to be made in church. For prayer requests, please contact Dinah Perkins on 0118 9302731 and the intercessors.

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 let Nick Wynne-Jones know if you have any notices for the pew sheet or announcements  
 essor will include your request on the following Sunday.

## Recital at St Mark's

Harry Russell, one of the regular organists at St Mark's, is giving a recital in the church on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** at 3.30pm. Songs and dances form the core of this recital with works from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Danish composer Dieterich Buxtehude composed many pieces, including a chaconne, a slow triple-time dance or passacaglia, and the recital opens with two such works. 20<sup>th</sup> century German composer, Paul Hindemith, drew on 17<sup>th</sup> century musical forms to set the melodies of 15<sup>th</sup> century love songs for his Organ Sonata III. This has three short, jewel-like movements which transform the folk songs with some of the cabaret styles of the 1920's and 1930's. In *Miroir*, contemporary Dutch composer, Ad Wammes, paints a musical picture of moving and flickering light reflected off a lake. Two works by German late Romantic composer, Max Reger, conclude the recital. His *Pastorale in F* is a lovely, calm evocation of late summer, while his *Prelude and Fugue in D minor/major* is fiery and passionate. The recital will be given jointly with The Berkshire Organists' Association. All are welcome.

## Bradfield Young Farmers

Yet more competitions have made for an amazing summer with members participating at the National Finals weekend in Stafford and the Rounders and Rugby competitions. Club meetings have continued. A visit to the Pang at Bradfield College was a great evening of stream sampling, fishing and general wet fun. A huge amount of invertebrate species were found and identified and some truly enormous signal crayfish removed. Members have been to Coral Reef swimming and taken part in the Berkshire YFC Country Spotters Competition at Snelsmore Common. A return to the Pang, this time at the ford in Bucklebury, to generally just have a water fight was another memorable evening! Club leaders and members alike got a thorough soaking!



Despite all the frivolity and competitive success, this summer has brought sadness too. The Club was proud, on a sad day, to acknowledge the support of Jimmy Balsdon, a long-time member, Vice President and supporter of all things YFC. Bradfield members raised a glass and sported their black and gold rugby tops at his funeral service. Bradfield YFC wouldn't be what it is today without his support over many many years.

Like many groups and organisations locally, we will sadly miss him and our thoughts are with Rosemary and family.

To find out more contact [sonia.walters2@btinternet.com](mailto:sonia.walters2@btinternet.com) or find BYFC on Facebook.



## Update from the Young family

*Philip is grandson-in-law of Ann Stone and is one of two young people connected to St Mark's who have been training for ordination.*



Thanks so much for your prayers for us. God has been very gracious to us in so many ways. We finished our time in Cambridge last month and moved to Wootton, a small village just outside Bedford, while my parents were visiting from Australia. The next week I was ordained in the Abbey and Cathedral Church of St Alban and began my ministry at St Mary's the following week. Our home here is a real blessing and we have found a lovely childminder for Teddy before Louise goes on maternity leave next month (due date 9 September!). Louise's journey in to London has been simplified travelling in from Bedfordshire, which has been great.

We will be serving our curacy in Wootton for a minimum of three years. We are excited about what the Lord has in store for us here and are hugely grateful for your ongoing support in prayer. Among other things, please join us in giving thanks for great provision for us as a family with our accommodation, for my graduation and curacy and the imminent prospect of maternity leave for Louise; and in praying that we would serve the church family of St Mary's and the village of Wootton well and make a positive impact for God's glory in this place, that God would grant me humility to learn all that God wants to teach me at this time, and wisdom and diligence for how I spend my time, and for a good dynamic in home life and helpful boundaries for life and ministry.

*Philip Young*

## Harvest Festival at St Mark's



Please save the date for a special family service to celebrate **Harvest Festival** at St Mark's on **Sunday 29th September**. Everyone is welcome to join us that morning at 10.30am, more details will be available on the pew sheets and noticeboard nearer the time.

## *Why is it called Englefield?*

There are differing versions of several aspects of Englefield's history and the very name itself is one of these. Much of the confusion no doubt arose in the later 18<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries when gentlemen scholars became interested in history but lacked the easy access to the wide variety of sources that is provided today by the internet. As a result, being short of actual evidence, they were forced to make assumptions and draw conclusions that can nowadays be seen to be completely wrong. Unfortunately, their work is often simply reproduced unquestioned down the years, even though more information is now readily available.

One account says that the modern name of the village derives from “Inglefield” and supposed to be a reference to the fires lit in the area as a warning of the approaching Danish army in 870. This does actually appear as the name on 18<sup>th</sup> century maps and in written documents, and even as late as 1915 in the record of William Percy Smith's enlistment in the Army. This idea comes from precisely that time mentioned above, and the Rector, the Reverend Arthur Clutterbuck, hosting a visit from the Newbury Field Club on behalf of his brother-in-law Richard Benyon in 1873, put forward this suggestion but it was rebutted by a Mr Godwin. The “ingle” is supposed to refer to a Saxon word for fire (as in every country cottage's must-have feature, an “ingle-nook fireplace”) but such a derivation is entirely mythical. The Saxons used many different, apparently unrelated, words for a single thing, depending on the exact nature and context, and wrapped both noun and adjective into a single word. We still use most of the words today, but less discriminately and with added descriptive words that are not strictly necessary. Thus, the generic Saxon word for fire is *fyr* but a fireplace in a house is *heorþ* (hearth) and a fire beacon is *béacen*. Actually, “ingle” is not a Saxon word at all but derives from a Scots Gaelic word, meaning a fireplace in a house, not recorded in use in England before the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

Another version says that the name arises from the battle (really more a skirmish or ambush than a pitched battle) between the Saxons and Danes in 870 – or was it 871? Dating events that took place hundreds of years ago to a particular day in 21<sup>st</sup> century terms is difficult, especially around the turn of the year. There is, of course, the matter of the “11 lost days” owing to the change from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar in 1752 to contend with, but also the fact that the Saxons started their year on 25<sup>th</sup> December. So, as the skirmish is reckoned to have taken place on 31<sup>st</sup> December, the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle has it in 871 but we should place it in 870 by our calendar.

The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle clearly puts the skirmish at a place it calls “Englafelda”, the earliest use of that name, though exactly when the place acquired that name is uncertain. The literal meaning is “Englishman's field” and there is a view that the name derives from that skirmish and “field” in this sense means “battlefield”, so the name translates as something like “the field of battle on which the English were victorious”

and therefore dates only from 870. Alternatively, it could simply refer to a place where some Anglo-Saxons settled and could have been in use before then. From the Chronicle (itself written some 20 years after the skirmish) either reading is possible.

However, as with “fire”, the Saxons had many different words for field depending on what sort of field it was. So a small field would be a *croft*, a field fenced to keep animals in was a *fold* and a cultivated field was an *acer*. Battlefield is *beadunwang* and a field of victory was *sigewang*. While *herefeld* (army field) did indeed refer to an actual site where a battle took place, on its own *feld* means a level piece of open land, as opposed to forest or hills, and is, of course, found in many other place names where it always has this meaning. Englafelda, therefore, means the open land settled by the Angles and refers to this particular part of the Kennet valley between two ridges of high ground. As such, it almost certainly pre-dates 870.

*Richard Smith*

## *Gold award for Cobbs wine*

Alder Ridge Vineyard’s 2014 Blanc de Noirs picked up a gold medal at this year’s WineGB awards. No fewer than 254 English wines were entered in this year’s competition and only 39 wines were awarded a gold medal. The WineGB Awards is the UK wine industry’s national competition designed to showcase the distinctive styles of sparkling and still wines produced in the UK. The wines were judged at the Institute of the Masters of Wine in London in June by 12 judges, headed up by Susie Barrie MW and Oz Clarke. Congratulations to all involved and of course Alder Ridge wines are available to buy at Cobbs at Englefield!



## *Greenfest at Hampstead Norreys*

If you are interested in environmental issues and living more sustainably have a look at the website for Greenfest - <https://communitygreenfest.weebly.com/> - and start planning your visit for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Organised by the local community for the local community, it aims to bring together a wealth of green ideas and solutions all in one place. There will be educational talks and workshops, stalls, major solutions providers, children's activities and music, all happening at five venues across the village. It runs from 10am till 4pm and promises to be a fun and educational day out with plenty to keep everyone busy.

## *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.

**Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (Galatians 6 v 7)**

In last week's passage we saw Paul exhorting us to recognise how Christ has set us free, to stand firm, and not to be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. He emphasised how our freedom was given to us to live lives pleasing to God, not lives of self-indulgence. Here, Paul makes the point that God sees the deepest motivations and desires of our hearts, and warns that our thoughts and actions have consequences. It matters how we live. To some extent in this life, but supremely in the light of eternity, the way we choose to use the freedom God has given us will determine where we end up. Those who use their freedom for selfish ends will end up reaping destruction, while those who use it to live in step with God's Spirit and seek to please him will find they are living as they were designed to live, and reap eternal life in all its fulness. Paul encourages us to keep going, not to become weary in doing good, because there is a tremendous harvest in store if we do not give up.

**For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. (Colossians 1 v 13)**

While other religions say that if their adherents do certain things, then they will receive, the message of Christianity is the opposite. Paul says that those who follow Jesus have already been rescued, that their reward is already certain. Some have taken this to be a licence for Christians to be unconcerned about righteous living; if we have been freely forgiven then it doesn't really matter how we live. This passage is just one of many where Paul corrects this error. God has not just rescued us from the dominion of darkness, he has also brought us into the kingdom of his Son. We have not just been saved from something, but for something. A few verses earlier, Paul speaks of his prayer that God's people "may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work" (v10). We have been freed to live life the way it is meant to be lived, and the choices we make matter.

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Our PPG includes 12 patients/carers, the GP practice manager, senior administrator and a GP (currently Dr Brooke). We meet regularly at the surgery to talk about current issues. We also plan to involve a wider group of patients, using e-mail to share news and ask for their views. The PPG is led by patients, not the doctors or practice manager. Their role is to help and support the PPG, and to work in partnership with the group.

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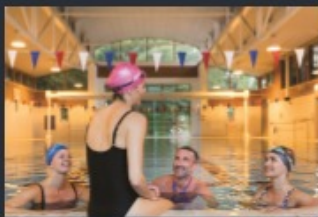
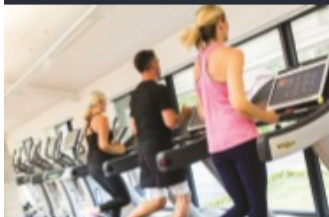


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

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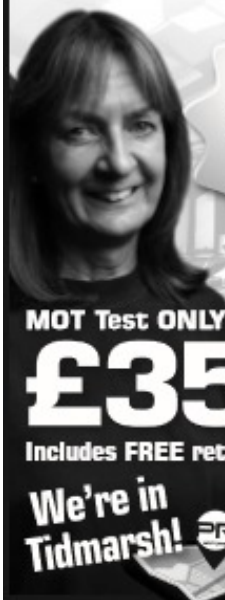
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