

WELCOME

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**ALL
SAINTS'
& HOLY
TRINITY**
WEEKLY E-NEWS



Last week felt as though everything had rather arrived at once. This week has not so much slowed down as simply carried on in much the same vein.

The good news is that, amidst all of that, we have reached a really important point. The Parish Profile has now been approved by both PCCs and is ready to go, with the vacancy advertisement due to be published next week. After a great deal of work behind the scenes, it is good to have it at the stage where it can now begin to do the job it was intended for.

It also brings a subtle shift. What has, until now, been largely about preparation and discussion now starts to move into something more outward facing. There is, perhaps, a slight sense of anticipation in that. A recognition that we are not just talking about what comes next, but actively stepping towards it.

In the meantime, everything else continues in its usual fashion. Parish life shows no particular inclination to pause, and if anything seems to have developed a habit of adding one more thing just as you think you might be nearly there. Reassuringly familiar, if occasionally a little relentless.

So we keep going. Getting on with what needs to be done, keeping things moving, and now, with the Profile complete, beginning to look ahead to who might come forward to join us for the next chapter.

Wishing you a good and peaceful week ahead, with some joy thrown in along the way.

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Pew Sheet

Fourth Sunday of Easter

26 April 2026

HYMNS

3 – A man there lived in Galilee

246 – In heavenly love abiding

311 – Lord Jesus Christ

186 – Great is thy faithfulness

SERVICES THIS WEEK

26 April	9.45am	Sung Eucharist All Saints' Melbourn
3 May	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) All Saints' Melbourn
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist Holy Trinity, Meldreth

All Saints' May Market - Saturday 16 May

All Saints' will be holding its May Market on 16 May and, as always, if you are dividing plants, do please set some aside for the event. Please speak to Nicola, Sue C or Pat.

Calling all our lovely cake makers. If you are able to make a cake either for the cake stall or for refreshments, please speak to Kimmi.

We are also looking for donations for the bottle tombola again this year, and this is always a really popular stall, so all contributions are very welcome. Please speak to Kimmi if you can help.

Save the date

Friday 19th June at 7pm Holy Trinity Meldreth.

Award-winning pianists play Grieg, Chopin and Rachmaninoff.

Safari Supper - Saturday 18 July

All Saints' will be hosting a Safari Supper on Saturday 18 July. It promises to be a fun & sociable evening following the familiar format known to many and ready to be discovered by others. If you are interested in hosting diners for a starter, main course or dessert, or would simply like to find out more, please speak to Diane Blundell, Gill Sutcliffe, Jane Brett or Kimmi.

Sunday 26 April 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,
that we may seek those things
which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

Either **Acts 2:42-end**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Many were baptised and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Or **Genesis 7**

PSALM Psalm 23

R *I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green
pastures
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they
comfort me. **R**
You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who
trouble me;
you have anointed my head with
oil and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy
shall follow me all the days of my
life,
and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **1 Peter 2:19-end**

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Brothers and sisters: It is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Or **Acts 2:42-end**

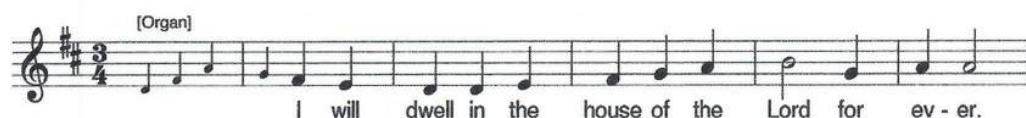
GOSPEL John 10:1-10

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to
be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down
his life and rise again:
keep us always under his
protection,
and give us grace to follow in his
steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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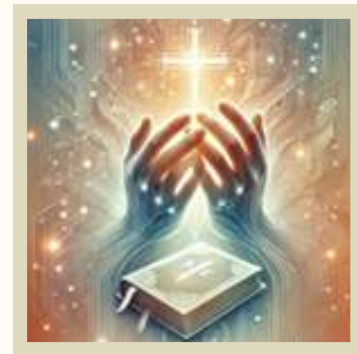
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Prayer Requests

We are happy to receive your prayer requests. Please let us know if there is anything or anyone specific you would like to pray for.



Prayer and Bible study groups

Prayer group meets on the first Wednesday of the month.

On the third Wednesday of the month, a group meets for Bible study.

Both groups meet between 11.00 and 12.00.

If you would like to join either or both groups, you will receive a warm welcome.

Please contact Pat Smith for more information.

Home Visits

If you are ever housebound or unable to attend church due to illness and wish to receive Holy Communion or prayers for the sick, please contact us to arrange a home visit.





A Church Near You is a website created by the Church of England to let people know more about churches across England. On this website each church has its own pages which hold lots of important information about the church including service times and events.

Please do look at the entries for Meldreth and Melbourn. If you log on to the website, you can find a church by entering the village name or postcode and selecting from the churches it gives you within a certain geographical area. (If you put in your own postcode it will bring up your local church first) we would be pleased to have your feedback on updates.

www.achurchnearyou.com

SERVICES FOR MAY 2026

Date	Time	Type of Service	Location
3 May	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	All Saints', Melbourn
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
10 May	8.00am	Service of the Word (tbc)	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn
17 May	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
	11.00am	Sunday @ 11	All Saints', Melbourn
24 May	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn
31 May	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	Holy Trinity, Meldreth

A Life of Considerable Complexity



Things have felt quite busy lately. Not in a dramatic way, but in that steady, slightly relentless way where crossing something off the list simply creates space for something else to appear. This realisation was when I suddenly thought I needed to do something differently, and so found myself last week buying a very large organiser. Not instead of my usual notebook, I should say. The current one features a rather fetching image of flamingos on the front and it will absolutely still be coming with me to meetings,

assuming there is enough table space for the organiser, the notebook and, of course, the phone. The organiser itself is a different matter entirely, a proper, substantial thing that suggests a life of considerable complexity. It is, of course, beautifully understated, in much the same way that I am understated. It has a gold cover.

It felt, if I am honest, a bit like going back in time. Everything is supposed to live on screens now, neatly contained and effortlessly organised, which all sounds excellent until it isn't. There is only so far that can go before it all starts to feel slightly theoretical. Neither a computer nor a phone is much use when you are standing in the middle of church, phone in hand, and still none the wiser as to why you went in there in the first place. At least with paper you can see it, you can carry it and you can cross things out. Which is currently providing a surprising amount of satisfaction and happening with reassuring regularity.

The Parish Profile has, in the meantime, felt less like a task and more of a presence. Truth be told, for quite some time I ate, slept and breathed it, with a fair amount of midnight oil being burnt along the way, to the point where it began to feel less like a document and more like a long term companion I was spending far too much time with. Thankfully, it has now been approved at the Section 11 meeting. For me it was a moment worth marking, not least for the very satisfying act of drawing a firm line through it in the organiser, and firmly resisting the urge to go back and “just tweak one last thing”, which, as experience shows, is never just one last thing and rarely quick.



Having been through this before when Andrew was appointed, I have a fairly clear sense of what comes next. There will be meetings with the other three parish representatives and the Archdeacon. No doubt plenty of discussion, decisions to make, questions to shape and plans to put in place for interviews. It is not a dull process, far from it, it is very interesting and absorbing. There is something quite encouraging about being at the point where it all starts to take shape again. Even if it does mean things will soon begin to gather pace.



In the meantime, the new organiser is already earning its keep. Pages are filling and, of course, things are still being added. There is a certain satisfaction in seeing it all written down rather than trying to hold it in your head. Although it does also have the slight disadvantage of making it rather

abundantly clear quite how much there is to do, which had perhaps been easier to ignore before. That, of course, is before taking into account my rather hectic life outside of the church, which continues alongside all of this and requires a certain amount of attention of its own. Quite how it is all then juggled and kept completely under control is, at best, a working theory.

Sometimes, going back to the old way is no bad thing. If nothing else, it gives me somewhere to put it all down in one place and have a fighting chance of keeping up with it, or at least kidding myself that I might be.

Kimmi

NEWS

Moving Towards Our Next Chapter

There has been a real sense of momentum gathering over the past couple of weeks as we move forward in the process of finding our next priest, and it is encouraging to be able to share such a positive update.

On Monday 21 April, members of both PCCs met together in the Community Hall with Alex Hughes, Archdeacon of Cambridge. It was a constructive and focused evening, with a clear sense that things are now moving in a purposeful direction. The main piece of work, the Parish Profile, was formally agreed. This is a substantial document, coming in at around 40 pages, and it reflects a great deal of thought, care and honesty about who we are as churches and communities. It sets out not only where we are now, but also the kind of leadership we are hoping for in the next chapter of our life together. It will, we hope, present a compelling picture and attract strong candidates who feel called to join us.

Alongside this, the wording for the advertisement has also been agreed. This will appear in the Church Times, as well as on the diocesan website and the Pathways website, ensuring it reaches a wide and appropriate audience. The plan is for the advertisement to go live next week, which feels remarkably swift given how recently this process began.

We have also now appointed our parish representatives, with two from each parish, who will sit on the interview panel alongside the Archdeacon. They will be fully involved in the selection and interview process, including shortlisting once applications have been received, helping to shape the interview questions, and preparing for the interview day itself.

For now, the next step is simply to wait for applications to come in. That may sound like a quieter phase, but it is an important one, and there is a shared sense of hope and anticipation about who might be led to apply.

There is still some way to go, but this feels like a significant step forward. The groundwork has been carefully laid, the process is properly underway, and there is every reason to feel positive as we continue on this path



Two New Arrivals Turning Heads in Peterborough



A rather neat piece of timing has brought two unmistakably larger than life arrivals to Peterborough Cathedral at exactly the same moment, each in their own way more than capable of drawing attention.

the arrival of a Titanosaur skeleton has already begun to pull in visitors. These vast, long necked dinosaurs were among the largest creatures ever to walk the earth, and seeing one set out across the nave is enough to stop people in their tracks. There is something about the scale of it that quietly insists on being noticed, even in a building that is not short on presence itself.

The exhibition offers more than spectacle. It explores how titanosaurs lived, how their fossils were discovered, and what they reveal about a world millions of years removed from our own. Set within the cathedral, it creates an interesting meeting point between deep time and sacred space, giving visitors plenty to reflect on as they take it all in.

Arriving at much the same moment, Andrew has begun his new role in Peterborough, which does give the impression that the cathedral is currently hosting two arrivals with a certain capacity for being noticed.

It is not often that such a pairing presents itself. One has the advantage of scale, history, and a rather commanding position in the nave. The other can equally hold court, just in a different way. Even so, both seem likely to attract their share of attention in the weeks ahead.

For now, the cathedral finds itself home to both, and it would be unwise to assume which will draw the most attention.

Lifting for a Cause: 82 Year Old Priest Takes on 200kg Challenge



At 82, former prison chaplain the Revd Vernon Lidstone is preparing for an extraordinary challenge. This Saturday, he hopes to powerlift 200kg at a competition in Salisbury, raising funds for a new eco friendly heating system at his parish church, St Peter's, Framilode in Gloucestershire.

He has been training steadily for the event and is aiming to beat his previous lift of 182.5kg, set last year. The effort is part of a wider campaign to fund an air source heat pump to replace the church's failed oil fired boiler, with a

total target of £40,000. The competition will take place at Crazy Strength gym, and Mr Lidstone plans an early start to give himself the best chance of success. He admits the attempt may be ambitious, but remains determined to give it his all.

Mr Lidstone has been part of St Peter's for three decades and now serves as a co opted PCC member. Before retirement, he was Chaplain at HM Prison Leyhill and also served as honorary assistant priest in the South Severnside Benefice.

His commitment to fitness began 12 years ago after hearing a BBC Radio Gloucestershire discussion on the importance of staying active in later life. Inspired, he invited fitness instructor Patrick Ansley to the church, and has trained regularly ever since, attending sessions three times a week.

The urgent need for funds became clear when a burst boiler flooded the vestry. For Mr Lidstone, this challenge reflects more than repair work. It speaks of active ageing, environmental responsibility, and sustaining the church at the centre of community life.

A Daily Toll on Sacred Spaces



More than ten crimes a day are being committed at churches and other places of worship across the UK, according to newly released figures. Data obtained through Freedom of Information requests by the Countryside Alliance reveal that 3,637 offences took place on church property and religious premises in 2025 alone.

Requests were sent to all 45 territorial police forces, with 44 responding and 37 supplying usable data. The findings form part of a wider eight year picture, which records a total of 43,853 crimes since 2017. These include 17,338 thefts, 12,430 incidents of criminal damage and arson, and 5,696 cases involving violence.

The most recent figures cover the full calendar year from January to December 2025. Alongside theft, burglary, vandalism, and assault, a further 172 offences across other categories bring the total to 3,809. This equates to more than ten incidents every day.

The Countryside Alliance notes that the true scale is likely higher. Not all police forces provided data, and differences in how crimes are recorded make comparisons difficult. Among the reported offences were 58 lead and metal thefts, 1,561 other thefts and burglaries, 1,018 cases of damage or arson, and 1,000 incidents of violence, with vandalism and violence forming a significant proportion.

London recorded the highest number of incidents, with 531 offences logged by the Metropolitan Police, followed by West Yorkshire and Greater Manchester. Representatives from the National Churches Trust have warned that increasing pressures on volunteers and funding are leaving churches more vulnerable, urging greater support to protect these important community spaces.

Stranded, Singing, and Thriving on Scilly



Members of Truro Cathedral's choir found themselves enjoying an unexpected extension to their recent trip to the Isles of Scilly after their return boat developed a fault.

The group had travelled to the islands to perform, but a problem with the Scillonian III last Friday meant that around 20 choristers, aged eight to 13, along with staff and adult singers, were unable to return to the mainland as planned. Instead, they remained on the islands until Monday.

For James Anderson-Besant, Master of the Choristers and organist at Truro Cathedral, the disruption became something rather special. Having toured widely, he described the trip as "my very favourite".

The choir had been performing at St Nicholas's Church, Tresco when news of the fault reached them. Their plans quickly shifted, beginning with rehearsals and a well received concert, followed by lunch and time outdoors exploring the island.

Back on St Mary's, the extended stay was made possible by generous local support. Despite illness affecting some singers, others stepped in at short notice, even covering unfamiliar parts. A visiting lay clerk from Ely Cathedral also joined the group.

After a well earned supper of fish and chips, the choir gave their main evening concert. The programme included music by Vaughan Williams, Stanford, and Tallis, with particularly memorable performances of *Salvator Mundi* and *Miserere*. The church was full, and the audience warmly supportive.

Mr Anderson-Besant praised both the islanders and his team, describing the experience as "surreal yet wonderful". He also spoke of the choristers' strong sense of unity, calling them an extended family and a fine example of the English cathedral tradition, which at Truro dates back to the 1880s.

Sing, Connect, Grow: A New Generation

Discovering Faith Through Music



A new programme built around popular school-assembly songs is aiming to transform how children and families engage with church, with an ambitious goal to double the number of young active disciples by 2030.

At the heart of the initiative is iSingPOP, part of the Innervation Trust. Backed by £500,000 from a Church funding stream, the project will support 300 churches by training clergy and lay leaders, while also helping to establish new worshipping communities.

The programme aligns closely with the wider vision of the Church of England to grow faith among children and young people. Already, iSingPOP reaches more than 77,000 children each week through its songs and resources, which are used in both schools and churches.

Its approach is simple but effective. Over several days, facilitators work with schools to teach children lively, faith-based songs, leading up to a full-scale performance for parents. These concerts often become a bridge, encouraging families to explore faith beyond the school setting and into church life.

This model has already shown promising results in a pilot within Worcester diocese, where it has been combined with local mission plans. In its first year, nine new worshipping communities were established, with more than 160 children taking part in follow-on activities.

Director Miz Porter highlighted the power of music to connect generations and introduce families to the Gospel. Supporters of the scheme believe it offers a vibrant, practical way to help churches build lasting relationships with schools and welcome a new generation into worship.

Please Support the Development Fund at All Saints'

If you would like to contribute towards our Development Fund, please scan the QR code or use the link below.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your kindness and support.



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Travel Talk with Gayle



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Twice the Destinations, None of the Stress

Part 2: From Wild Plains to Island Shores

Last time, we introduced the idea of twin-centre holidays, combining two destinations in one carefully planned journey. The beauty of this approach lies in balance: adventure followed by rest, culture followed by coastline, stimulation followed by stillness.

When thoughtfully arranged, these combinations never feel hurried. Instead, they offer contrast in the most satisfying way.

This time, we explore two pairings that work particularly well for travellers seeking both discovery and relaxation.

Safari & Zanzibar

Wildlife and Indian Ocean Calm

For those who have ever dreamt of seeing wildlife in its natural habitat, Tanzania offers an extraordinary experience.



The Serengeti's wide-open plains are home to an astonishing variety of animals. Lions rest beneath acacia trees, elephants move steadily across the grasslands and, at certain times of year, vast herds of wildebeest and zebra travel in great migrations across the savannah.

Guided safari drives take place at a gentle pace, led by knowledgeable rangers who ensure both comfort and insight.

Another remarkable setting is the Ngorongoro Crater, a vast natural caldera formed thousands of years ago. Its unique landscape supports a dense concentration of wildlife, offering opportunities to observe animals in close proximity within a dramatic yet peaceful setting.

A safari is both humbling and uplifting. Early mornings begin quietly, with golden light spreading across the plains. Evenings bring lantern-lit dinners and a sky filled with stars.

After days spent immersed in nature, Zanzibar provides a beautiful contrast.

Just off the coast of Tanzania, this island carries centuries of history shaped by Arab, African and European influences. Stone Town, with its winding lanes and carved wooden doors, offers a glimpse into a rich trading past. Spice markets fill the air with fragrance, and the rhythm of life feels unhurried.

Beyond the historic centre lie long stretches of white sand and calm turquoise waters. Here, time slows. You might take a traditional dhow boat at sunset, snorkel in warm shallows or simply sit beneath a palm tree listening to the sea.



The pairing works so well because it offers contrast without complication. Safari awakens the senses; Zanzibar restores them.

Dubai & Seychelles

Modern Elegance and Natural Simplicity

One for the future as it stands!

Our second twin-centre pairing blends contemporary sophistication with untouched natural beauty.



Dubai is a city that impresses. Its skyline rises boldly from the desert, and its architecture reflects remarkable ambition. Visitors may choose to admire panoramic views from the Burj Khalifa, wander through traditional souks near Dubai Creek or enjoy afternoon tea overlooking the Arabian Gulf.

For those interested in local culture, the older districts provide a quieter perspective, where narrow lanes and historic buildings offer insight into Dubai's trading heritage. A guided desert excursion beyond the city reveals a different landscape altogether – wide dunes and stillness under an open sky.

After this vibrant beginning, the Seychelles offer a complete change of atmosphere.

These islands are celebrated for their natural beauty: granite boulders resting on soft sand, lush forests rising behind secluded coves and waters of remarkable clarity. Life here moves gently. You might explore a nature reserve, visit a small local market or simply enjoy the sound of waves against the shore.



The Seychelles remain one of the few destinations that still feel refreshingly unspoilt. Even a short stay brings a sense of calm and perspective.

Together, Dubai and the Seychelles create a journey of contrast – energy followed by tranquillity, architecture followed by nature.



Twin-centre holidays are not about cramming more into a trip. They are about thoughtful pairing – allowing each destination to enhance the other.

With careful planning, transitions are smooth and restful. Flights align, transfers are arranged and accommodation complements the pace of the journey.

In our next edition, we will continue exploring this theme with further combinations that balance culture, scenery and relaxation in equal measure.

And as always, if any of these ideas spark interest, I would be delighted to talk them through with you – calmly, carefully and without pressure.

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Dates for the Diary

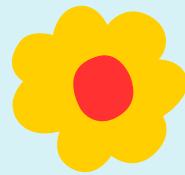
Date	Time	Event	Venue
16 May	10.00am - 1.30pm	May Market	All Saints' Church
7 June	2.00pm - 4.00pm	The Big All Saints' Cream Tea	All Saints' Community Hall
19 June	TBA	Festival du Piano	Holy Trinity Church
27 June	11.00am	Summer Fête	Holy Trinity Church
14 July	7.00pm	This is My Theatre Production: The Great Gatsby	All Saints' Church
18 July	TBA	Safari Supper	Locations in Melbourn followed By All Saints' Community Hall
23 August	2.00pm	Dahlia Day	18 Greenbanks Melbourn
5 September	7.00pm	Friends of Holy Trinity This is My Theatre Production: The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland	Holy Trinity Church
13 September	1.30pm - 4.30pm	Friends of Holy Trinity 21st Anniversary Classic Car Show	Holy Trinity Church
25 September	TBA	Festival du Piano	Holy Trinity Church

17 October	7.00pm	All Saints' Quiz Night	All Saints' Community Hall
24 October	7.00pm	Cambridge Rock Choir	All Saints' Church
14 November	10.00am - 1.30pm	Christmas Fayre	All Saints' Church
28 November	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Tidings and Tinsel	All Saints' Community Hall
16 December	7.00pm	This is My Theatre Production: A Christmas Carol	All Saints' Church





MAY MARKET



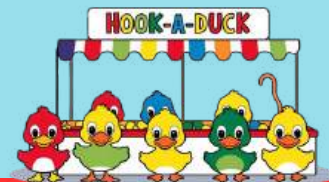
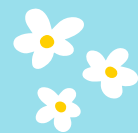
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10.00am to 1.00pm

ALL SAINTS' COMMUNITY HALL
, MELBOURN

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN FOR EVERYONE!

- Plant Stall •
- Children's Corner •
- Home made Produce •
- New Gift Stall •
- Books •
- Bottle Tombola •
- Treasure Hunt •
- and so much more!



Delicious Refreshments

All proceeds to All Saints' Church Development Fund

Diocese Daily Prayers

Friday 24 April

Today we pray for the Benefice of The Orwell Group, its parishes of Arrington, Barrington, Croydon with Clopton, Orwell, Wimpole. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Felicity Couch. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Mr Malcolm Barrett, Mrs Amanda Tuck and for the life of the church, and the parishes it serves. We pray for the Theological Education Institution of Westcott House and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Willochra - The Anglican Church of Australia

Mellitus, Bishop of London, 624 & the Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, Solomon Islands, 2003

Saturday 25 April

Today we pray for the Benefice of The Shingay Group of Parishes, its parishes of Abington Pigotts, Guilden Morden with Tadlow, Litlington, Steeple Morden, Wendy with Shingay. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Sam Perez Criado, The Revd Ann Bol. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Mr Mike Birrell, Mrs Fiona

Davis and for the life of the church, and the parishes it serves. We pray for the Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Winchester - The Church of England

Sunday 26 April

Today we pray for the Benefice of Whaddon. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Helen Orr, The Revd Amanda O'Neill. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Ms Erica Coomber, Mr Simon Morris, Mr Stephen Renwick and for the life of the church, and the parish it serves. We pray for the work of the Mothers' Union in the diocese and across the world and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

4th Sunday of Easter.

Monday 27 April

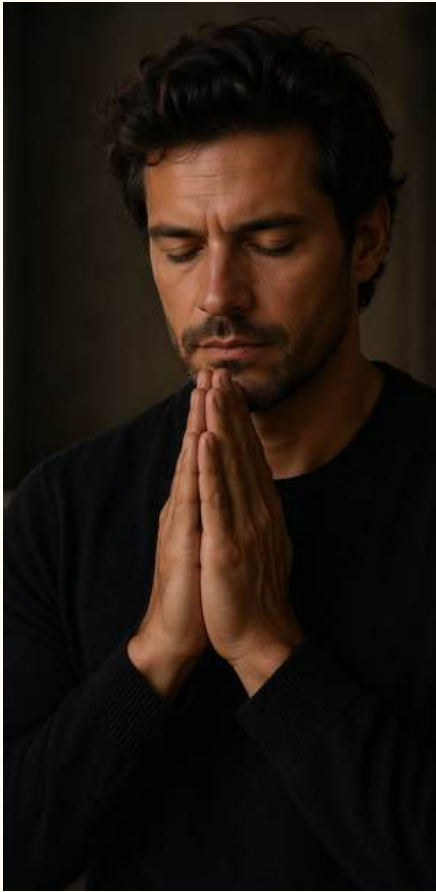
Today we begin praying for the Deanery of St Ives, served by the Rural Dean, The Revd Canon Fred Kilner and the Lay Chair Mr Trevor Webb. We pray for our colleagues at the Diocesan Registry and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Windward Islands - The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894.

Tuesday 28th April

Today we pray for the Benefice of Bluntisham cum Earith with Colne and Holywell cum Needingworth, its parishes of Bluntisham cum Earith, Colne, Holywell cum Needingworth. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Valmor Pimenta, The Revd Liz Strickland. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s):



Mr Tim Berry, Mrs Carol Peilow, Mrs Gill Robertson and for the life of the church, and the parishes it serves. We pray for our Bishops' Officers and their specialist areas of ministry and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Wondurba – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841

Wednesday 29 April

Today we pray for the Benefice of Somersham with Pidley and Oldhurst and Woodhurst, its parishes of Oldhurst, Pidley, Somersham, Woodhurst. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Mrs Lesley Bowring, Mrs Maria Dorman and for the life of the church, and the parishes it serves. We pray for those supporting the financial health of our Diocese and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Worcester – The Church of England

Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380

Thursday 30 April

Today we pray for the Benefice of St Ives. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Mr Richard Hough, Canon Simon Kershaw, Ms Elaine Midgley and for the life of the church, and the parish it serves. We pray for Cambridgeshire Deaf Church and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Wulu – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922

Friday 1 May

Information not available from the diocese at the time of the E-News being released.



All Saints' Bonus Ball 2026

Still Time to Join the Fun



The All Saints' Bonus Ball for 2026 is now in full swing, and our monthly draws are well under way.

With £50 up for grabs each month and plenty more chances to win ahead, now is a perfect time to get involved. For just £12 for the whole year, your chosen number is entered into every remaining draw, giving you a year-long

flutter while supporting a very good cause.

Some Bonus Ball numbers are still available, including some "favourites", so do have a think before they disappear. If you held a number last year and have not yet renewed, please get in touch soon, as unclaimed numbers will now be released.

Every number sold helps support the care and future of All Saints', keeping our church at the heart of village life.

To renew or choose a number, please contact Kimmi.

Good luck to everyone in the next draw.

A MOMENT IN TIME

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



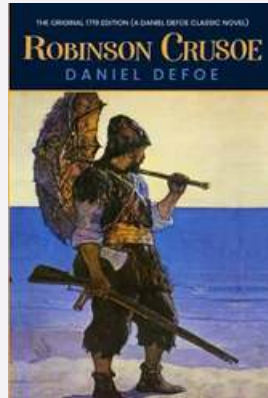
24 April

- 1888** - Eastman Kodak founded by George Eastman
- 1953** - Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II
- 1990** - Launch of the Hubble Space Telescope
- 2005** - Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger is inaugurated as the 265th Pope



25 April

- 1719** - Robinson Crusoe first appeared in paperback
- 1982** - British Royal Marines recaptured South Georgia in the Falkland Islands
- 2016** - The High Street chain BHS went into administration after 88 years trading



26 April

- 1923** - The marriage of Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon
- 1984** - US President Ronald Reagan visits China
- 1986** - The Chernobyl nuclear disaster occurs in the Soviet Union
- 2018** - Comedian Bill Cosby is found guilty of sexual assault in Pennsylvania
- 2025** - Burial of Pope Francis



27 April

1828 - The opening of the London Zoological Gardens in Regent's Park

1904 - The Australian Labour Party under Prime Minister Chris Watson becomes the first Labour government in the world

1994 - Start of South Africa's first multi-racial elections

2025 - Liverpool wins the 2024/25 English Premier League title against Tottenham (5-1)



28 April

1603 - Queen Elizabeth I's funeral took place at Westminster Abbey

1770 - Captain James Cook lands at Botany Bay, Australia

1789 - The crew of the Bounty, led by Fletcher Christian, mutinied against the harsh life at sea under Captain Bligh

1923 - The first FA Cup Final was held at Wembley Stadium

1945 - Italian dictator Benito Mussolini was executed

1969 - Charles de Gaulle resigns as President of France

Every Year - International Workers' Memorial Day



29 April

1429 - Joan of Arc arrived at the besieged city of Orleans to lead French forces

1884 - Oxford University agreed to admit female students to examinations

1945 - Adolf Hitler married his long-time partner Eva Braun in a Berlin bunker

1967 - After refusing induction into the United States Army the previous day, Muhammad Ali is stripped of his boxing title

1986 - The Duchess of Windsor, Wallis Simpson, was laid to rest at Frogmore in Windsor

1990 - Snooker player Stephen Hendry beat Jimmy White, to become the youngest ever world professional champion

2011 - The marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton at Westminster Abbey



30 April

1789 - George Washington became the first President of the United States of America

1859 - Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities" is first published

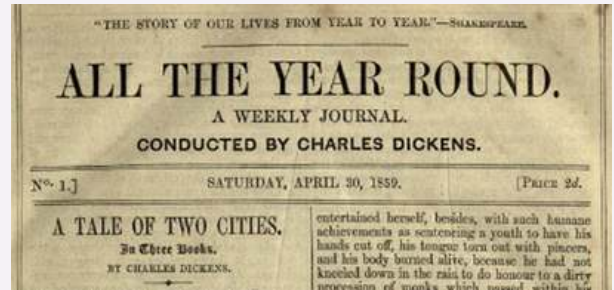
1916 - Germany became the first country to adopt daylight saving time (DST)

1945 - Nazi leader Adolf Hitler committed suicide

1975 - The Fall of Saigon occurred, marking the end of the Vietnam War

1980 - Armed terrorists seized the Iranian Embassy in London taking 20 hostages

2020 The 100th birthday of Captain Tom Moore



ON THIS DAY IN 1916
Daylight Saving Time is introduced by Germany and its World War I allies, aiming to save energy to support the war effort.



CHILVERS *Chuckles*



This feature page is here to bring you a little levity, laughter and fun each week. With Peter Chilvers' quick wit and charm leading the way, we hope this space will brighten your day and keep you coming back for more.

Stay tuned for weekly snippets to make you smile!



You gotta laugh....



One man was trying to sell another man a horse.

"Well" said the second man "he looks a decent animal, but is he well bred?"

"Well bred" said the first man, "do you know, that animal is so well bred that if he could talk, he wouldn't speak to either of us"



A builder said to a man he was doing some work for: "I thought I recognised your daughter, Sir. She was in the school that I was doing some work at. In the first year, I believe"

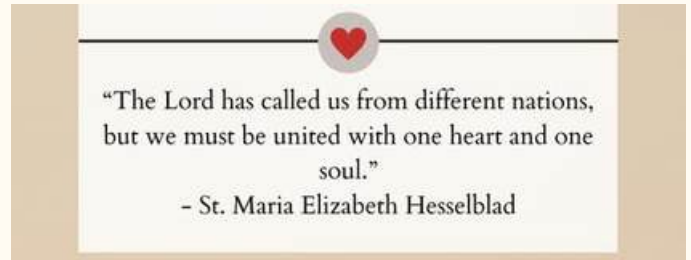
The harassed customer replied "And which year was she in when you had finished the work?"



Saint of the Week

24 April

Saint Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad



Saint Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad (1870 to 1957) was a remarkable figure whose life quietly bridged nations, traditions and centuries of faith. Born in Sweden into a Lutheran family, she grew up in modest circumstances before emigrating to the United States, where she trained and worked as a nurse. It was there, through both her professional work and her spiritual searching, that she began to feel drawn toward the Catholic faith.

Her conversion to Catholicism in 1902 marked a turning point. Deeply inspired by Saint Bridget of Sweden, she travelled to Rome and developed a strong desire to revive the ancient Bridgettine Order, which had largely faded since the Reformation. With determination and quiet courage, she worked to re establish the order, eventually founding a new community in Rome in 1911, centred at the historic house associated with Saint Bridget.

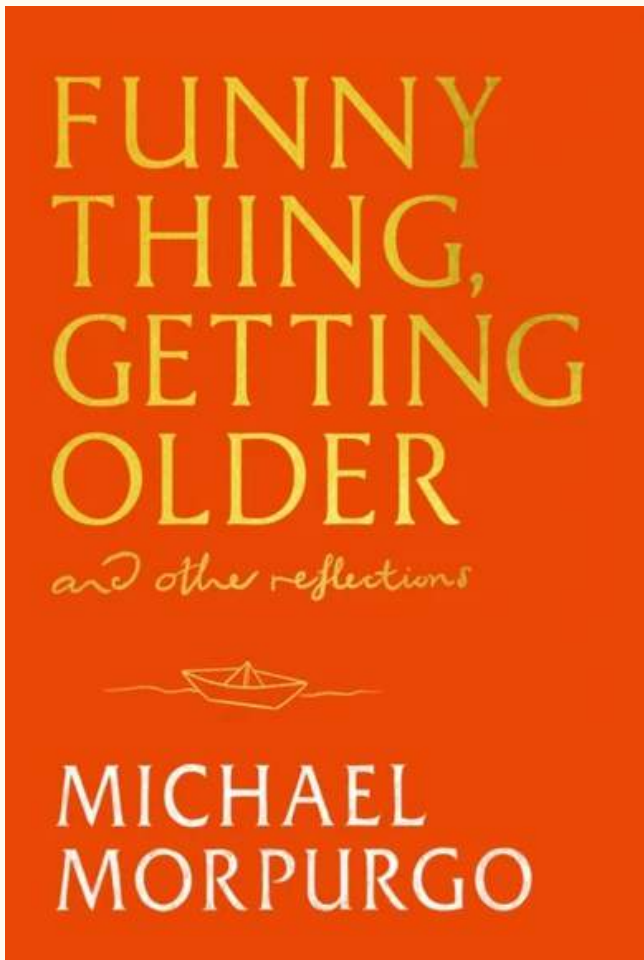
Elizabeth’s life was marked not by dramatic gestures, but by steady, faithful service. She placed great emphasis on prayer, unity among Christians, and care for the poor and sick. During the Second World War, her community in Rome became a place of refuge, sheltering Jews and others fleeing persecution, an act of courage carried out with humility and discretion.

She maintained a deep love for her Swedish roots throughout her life, and later helped restore the Bridgettine presence in Vadstena, Sweden, reconnecting the order with its origins.

Canonised by Pope Francis in 2016, Saint Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad is remembered for her gentle strength, ecumenical spirit and unwavering commitment to living out her faith in practical, compassionate ways.

Our E-News Weekly Book Recommendation

FUNNY THING, GETTING OLDER **Michael Morpurgo**



Funny Thing, Getting Older by Michael Morpurgo is a thoughtful and wide ranging collection that brings together reflections from a lifetime of storytelling. Published to mark his 82nd birthday, the book gathers pieces that look back across his life, his writing, and the world that has shaped both.

Rather than a single narrative, it is a carefully woven mix of essays, memoir, stories, and poems. Morpurgo moves between deeply personal memories and wider reflections on themes such as childhood, nature, peace and war, and the craft of writing itself. Some

pieces feel intimate and reflective, while others carry a more outward looking, even political, perspective.

Ageing is present, as the title suggests, but it is only one strand within a much broader tapestry. Morpurgo considers what it means to grow older with honesty and a lightness of touch, finding humour in the everyday and perspective in the passing of time. There is no sense of heaviness here, rather a quiet acceptance and an appreciation for what endures.

Nature threads its way throughout the collection, offering continuity and calm. As in much of his work, the natural world provides both inspiration and reassurance, grounding his reflections in something constant.

What makes this collection particularly engaging is its variety. The shifts in form and subject keep it lively, while Morpurgo's warmth and clarity hold it together. The result is a book full of wonder, gentle humour, and insight, offering a fitting celebration of a lifetime spent telling stories.



David and Diane were sitting looking at the February issue of the Melde. Then David remembered to tell Diane about how Peter had lent him the large conundrum book. He laughed and said I've got a conundrum for you, can you guess the answer?

I shrink without moving,
I vanish in sight,
I quietly force
what stays and what might.
No voice and no vote,
yet I always decide
which stories are welcomed
and which stay outside.

What am I?



Have a guess and email us your answer.

Answer in next week's e-news.

*Answer to last week's conundrum:
The melody*

FAITH & FUNNIES: DIVINE LAUGHTER



WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?

WINNIE WISDOM

"It seems they had and always would be, friends.
Time could change much, but not that."

Winnie the Pooh



WHAT'S ON

ORGAN RECITAL

Church of St John the Baptist,
Royston



Organist

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24th April

7:30pm

FREE
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**Friday
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drinks as WIFI in the church
is unreliable*



Music
for an
**April
Evening**

**Featuring
students from
St. Edmund's College**

Director of music
Andrew O'Brien is bringing
a group of talented young
musicians to entertain us
with a variety of solo and
ensemble works.

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2026



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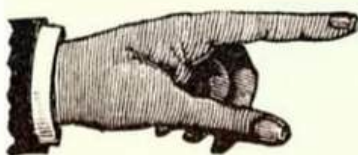
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SPRING MARKET 2026



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**SATURDAY
25TH APRIL**

11 AM - 3 PM



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FAMILY FUN IN FULL BLOOM

**FOOD & CRAFT STALLS
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HAUXTON CENTRE
PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

**ENTRANCE £15 PER PERSON
INCLUDES FOOD**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM
SATURDAY 25TH APRIL**

Join us for a fun evening full of challenges at our quiz night.
Entrance includes quiz and a lovely ploughman's platter.

Maximum of 8 people to a table.

Quiz starts at 7pm.

Licensed Bar.

Age - 18 and over



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This exciting talk will take us along a journey of evolution in independent business life. A behind the scenes look at what drove them to take the leap of faith to open the doors, and the trials and tribulations of growing and maintaining their businesses and keeping their passion alive.

We'll end the evening with some tastings!

Chaired by **Oliver Thain of CambsCuisine (the Royal Oak)**

SATURDAY 25 APRIL
Barrington Church CB22 7RE



Drinks from 7pm
Talk at 7.30pm



Tickets £5 from
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LIVE JAZZ

THURS 30th APR 6-11pm

“Seriously Funky and I am loving it”
- Craig Charles BBC6 Music

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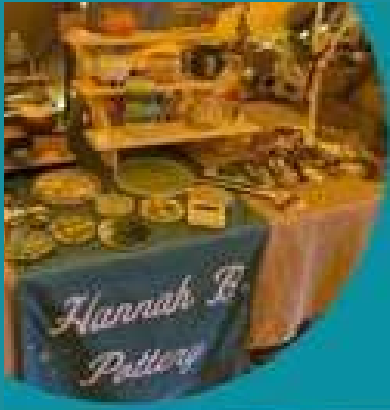
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**HOT
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COFFEE ROASTERS



Doors @ 6pm. Drinks last orders 10.30pm
Music 7.30 - 9.45pm. Tickets £16 available on our website



Orwell Pannier Market

Saturday 2 May 2026

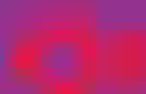
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CAMBRIDGE
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WANDLEBURY ARCHAEOLOGY OPEN DAY

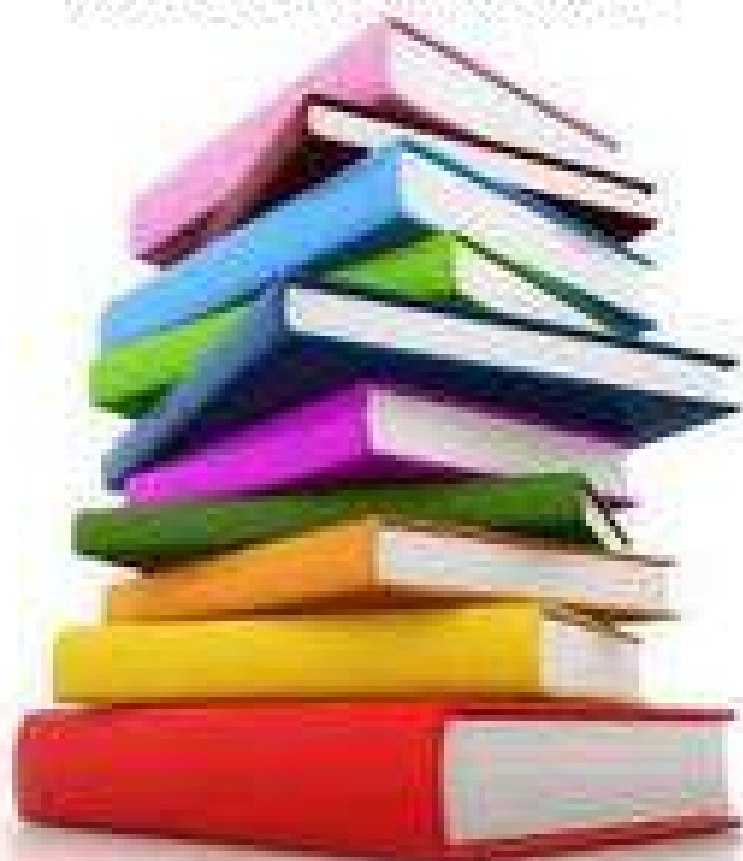
20th May 2024

Fun for all the family
including excavation
site tours, the
opportunity to get
involved with finds
and time to chat to
archaeologists!

SATURDAY 2 MAY
10AM-4PM



SECOND HAND AND NEARLY NEW BOOK FAYRE



Saturday 2nd May....10.00am – 4.00pm

Monday 4th May.... 10.30am – 4.30pm

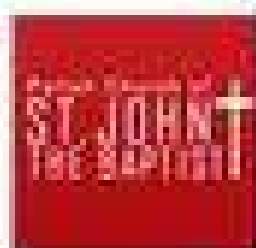
Closed Sunday 3rd May

To be held in

Royston Parish Church

Refreshment available

All proceeds in aid of church funds



CHARITY NIGHT AT THE BLIND FIDDLER PUB

Supporting Cure Leukaemia



Donate here



The Blind Fiddler

2ND MAY
6PM UNTIL LATE

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- ✓ Food & drink available
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Friday 8th May 10am - 4pm

Saturday 9th May 10am - 4pm

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2-5pm
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Ashwell
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Sunday

10th

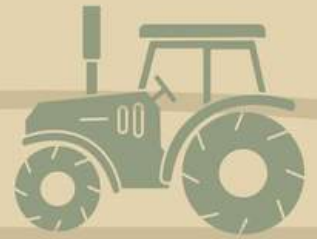
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A Cuppa and a Chat at Coffee Stop



Come along to the All Saints' Community Hall in Melbourn for our weekly Coffee Stop, held every Saturday morning from 10.30am to 12.00pm. Here, you can enjoy a good cup of tea or coffee along with some biscuits in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. It's a nice opportunity to take a break, catch up with old friends or make some new ones, all while supporting a good cause.

The Coffee Stop is more than just a chance to enjoy a hot drink; it's a community gathering that helps bring people together and supports the ongoing efforts of the Supporters of All Saints' (SOAS) in maintaining and enhancing our church and its activities. So, why not drop in this Saturday? We'd love to see you there and share in the simple pleasure of good company and a hot drink.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

Ladies of Melbourn and surrounding areas, are you looking for a vibrant community to connect with? Look no further than Melbourn WI! Bringing together women of all ages for fun, friendship, and a variety of fantastic activities.

Held every fourth Wednesday of the month at 8pm at All Saints' Community Hall in Melbourn. Meetings feature informative and humorous speakers, creative workshops, and plenty of opportunities to chat and socialise. And of course, no gathering is complete without tea, cake, and sometimes even wine!

Whether you're looking to make new friends, learn something different, or simply have a good time, Melbourn WI is the place to be. Why not go along and pay a visit, nothing to lose and they'd love to have you join them!

For more information, email MelbournWI@gmail.com.
A warm welcome awaits you!

Melbourn & Meldreth Women's Group



The Melbourn and Meldreth Women's Group is a friendly organisation that gathers monthly, alternating between All Saints' Community Hall in Melbourn and the Meeting Room at Holy Trinity Church in Meldreth. Their meetings commence at 7:45 pm and last for approximately 90 minutes, with a small fee of £2 to cover costs. Refreshments are provided afterwards, allowing a great opportunity for socialising.

For more information about the group or if you need a lift to a meeting, please contact any of the committee members: Diane Blundell on 01763 221415, Sue Toule on 01763 260955, Angela Leach on 01763 262793, or Janet Backer on 01763 2214924.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEETS

is unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

Complete the activity below.

The words below have been written in code. Use the letters in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. 3-8-15-19-5 _____

2. 11-9-14-4-14-5-19-19 _____

3. 20-18-21-19-20 _____

4. 1-4-15-16-20 _____

5. 6-1-13-9-12-25 _____

6. 20-18-21-20-8 _____

7. 16-18-15-13-9-19-5-4 _____

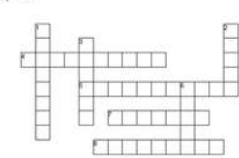
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CHOOSE	KINDNESS	TRUST	ADOPT
FAMILY	TRUTH	PROMISED	PLAN

FAMILY	BELONG	PROMISED	INHERITANCE	PURCHASED
KINDNESS	TRUST	GUARANTEE	ADOPT	BELIEVE
CHOOSE	PRaise	WISDOM	HEAVENLY	SECRET
PLAN	FREEDOM	PLEASURE	SPIRITUAL	BLESSED

is unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

Complete the activity below.



CROSS

- Remaining the same
- Money or property left to children by their parents
- The ability to go wherever one chooses without restriction
- Assurance that something will be done as promised, to make certain

DOWN

- A considerate and thoughtful act
- To have selected something from several possibilities
- A group of persons consisting of one or two parents and their children
- To take into one's family and raise as one's own child

UNCHANGING	INHERITANCE	CHOOSE	FREEDOM
GUARANTEE	KINDNESS	FAMILY	ADOPT

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Complete the activity below.

1. _____

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4. _____

5. _____

If you would like copies of activity sheets for children emailed to you each week, they are available on request by contacting Pat Smith on 01763 262575

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Supporting the Blood Runners

Blood Runners are requesting donations of your old, **outdated mobile phones** and **used printer ink cartridges**. You can drop them off in the collection box located at All Saints' Community Hall in Melbourn.

The proceeds from dismantling the phones and used printer ink cartridges will support the Blood Runners (SERV) charity. This organisation has volunteers who deliver human tissue for the NHS to hospitals and laboratories throughout the East of England. The funds raised will help maintain the charity's vehicles, primarily motorbikes.

The charity greatly appreciates your donation, and you might spot a Blood Runner on the local main roads as they speed by, carrying out their vital work for the NHS.



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Everyday Faith



Everyday Faith is the new daily devotional app from the Church of England designed to inspire, equip and encourage you in your faith every day of the week, not just on Sundays.

The idea for Everyday Faith is twofold. The app forms part of one of the Church of England's objectives of missional discipleship: "To become a church of missionary disciples where all God's people are free to live the Christian life, wherever we spend our time Sunday to Saturday." But the app also responds to overwhelming demand from our users for an app that delivers inspirational reflections year-round rather than being focussed on seasonal content during Lent and Advent. We wanted to create a space encouraging Christians to grow in their faith daily.

Everyday Faith is about where and how we encounter God as we go about our lives. Where is God in our daily lives? How do we find God in the fullness of everyday life? Whether you wish to develop your faith or support others in theirs, Everyday Faith is designed to support you in your life discipleship or vocational journey.

The app will provide you with carefully curated daily reflections, including selected Bible readings, a simple prayer to prepare you for the day ahead, and thoughts based on that week's theme.

The Everyday Faith app is optimised for Apple devices running iOS 15.0 and above, and Android 14 and above.



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Safe Spaces



Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal, and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England and Wales or the Church in Wales.

The service is open to anyone over 18 who lives in England and Wales. If you live outside of England and Wales, but suffered abuse by someone in the Church or as a result of your relationship with the Church of England, Catholic Church in England and Wales or the Church in Wales, we will always endeavour to provide support, but this may be limited due to the services that are available outside of England and Wales.

Safe Spaces Helpline:

0300 303 1056

Monday to Friday: 09:00–21:00

Saturdays: 09:00–13:00

Sundays: 13:00–17:00

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Don't forget to join our WhatsApp Group

Find out what's happening and hear all the news. Be the first to receive updates on all of our events, delivered straight to your phone.

Please use the QR code to join, alternatively contact Kimmi with your mobile number and we will be very happy to add you.

Look forward to seeing you there!

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How to Support Us

Parish Giving Scheme

A simple way to support us is by using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). This is an innovative and efficient donation management service that supports churches in the United Kingdom. Designed to streamline the process of regular giving, the PGS simplifies administration for parishes while maximising financial contributions from donors. The scheme allows parishioners to make their donations through a Direct Debit system, offering flexibility with monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions. One of the key benefits of PGS is its automatic Gift Aid collection, which significantly enhances the value of donations at no extra cost to the donor or the parish. To cover card payment processing costs and additional bank charges, PGS charges 1.5% of the gift's value. However, this is offset by passing the full 25% value of HMRC's Gift Aid contribution back to the church. 'One-Off Gifts', making a single payment using your Debit, Credit Card or Apple/Google Pay wallet is also another option.

This scheme reduces the administrative burden on churches and volunteers by managing the entire donation process, including setting up direct debits, processing payments, and handling Gift Aid claims. Donors also benefit from the ease of adjusting their giving amounts and schedules to suit their financial circumstances, creating a more consistent and reliable income stream for the churches.

Launched in 2011, the PGS has grown steadily, supported by the Church of England and other Christian denominations, and is praised for its effectiveness in sustaining church activities and community outreach programs. By adopting the Parish Giving Scheme, churches can focus more on their mission and ministry, assured of a stable financial foundation.

Donors can either log in to use their existing account or continue as a guest if they haven't registered with PGS before. For easy access please use the QR code below:



Easy Fundraising Scheme

Another excellent way to support us is by signing up to the Easy Fundraising Scheme. The Easy Fundraising scheme is a simple yet effective way for churches, organisations, schools, charities, and community groups to raise funds without asking supporters for direct donations. This online platform partners with over 7,500 retailers, including major brands and small businesses, to facilitate a donation every time a supporter shops online.

Here's how it works: supporters sign up for free on the Easy Fundraising website and select a cause to support. When they shop online through the platform, a percentage of their purchase price is donated to their chosen cause at no extra cost to the shopper. The donation rates vary depending on the retailer, but the contributions can quickly add up with regular use.

The scheme benefits both supporters and organisations. For supporters, it provides a convenient way to contribute to their favourite causes without spending extra money. For organisations, it offers a steady stream of fundraising income with minimal effort required. They can track donations, promote their cause through the Easy Fundraising tools, and engage their community to maximise contributions.

Easy Fundraising is especially advantageous for churches and small charities that do not have the resources for traditional fundraising campaigns. By leveraging everyday online shopping habits, it transforms routine purchases into valuable support, making it a popular and accessible fundraising solution.

You can support All Saints' and Holy Trinity by signing up, follow the links:



All Saints' Church Easyfundraising page:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsairstmelbourn/>

Holy Trinity Church Easyfundraising page:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/holy-trinity-meldreth/

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