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WEEKLY E-NEWS



This week has had a steadier feel to it, the sort where things move forward without needing quite so much coaxing along. After a period of everything being pored over and refined, it has been good to settle back into the rhythm of getting on with what is in front of us and simply letting things take their course.

That is not to say it has been quiet. There has been plenty happening across both churches, the usual mix of planning, conversations, and the small but necessary jobs that seem to multiply when you are not looking. It is just that it has all felt a little more settled, a little less intense, and perhaps a little more manageable for it.

There is something quite encouraging in that shift. It gives space to notice what is already there rather than constantly looking ahead to the next thing. The everyday life of our churches carries on, full of familiar faces, new ideas beginning to form, and that steady sense of community that underpins it all.

It may not be the sort of week that stands out for any single reason, but taken as a whole, it reflects something important. Things are moving, quietly but surely, and in a way that feels both natural and sustainable.

Wishing you a week ahead that holds that same sense of balance, with time to enjoy what is already around you as well as whatever comes next.

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Pew Sheet

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10 May 2026

HYMNS

201 – Have faith in God my heart

356 – O Breath of Life

110 – Disposer Supreme and Judge of the earth

522 – To God be the glory

SERVICES THIS WEEK

10 May	8.00am	Morning Prayer 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

All Saints' May Market - Saturday 16 May from 10.00am to 1.00pm

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.

Saturday 6th June 11.30am Holy Trinity - Celebration of the life of Jill Price.

All are welcome and to the refreshments afterwards.

Festival du Piano - Friday 19 June at 7.00pm

Holy Trinity will be hosting this virtuoso piano recital by award-winning pianists of works by Chopin, Copland, Grieg, Schubert and Rachmaninoff. Claire and Toni will also be performing. FOHT are kindly running a licensed bar for the evening. Concert Tickets £15, under 19s £5 from Toni or online www.canntwins.com click on performance tab which will take you to tickettailor.com

Save the date

Saturday 27th June 11.00am-3.00pm Holy Trinity Church Fete

Safari Supper - Saturday 18 July at 6.30pm

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.

Coffee Rota Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with the coffee rota after our services at both All Saints' and Holy Trinity.

If you feel you can help at All Saints', please speak to Avril and for Holy Trinity, please speak to Theresa. Thank you!

Christian Aid

Today (10 May) marks the start of Christian Aid Week. There is a collection box at the back of the church if you would like to donate to this worthy cause.

Thank you.

Sunday 10 May 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power
of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of
your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has
recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he
may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and 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 17:22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Or Genesis 8:20 – 9:17

PSALM Psalm 66:7-end

R *All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.*

Bless our God, O you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard,
Who holds our souls in life
and suffers not our feet to slip. **R**

For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of liberty. **R**

I will come into your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams; I will sacrifice oxen and goats. **R**

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for my soul. I called out to him with my mouth and his praise was on my tongue. **R**

If I had nursed evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me, But in truth God has heard me; he has heeded the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his loving mercy from me. **R**

SECOND READING

Either 1 Peter 3:13-end

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Or Acts 17:22-31

GOSPEL John 14:15-21

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water
of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of
goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.



WHO IS WHO



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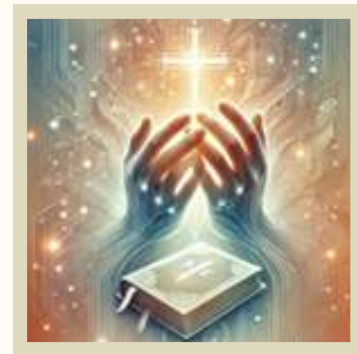
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Prayer Requests

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

Melbourn

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13861/>

Meldreth

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13862/>

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	Morning Prayer	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 Curious Sort of Sunday



Last weekend, I had a day off, which in itself felt slightly novel.

There was an 8 o'clock service at All Saints', with Frances very ably serving, and the 9.45am over at Holy Trinity, both happening exactly as they should and, for once, with no real reason for me to be at either of them, which is all perfectly straightforward, although rather discombobulating for me.

At 7.25am, I was fully awake and ready to go. Not vaguely awake, not thinking about getting up but properly up, showered and dressed. Poised and entirely capable of

being out of the door within minutes if it so much as looked like I might be needed. As could have been predicted, I was not needed in the slightest, which does rather beg the question why I wasn't still tucked up under the duvet like a sensible person.

Although I am not in any way responsible for the Meldreth service, I pretty much always go along, and that is the bit that felt odd. Enough to find myself wondering what was happening over there, whether everything had started on time and glancing at my watch and thinking they are probably singing the first hymn now. And there it was, a small running commentary ticking away, apparently determined not to miss anything.

After the Parish Profile and everything that has come with churchwardening, I had been encouraged more than once and by several people to take a day off. So I did, with a slight sense that I might even deserve it, accompanied by the smallest hint that I was, perhaps, getting away with something. There was also, if I am honest, a faint twinge of guilt for playing truant, or at least feeling just a little bit naughty!

In what can only be described as impeccable timing, I had also managed to be on locking up duty for both Saturday and Sunday. Made all the more ironic by the fact that I drew up the rota before deciding this was going to

be my day off. So my "day off" still involved turning up at the church, keys in hand, locking up, which really does suggest I might need a quiet word with myself.

However, it felt like a brief return to those heady pre churchwarden days, when a Sunday morning was just a Sunday morning. Nothing much to trouble me, no need to check rotas to see who was doing what and when. Just that long gone feeling of relaxation, freedom and no responsibility. To be honest, I really rather enjoyed it. So much so, I might even do it again.

Normal service will be resumed this Sunday though.

Kimmi



NEWS

Archdeacon Alex Hughes to Leave Ely Diocese



The announcement that the Ven Dr Alex Hughes is to leave the Diocese of Ely to become the next Bishop of Brixworth in the Diocese of Peterborough will be met across our parishes with both warm congratulations and real sadness at his departure.

Since becoming Archdeacon of Cambridge in 2014, Alex has become a familiar and well regarded presence across the Diocese, known for his thoughtful approach, gentle manner and quiet sense of humour. Here in Melbourn and Meldreth, he

has been particularly involved in recent months as our churches have entered vacancy and begun the process of preparing for the appointment of a new incumbent.

During what can often feel an uncertain period in parish life, Alex has brought a calm and reassuring presence to meetings and conversations, helping guide both parishes through an important stage in their shared journey. Those involved in the Section 11 meeting in April will remember the good humour and friendly, approachable manner Alex brought as he guided both PCCs through the approval of our Parish Profile and the next steps towards advertising and appointment.

Alongside his work supporting parishes, Alex has also played a significant role in diocesan leadership and education, serving for many years as Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education. His experience across both rural and urban ministry has given him a broad understanding of church life in all its variety, from large town churches to small village congregations.

Although there will naturally be sadness at seeing him leave the Diocese of Ely, there is also a strong sense that this is a well deserved next step in his ministry. The Diocese of Peterborough will be gaining someone with kindness, wisdom and a genuine care for people, qualities that have been widely appreciated throughout his time in Ely.

As Alex prepares for his consecration in July and his move later in the autumn, our churches send him, Sarah and their family every good wish for this new chapter ahead, along with thanks for his support, encouragement and friendship over recent years.

Investing in Mission and Parish Renewal



Almost £100 million was allocated to dioceses last year by the Church of England's Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board (SMMIB), with plans to help revitalise 300 parishes across the country.

The Board's annual report shows that £98 million was distributed through the Diocesan Investment Programme, while a further £32.4 million supported around 2000 parishes through the Lowest Income Communities Funding scheme.

Since 2014, strategic funding programmes have distributed hundreds of millions of pounds to dioceses. The report says this investment has resulted in 46,000 people newly participating in church settings. Earlier targets focused heavily on numbers of "new disciples", though a revised framework is now being developed after recommendations from the 2023 Chote review.

Among the projects highlighted is Growing in God in the Countryside in the diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, which received £2.23 million. Through the Lightwave Community, a network of small groups and fresh expressions of church, the project reported 657 new disciples, almost half of them children. Evaluators praised it as "an amazing piece of work in a difficult to change culture".

Another successful initiative was Sheffield diocese's Centenary Project, backed by £1.8 million. Using children's, youth and family workers in disadvantaged communities, the scheme regularly engaged more than 6000 young people, with 1330 becoming regular attenders at discipleship groups.

The report also highlights All Saints', Hove, where a resource church project has seen significant growth among children and families, while St Aidan's, Cumbria, has grown to around 40 people, most of whom had not previously attended church.

Church Reorganisation Plan for 21 Cornish Churches Faces Opposition



Plans to create a single benefice covering 21 churches in the diocese of Truro will come before the Church Commissioners later this month, following significant local opposition. A hearing is due to take place in Falmouth on 13 May after 167 objections were lodged against the proposal, according to the Falmouth Packet.

The scheme would reorganise the Kerrier deanery into one benefice while retaining the existing 16 parishes. The idea was first approved by the deanery synod in 2021 as part of the diocese's On the Way programme, which encouraged deaneries to develop plans for a "fruitful and sustainable" future. The motion passed narrowly, by 14 votes to 11, with three abstentions.

The original plan described an "urgent need for change", citing ageing congregations and difficulties engaging with "missing generations" aged between 45 and 65. It also highlighted the increasing administrative burden on clergy and volunteers.

The proposals envisage the Revd Heidi Huntley, appointed rural dean in 2023, serving as Team Rector, alongside the Revd Susie Templeton as Team Vicar. The deanery also includes two curates, nine retired priests with permission to officiate, and part time administrative support.

The diocese is currently recruiting an interim pastoral priest for a three year term. Recruitment material acknowledges that the move towards the new model "has not always been easy", particularly following reductions in stipendiary clergy.

The original deanery plan recorded average weekly attendance across 23 churches of 520 people in 2019, including 36 children. It warned that failure to agree restructuring could eventually lead to "closure of many churches".

Pedal Powered Sewing Machine Brings Winchester Cathedral to Life



An artist has created a detailed stitched landscape of Winchester Cathedral using a sewing machine powered entirely by renewable energy.

Harriet Riddell worked on the piece between 15 and 17 April, with the sewing machine powered by volunteers pedalling a specially adapted bicycle. Among those taking a turn was the cathedral's deputy head verger.

Speaking this week, Ms Riddell said that Winchester Cathedral had always struck her as an especially beautiful and imposing building. She described the project as both a creative challenge and an opportunity to learn more about its history.

Living close to Winchester herself, she also hoped the project would help her connect more deeply with the local community. Although her work has taken her all over the world, she said she had done comparatively little stitching close to home.

Nine years ago, she created a stitched image of St Paul's Cathedral using the same pedal powered sewing machine, though she said the new Winchester work involved a far greater level of detail and intricacy.



Ms Riddell first came up with the idea of the bicycle powered sewing machine 11 years ago at Glastonbury Festival. Travelling internationally with battery powered equipment had become impractical, particularly as batteries could not easily be transported by air. At Glastonbury, where there was no electricity in the green craft area, she realised people could generate the power themselves by pedalling.

She explained that portrait work requires more energy because of the speed and detail involved, especially when stitching hair. Landscape scenes are created at a gentler pace, allowing the cyclists to feel the rhythm of the stitching through their legs as they pedal.

Although much of the work was completed outside the cathedral, windy conditions on the first day limited progress. Ms Riddell said she would finish the final details at home.

Faith Beyond Fame at Shakespeare's Church



Exploring faith beyond fame, this week's national online service from Holy Trinity Church in Stratford-upon-Avon reflects on vocation, belonging, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, set against the backdrop of the church most closely associated with William Shakespeare.

Broadcast from the church where Shakespeare was baptised and buried, the service uses his worldwide legacy as

a starting point to explore how God shapes ordinary lives through creativity, calling, and faith. Led by the Revd Patrick Taylor, it also reminds viewers that Holy Trinity's identity stretches far beyond literary history.

Standing on the viewing platform of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, he reflects on the town's connection with the playwright, acknowledging that Shakespeare's presence is impossible to ignore in Stratford upon Avon. Yet he points out that the church existed long before Shakespeare and has remained, above all else, a place of Christian worship for more than a thousand years.

The service coincides with Stratford's annual Shakespeare commemorations, when visitors gather to lay flowers at the playwright's grave. Alongside recognising this cultural tradition, the programme emphasises that God's gifts are not reserved for famous figures. It speaks of the way every person is shaped through the work of the Holy Spirit and called to use their own talents in service and faith.

The sermon, preached by Revd Matt Ford, explores how personal skills and experiences can form part of God's calling rather than distract from it. He reflects on the New Testament's encouragement to see our existing gifts as something inspired and guided by God.

A moving testimony is also shared by Chelsea, a member of the congregation, who describes how a powerful experience during family bereavement and the support of a hospital chaplain gradually drew her towards Christian faith and a sense of vocation.

The service will be broadcast at 9am on Sunday 10 May on the Church of England YouTube channel.



Please
Can You Help?

Preparations are now well underway for this year's May Market on Saturday 16 May at All Saints' Community Hall, and we are looking for a little help from our wonderful community to make it another successful and enjoyable event.

There will be plenty going on, including a plant stall, books, children's activities, refreshments, a bottle tombola, home made produce and our new gift stall, alongside lots of other fun and games. Events like this always rely heavily on the generosity of those who donate items beforehand, and we would be hugely grateful for any contributions.

We are currently looking for **donations** for the raffle, **new and unused gifts** for the gift stall, **bottles of any kind for the bottle tombola**, **cakes** for the cake stall and refreshments, and **home made produce** such as jams, chutneys, marmalade, bakes or other treats.

If you are able to help with any of these, please speak to Kimmi or drop them round to her house.

The market runs from 10.00am to 1.00pm, entry is free, and all proceeds will go towards the All Saints' Church Development Fund. We very much hope it will once again be a lively and well supported occasion, bringing people together for a cheerful few hours while helping raise valuable funds for the church.

Thank You!

Safari Supper

There are some events that people remember, and then there are those that people talk about long after they have finished. A Safari Supper has a habit of being both.

Returning to Melbourn on Saturday 18 July, this much loved evening offers something a little different from the usual supper out. It is not simply a meal, but a gently unfolding experience, where the next destination is part of the fun.

The idea is simple, though the execution is rather more adventurous. Guests enjoy four courses during the evening, with each one served at a different venue somewhere around Melbourn. Where that might be remains a closely guarded secret until the moment arrives, adding just the right amount of curiosity and anticipation along the way.

There is something rather lovely about the rhythm of the evening. Moving between venues brings a sense of occasion, while also creating space for conversation, laughter and that easy sociability that these events do so well. It is as much about the company and the jollity as it is about the food.

Tickets are £30 per person, with all proceeds going towards All Saints' Church Development Fund, supporting the ongoing work to create a more flexible and welcoming space for both church and community use.

Booking forms are available from Diane (01763 221415) or Gill (01763 262530), and places tend to fill steadily. The closing date for returns is 30 June, though it would not be a surprise if it fills before then.

Safari Supper relies on a number of hosts, each providing just one course during the evening. If you would be happy to open your home for a single course, Diane or Gill would be very pleased to hear from you.

It promises to be an evening of good food, good company and a little bit of mystery along the way.



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Travel Talk with Gayle



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Twice the Destinations, None of the Stress Part 4: City Energy and Cultural Discovery

Over the past few weeks, we've explored how twin-centre holidays allow you to experience two destinations in one carefully balanced journey. We've travelled from safari plains to island shores, from modern cities to tropical calm.

In this final edition, we look at two further combinations each blending contrast in a slightly different way. One pairs vibrant city life with Caribbean warmth, whilst the other offers a deeper cultural journey across East Asia.

Miami & St Lucia

Orderly Elegance and Island Ease

Miami is a city that hums with life.

Its Art Deco buildings line Ocean Drive in soft pastel shades, while palm trees sway gently above wide beaches. Latin American and Caribbean influences



shape the music, cuisine and atmosphere, giving the city warmth and energy in equal measure.

A visit might include exploring the colourful murals of Wynwood, strolling through Little Havana where Cuban coffee is served strong and

sweet, or enjoying fresh seafood beside the water. There is always something happening and yet there are also quieter corners where you can simply sit and watch the world go by.

After a few days immersed in Miami's rhythm, St Lucia offers a very different tempo.

This Caribbean island is lush and mountainous, defined by the twin Piton peaks that rise dramatically from the sea. The landscape feels green and restorative, with rainforests, waterfalls and quiet coves inviting exploration at a gentler pace.

You might take a guided walk through botanical gardens, visit a small fishing village or relax on a sheltered beach. The island's hospitality is warm and unhurried. Evenings often involve dining outdoors, listening to the sound of waves and enjoying freshly prepared local dishes.



The pairing works because it moves naturally from lively city to peaceful island, with energy first, then ease.

Japan & South Korea

Tradition and Modern Life in Harmony

For travellers drawn to culture, history and thoughtful discovery, Japan and South Korea create a compelling twin-centre experience.



Japan blends centuries-old tradition with remarkable modern efficiency. Kyoto, once the imperial capital, offers tranquil temple gardens, wooden teahouses and narrow lanes where life seems unchanged by time. The Kiyomizudera Temple overlooks the city

from a wooded hillside, while peaceful pathways invite quiet reflection.

In contrast, Tokyo presents a skyline of innovation. Yet even here, beneath the bright lights and high-speed trains, you'll find neighbourhood shrines, traditional markets and moments of surprising calm. Day trips to nearby historic towns or mountain regions add further depth to the experience.

From Japan, the journey continues to South Korea, where Seoul combines ancient palaces with contemporary design. Historic districts such as Bukchon Hanok Village preserve traditional Korean houses, while nearby streets showcase modern fashion and cuisine.



Beyond the capital, destinations such as Gyeongju offer royal tombs and temples set among gentle hills. Coastal Busan provides sea views and relaxed harbour life, while Jeju Island's volcanic landscapes and waterfalls create opportunities for scenic walks.

This pairing offers immersion rather than relaxation alone. It is ideal for travellers who enjoy learning, observing and experiencing daily life in different cultures.

As this series concludes, one thing becomes clear, that twin-centre travel is not about squeezing more into a holiday, it is about creating balance.

Each destination enhances the other. Lively cities make quiet beaches feel even more restorative. Cultural exploration makes peaceful landscapes more meaningful.

When carefully arranged, every flight, transfer and hotel works in harmony. There is no rushing between connections or uncertainty about what comes next. Instead, the journey unfolds naturally.

If the idea of combining destinations appeals to you, whether for adventure, relaxation or cultural discovery, I would be very happy to discuss the possibilities. With thoughtful planning, you can enjoy twice the destinations and none of the stress.

**Please get in touch if you have any questions.
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Dates for the Diary

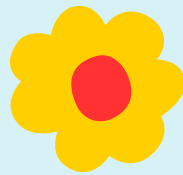
Date	Time	Event	Venue
16 May	10.00am - 1.30pm	May Market	All Saints' Church & All Saints' Community Hall
23 May	7.00pm for 7.30pm	S.O.A.S Quiz Night	All Saints' Community Hall
7 June	2.00pm - 4.00pm	The Big All Saints' Cream Tea	All Saints' Community Hall
19 June	TBA	Festival du Piano	Holy Trinity Church
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	All Saints' Christmas Fayre	All Saints' Community Hall
28 November	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Tidings and Tinsel	All Saints' Community Hall
28/29 November	TBA	Christmas Tree Festival	Holy Trinity Church
16 December	7.00pm	This is My Theatre Production: A Christmas Carol	All Saints' Church





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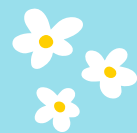
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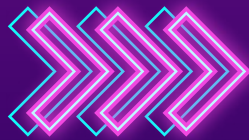
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Friday 8th May, 7pm

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Diocese Daily Prayers


Friday 8 May

Today we pray for the Benefice of The Paxtons with Diddington and Southoe, its parishes of Diddington, Great Paxton, Little Paxton, Southoe. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Mr Peter Dunn, Mrs Sandra Macrow and for the life of the church, and the parishes it serves. We pray for all who work and minister in our prisons, and those with whom they work and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Yewa - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
Julian of Norwich

Saturday 9 May

Today we pray for the Benefice of The Staughtons with Hail Weston, its parishes of Great Staughton, Hail Weston, Little Staughton. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Mrs Maggie Coiley, Mr Glenn Coiley and for the life of the church, and the parishes it serves. We pray for the Theological Education Institution of the Eastern Region Ministry Course (ERMC) and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:



The Diocese of Yirrol - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Sunday 10 May

Today we begin praying for the Deanery of Wisbech Lynn Marshland, served by the Rural Dean, The Revd Dr Richard Hines and the Lay Chair Canon Alex Gullon. We pray for those working to support our Changing Market Towns work and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of Pakistan (United)
6th Sunday of Easter

Monday 11 May

Today we pray for the Benefice of Clenchwarton . We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Barbara Burton and for the life of the church, and the parish it serves. We pray for our linked Diocese of the Nordkirche and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Yokohama - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
Rogation Day

Tuesday 12 May

Today we pray for the Benefice of East Marshland, its parishes of Terrington St John, Tilney All Saints, Tilney St Lawrence, Wiggenhall St Germans with St Mary the Virgin and Islington, Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Mrs Jo Chilvers, Dr Cyril Dodd, Mr Mark Wright and for the life of the church, and the parishes it serves. We pray for those working in local and national government and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Yola - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
Rogation Day

Wednesday 13 May

Today we pray for the Benefice of Leverington, Newton in the Isle with St Mary in the Marsh and Tydd St Giles, its parishes of Leverington, Newton in the Isle with Saint Mary in the Marsh, Tydd St Giles. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Sandra Gardner. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Mrs Kate Pateman and for the life of the church, and the parishes it serves. We pray for those working in our schools and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of York – The Church of England

Rogation Day

Thursday 14 May

Today we pray for the Benefice of Outwell. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Daphne Calvert. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Mrs Raine Thorrold and for the life of the church, and the parish it serves. We pray for colleagues in the Diocesan Board of Education and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of New York – The Episcopal Church

Ascension Day

Friday 15 May

Today we pray for the Benefice of St Augustine, Wisbech. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Paul Kite, The Revd Sue Squires-Dutton. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Mr Keith Aplin and for the life of the church, and the parish it serves. We pray for all retreat houses and places of pilgrimage and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Western New York – The Episcopal Church

Matthias the Apostle (transferred)



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.

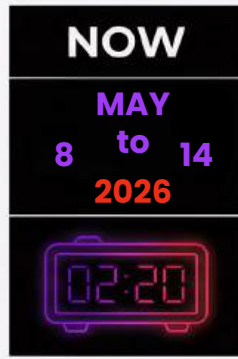
Every number sold helps support the care and future of All Saints', keeping our church at the heart of village life.

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



8 May

- 1886** - Pharmacist John Pemberton sold the very first Coca-Cola in Atlanta
- 1945** - VE Day: Germany's surrender was recognised, ending World War II in Europe
- 1984** - The official opening of the Thames Barrier in London
- 2015** - 20 year old Mhairi Black became Westminster's youngest MP since 1667



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9 May

- 1662** - First recorded Punch & Judy show in Britain, observed by Samuel Pepys
- 1945** - The Channel Islands were liberated by British forces
- 1960** - The birth control pill went on the market



10 May

- 1824** - The National Gallery in London opened to the public
- 1940** - Winston Churchill becomes Prime Minister of Britain
- 1975** - Sony introduces the Betamax videocassette recorder
- 1994** - Nelson Mandela is inaugurated as the first black president of South Africa
- 1998** - The political wing of the IRA supports the Good Friday peace agreement



11 May

1812 - British Prime Minister Spencer Perceval is assassinated in the House of Commons

1971 - The Daily Sketch newspaper, which was founded in 1909, was published for the last time

1985 - A tragic fire at the Bradford City stadium in England kills 56 people

2010 - David Cameron becomes Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, forming a coalition government



12 May

1820 - Birth of Florence Nightingale

1926 - The UK General Strike ends after nine days

1937 - Coronation of King George VI

1949 - The Soviet Union announces the end of the Berlin Blockade

1967 - The Government agrees to proposals to convert Stansted into an international airport

1969 - The minimum voting age in Britain was lowered from 21 to 18

2001 - Death of Perry Como

Every Year - The International Day of Plant Health



13 May

1787 - First fleet of ships carrying convicts to the new penal colony of Australia left England

1868 - A team of Aboriginal cricketers arrived in England to play 47 matches

1912 - The Royal Flying Corps, (now known as the Royal Air Force), was established

1940 - Dutch Queen Wilhelmina flees to England

1940 - Winston Churchill says "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat" in his first speech as Prime Minister

1957 - The BBC began its regular television programmes for schools

1981 - Pope John Paul II is shot and critically wounded in St Peter's Square by Turkish gunman Mehmet Ali Ağca

2012 - Manchester City win the English Premier League for the first time



14 May

1779 - The classic English horse race The Oaks was first run

1796 - Dr Edward Jenner performed the first successful vaccination against smallpox

1889 - The NSPCC charity was launched

1894 - Blackpool Tower first opened to the public

1955 - Warsaw Pact Signed

1967 - The consecration of Liverpool's Roman Catholic Cathedral

1998 - Death of Frank Sinatra



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....



A woman was talking to a friend and said to her "You can always find my husband at a party, even if you've never met him before. All you have to do is find a situation where two people are talking..... if one of them is looking extremely bored, then it's my husband who is doing the talking."



Edward called on his friend Arnold, who was something of a miser.

He found Arnold carefully stripping the wallpaper.

"Are you busy re-decorating, Arnold?" asked Edward.

"Of course not" replied Arnold. "I'm moving."



Saint of the Week

17 May

Saint Giulia Salzano

"While I have life left in me, I will continue to teach Catechism. I assure you, I would be very happy to die, teaching Catechism."

St. Giulia Salzano

Saint Giulia Salzano was a woman whose life was shaped by a deep commitment to teaching the faith with clarity, patience, and care. Born in 1846 in Santa Maria Capua Vetere in Italy, she was raised in Naples, where her calling gradually took shape through education and service.

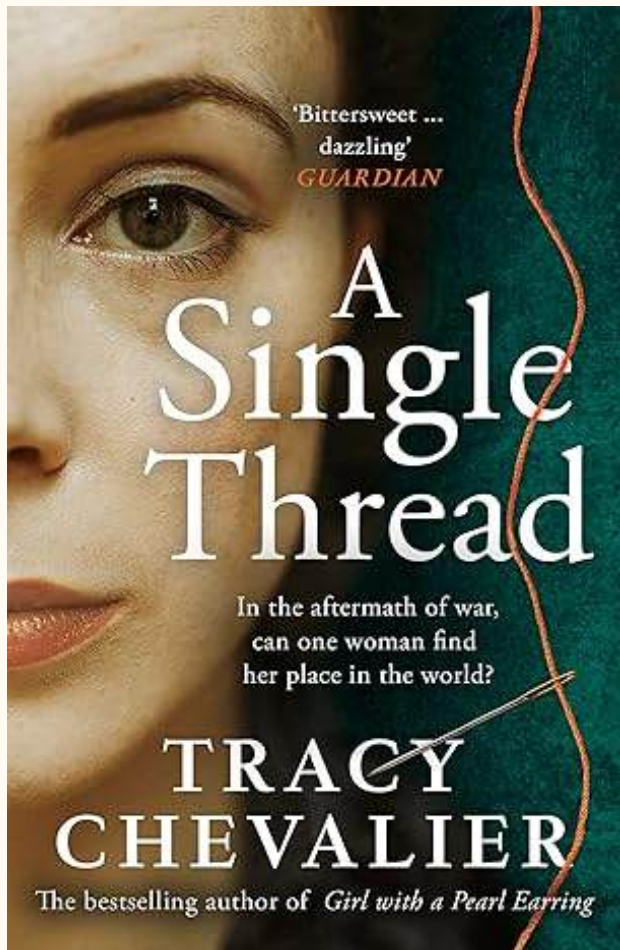
From an early stage, Giulia recognised the importance of catechesis, especially among children and those who had little formal instruction. At a time when many lacked access to consistent religious teaching, she saw a quiet but urgent need. In response, she devoted herself to forming young minds, not simply through instruction, but through encouragement and personal attention. Her approach was practical and deeply human, rooted in the belief that faith should be understood as well as received.

In 1905, she founded the Sisters of Catechism of the Sacred Heart, a congregation dedicated to teaching and spreading the faith. Through this work, her influence extended far beyond her immediate surroundings. She combined discipline with warmth, and her teaching reflected both conviction and compassion.

Giulia's life was not marked by grand gestures or public acclaim. Instead, it was defined by steady perseverance and a clear sense of purpose. She believed that careful teaching could shape lives, strengthen communities, and deepen understanding.

She was canonised in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI. Today, her legacy continues through those who teach, guide, and quietly pass on faith, often without recognition but with lasting impact.

Our E-News Weekly Book Recommendation



A SINGLE THREAD Tracy Chevalier

A Single Thread by Tracy Chevalier is a quietly absorbing novel that explores resilience, community, and the search for purpose in the years after the First World War. Set in the 1930s in Winchester, the story follows Violet Speedwell, a woman navigating life as a “surplus” single, part of a generation left unpartnered by the losses of war.

Violet moves to Winchester seeking independence from her overbearing mother and a life that feels like her own. There, she becomes involved with a group of women who embroider kneelers and cushions for Winchester Cathedral.

This act of stitching becomes more than decorative work. It offers connection, quiet creativity, and a way of shaping something lasting in a world still marked by absence.

Chevalier draws on real historical inspiration, bringing to life the community of broderers who contributed to the cathedral’s interior. The novel captures the rhythm of their work, the intimacy of shared stories, and the small but meaningful acts that build belonging. Alongside this, Violet’s personal journey unfolds with subtlety, touching on themes of loneliness, courage, and the challenge of choosing an unconventional path.

The writing is gentle yet precise, allowing emotional depth to emerge without drama. Through Violet’s experiences, the novel reflects on how lives can be stitched together again, even after profound disruption. It is a story of quiet defiance, where independence is hard won and companionship takes unexpected forms, leaving a lasting impression of warmth, hope, and quiet renewal.



Brenda called Terry in to deal with yet another blocked toilet in the Community Hall and much to his amusement she arrived with plunger in hand to help. They both commented on what a puzzle it was as to why it kept blocking.

Brenda smiled and said, "talking of puzzles I have borrowed the conundrum book this week and I have thought of one about us here now."



I seem quite harmless, soft and slight,
And often dressed in snowy white.

But use too much and below,
I gather where I ought to go.

I do not shout, I do not roar,
I simply stop things evermore.

Then Brenda sighs and Terry sees,
The answer's hiding in the breeze.

Have a guess and email us your answer.

Answer in next week's e-news.

*Answer to last week's conundrum:
"Help"*

FAITH & FUNNIES: DIVINE LAUGHTER



WINNIE WISDOM

Sometimes you
have to rethink the
things you thought
you thought
through.



-Winnie the Pooh

WHAT'S ON



BOOK SALE

St. Mary's Church Reed

Friday 8th May 10am - 4pm

Saturday 9th May 10am - 4pm

Repair Café



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Saturday 9th May



7pm start



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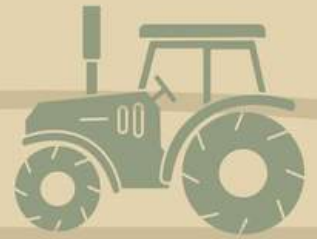
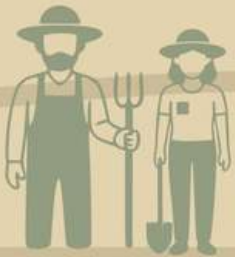
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Nathalie Cordell

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Friday 15th May, 4-5pm



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7.30pm

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Saturday 16th May

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Join author, **Elena Mannion** for
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Thursday 28th May, 10:00am

at **The Old Schoolhouse, Royston, SG8 9JL**

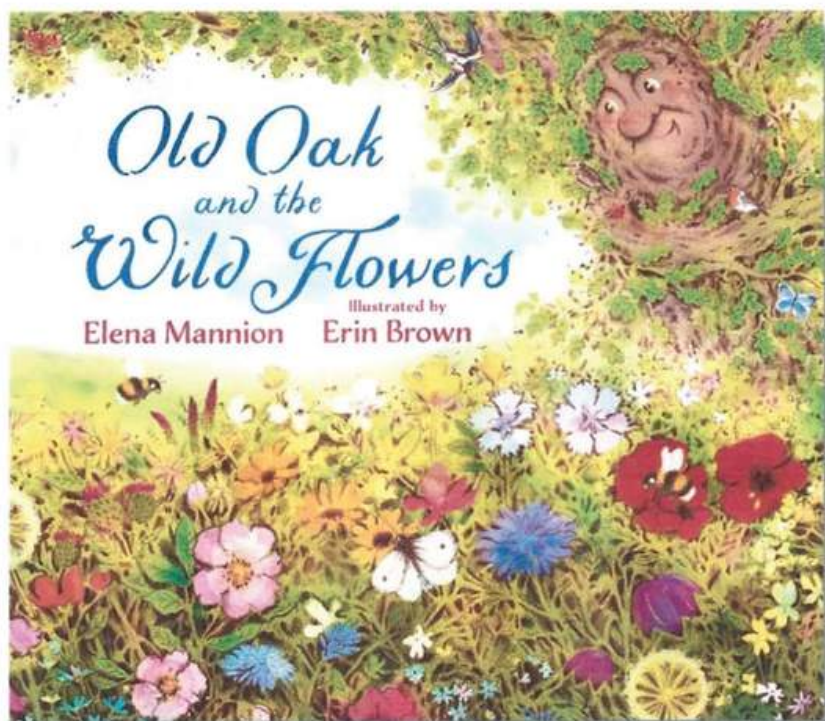
Event lasts 1 hour. £3 per child.

Suitable for ages 3+



Elena will start by reading her stunning book **OLD OAK AND THE WILD FLOWERS**, illustrated by Erin Brown.

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- **The School Reading List**



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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
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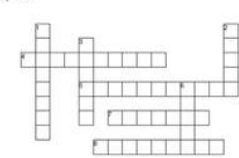
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 6. 20-18-21-20-8
 7. 16-18-15-13-9-19-5-4
 8. 16-12-1-14

CHOOSE	KINDNESS	TRUST	ADOPT
FAMILY	TRUTH	PROMISED	PLAN

FAMILY BELONG PROMISED INHERITANCE PURCHASED
 KINDNESS TRUST GUARANTEE ADOPT BELIEVE
 CHOOSE TRUST 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
 1. Remaining the same
 2. Money or property left to children by their parents
 3. The ability to go wherever one chooses without restriction
 4. Assurance that something will be done as promised, to make certain

DOWN
 1. A considerate and thoughtful act
 2. To have selected something from several possibilities
 3. A group of persons consisting of one or two parents and their children
 6. 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.

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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

USEFUL INFORMATION SECTION



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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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Refresh your knowledge

Whether you're a new or experienced trustee, the Charity Commission's 5-minute guides will help you increase your knowledge and understanding so that you can fulfil your trustee role with confidence

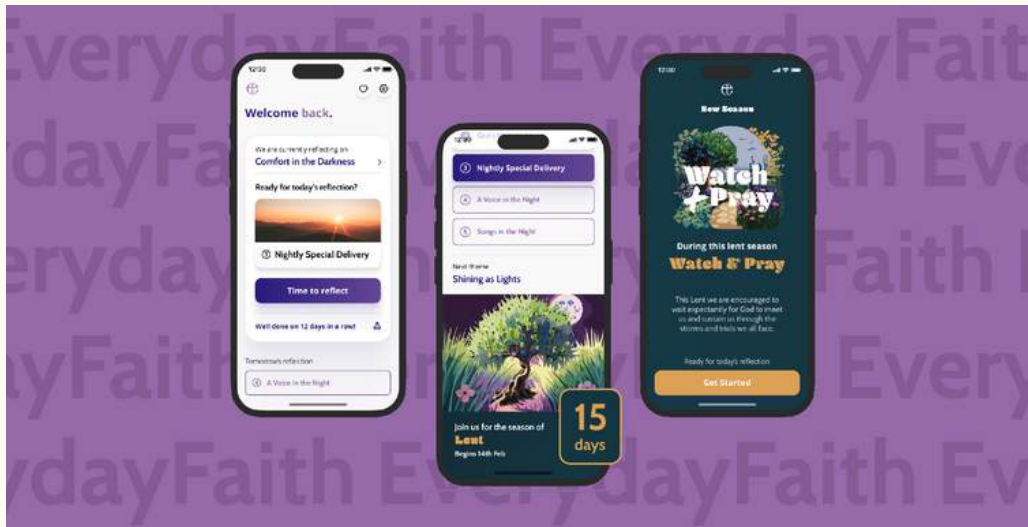
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Everyday Faith



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.



Just Search for
Everyday Faith

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

www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk



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/allSaintsmelbourn/>

Holy Trinity Church Easyfundraising page:

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

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