

WELCOME

we're glad you're here!



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



There is something about this point in the year that feels slightly in between. Easter already feels quite some time ago, summer has not quite properly arrived, and yet the diary is suddenly full of things that seemed comfortably distant only a few weeks ago.

The lighter evenings certainly help. Even after busy days there is something uplifting about seeing the sun still shining as people leave meetings, services, and events. Life somehow feels a little less enclosed at this time of year, offering more opportunity to pause and notice things that can easily be missed in the rush of everyday routines.

Church life often grows in much the same way. Not always through the large occasions or obvious moments, but through steady acts of kindness, faithfulness, encouragement and support which quietly shape our communities week by week. Much of what matters most is often found in the ordinary.

This week's e-news once again brings together news, events, stories and updates from across our churches and beyond. I hope within these pages you find something that encourages, informs, or simply raises a smile.

As June begins to edge closer, perhaps this is a good moment to enjoy the longer days, take a breath, and look forward with hope to the weeks ahead.

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Pew Sheet
Trinity Sunday
31 May 2026

HYMNS

286 – Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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SERVICES THIS WEEK

31 May	9.45am	Sung Eucharist Holy Trinity Meldreth
7 June	9.45am	Sung Eucharist All Saints' Melbourn

There are still a number of **plants for sale in the All Saints' Church porch** . If you would like to buy any, please place your donation in the wall safe just inside the church. Thank you!

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

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

We are currently collecting donations for both the Bottle Tombola and the Chocolate Tombola.

Bottles of any kind, from wine and soft drinks to shampoo and bubble bath, would be very gratefully received, along with chocolate of every description for the Chocolate Tombola.

Donations may be left by the organ in either church or given directly to Richard Remnant or Steve Oakman.

Thank you very much for your support.

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!

Sunday

31 May 2026

Trinity Sunday

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants
grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the
eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine
majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended
from all adversities;
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

Isaiah 40:12-17. 27-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

PSALM Psalm 8

R O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!

Your majesty above the heavens is praised
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.

You have founded a stronghold
against your foes,
that you might still the enemy and
the avenger. **R**

When I consider your heavens, the
work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you
have ordained,
What are mortals, that you should
be mindful of them;
mere human beings, that you should
seek them out? **R**

You have made them little lower
than the angels
and crown them with glory and
honour.
You have given them dominion over
the works of their hands
and put all things under their feet. **R**

All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the
sea
and whatsoever moves in the paths
of the sea. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-end

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

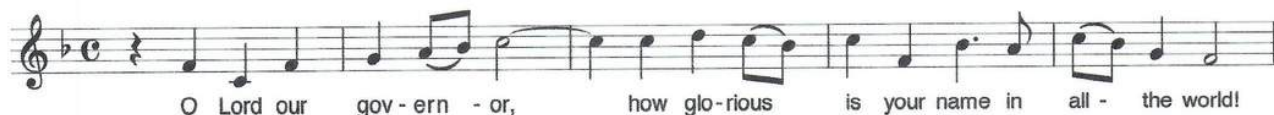
GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-end

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect
unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your
ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal
glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.



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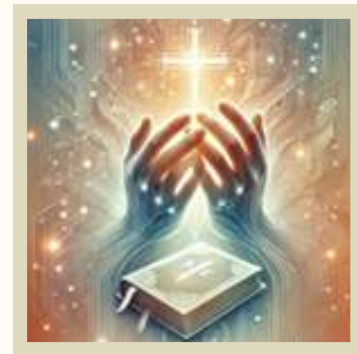
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Prayer Requests

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/>

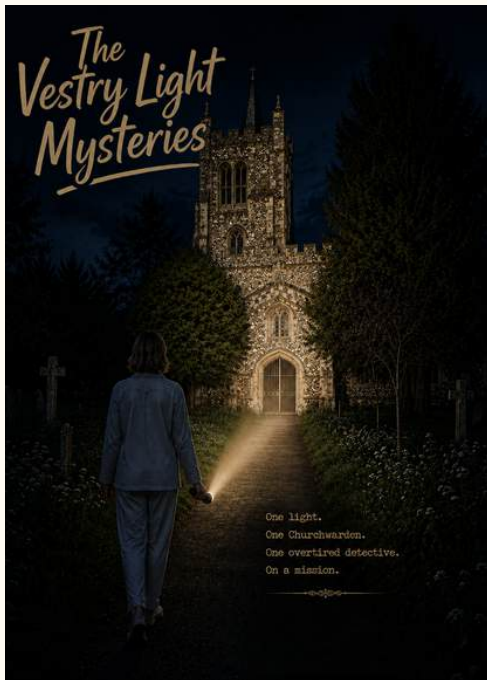
SERVICES FOR JUNE 2026

Date	Time	Type of Service	Location
7 June	8.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	All Saints', Melbourn
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
14 June	8.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn
21 June	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
	11.00am	Sunday @ 11	All Saints', Melbourn
28 June	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn

The Vestry Light Mysteries

At 10.30pm on Sunday evening, after I had already been in bed for a good hour because I was absolutely shattered, a message arrived kindly informing me that the vestry light had been left on.

Now, had Andrew still been here, this would almost certainly have involved a quick text asking whether he had walked Hilda yet and, if not, whether he could possibly swing by the church on the way back and turn the light off. He would simply have gone and done it, while I remained firmly under the duvet having passed the buck and decided the situation was no longer my problem.



Instead, I realised there would be no outsourcing of this particular mission. This was very much a “put your big girls’ pants on and sort it out yourself” moment.

So, with all the enthusiasm of somebody being summoned for medieval guard duty, I hauled myself back out of bed, located a torch, pulled on enough clothes to remain respectable in case I encountered anybody unfortunate enough to witness the scene, and then had to drive to the church because, sadly, I do not actually live next door to it despite how much time I seem to spend there.

There is something about churchyards at night that completely changes the atmosphere. In daylight they are peaceful and reassuring. After dark, however, every shrub suddenly acquires suspicious intentions. Every little sound becomes deeply alarming. A perfectly innocent gust of wind somehow manages to sound like a Victorian ghost preparing for a dramatic entrance.

The torch beam wobbling around in front of me was not helping matters either. Mostly because I had reached that overtired stage where your own imagination starts turning against you. By this point I had fully convinced myself I was starring in a low budget church based detective drama called The Vestry Light Mysteries.

Even the church itself feels entirely different once you unlock the door late at night. On a Sunday morning, churches are warm and familiar places full of chatter, flowers, notices and slightly chaotic piles of paperwork. Churches at night, however, are an entirely different species. The silence becomes enormous. Pews suddenly look far more intimidating than they ever do during a normal service, and every tiny creak sounds like somebody hiding behind the organ waiting to leap out at you.

Still, onward I marched.

The light was eventually switched off, the church locked up once more, and I made my way home through the churchyard feeling rather like I had completed some sort of late night security sweep of the parish.

Although I will admit, as I climbed back into bed, there was a tiny part of me hoping somebody might say, "Well done Kimmi, protector of All Saints', defender of the vestry and vanquisher of unnecessary illumination." Which was slightly

undermined by realising as I snuggled down that I had left the kitchen light on downstairs. That, at least, was considerably easier to solve thanks to the automation app on my phone, which then sent me drifting off into the Land of Nod imagining a futuristic version of All Saints' where vestry lights can be switched off remotely without requiring me to drive across Melbourn in pyjamas clutching a torch. Alas, it was but a dream...



NEWS



The Funeral Service
for
Michael "Mike" Galley
will be held at
All Saints' Church, Melbourn
on
Wednesday 3 June 2026
3.15pm
followed by Committal
at Cam Valley Crematorium
at 4.30pm
May Mike Rest in Peace,
and Rise in Glory

*Family flowers only
but donations to
All Saints' Development Fund*

Stained Glass Sector Warns Over New Lead Limits



A consultation on proposed new limits for workplace lead exposure has been extended following concerns from the stained glass and heritage conservation sectors.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has moved the consultation deadline to 7 June after receiving criticism from organisations and professionals who fear the changes could have serious consequences for traditional crafts.

The proposals would reduce the maximum permitted blood lead level for workers from 60 micrograms per decilitre (mcg/dl) to 30mcg/dl by October 2027, with a further reduction to 15mcg/dl planned for 2029. For women under the age of 50, who are classed as being of reproductive capacity, the proposed limit would fall from 30mcg/dl to 7.5mcg/dl by October next year.

Workers whose lead levels exceeded the limits would be required to stop working until their levels fell.

The proposals have prompted alarm within the stained glass sector. The British Society of Master Glass Painters warned that the planned reductions would be extremely difficult to achieve and could have a devastating impact on the profession.

Isabelle Davies, a conservator at the Stained Glass Museum in Ely Cathedral, said that while updating the regulations was welcome, the proposals failed to take account of heritage crafts that rely on lead. She warned that many skilled workers, particularly women and those with long careers in the sector, could find themselves unable to continue working.

Ms Davies said that stained glass conservation already faces significant challenges, having been placed on Heritage Crafts' Red List of Endangered Crafts. She argued that losing experienced craftspeople would threaten the preservation of Britain's stained glass heritage and the transfer of specialist skills to future generations.

The Institute of Conservation (ICON) has also raised concerns and urged conservators, employers, educators and heritage professionals to participate in the consultation. The HSE said it was seeking views from stakeholders before making any final recommendations on reform.

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.



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.

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Thank you for your kindness and support.



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The Canary Islands: Which One's For You?

Just a few hours from the UK, the Canary Islands are the perfect escape for sun, sea and easy-going adventures. These Spanish isles offer something for everyone, from golden beaches and volcanic trails to stylish resorts and great local food. With their warm climate and relaxed pace, it's no wonder they're a go-to for year-round sunshine.

This week, we're heading to...

Fuerteventura: The Laidback Star of the Canary Islands

Often overshadowed by its livelier sisters of Tenerife with its nightlife, Lanzarote with its volcanic landscapes and Gran Canaria with its all-round appeal, Fuerteventura quietly offers something very different. This is the island of space, serenity and soft golden sands. With mile upon mile of untouched coastline, warm turquoise waters and gentle rolling dunes, it feels wonderfully unspoilt. There's a touch of the Caribbean about it, but with a distinctly Canarian soul. Add in the island's steady breeze and relaxed rhythm of life, and you've found the perfect setting for an unhurried escape.

Fuerteventura is the least developed of the main Canary Islands and that's part of its charm. Wide open spaces, dramatic volcanic hills and sleepy villages give it a timeless feel, as though life here moves at a slower, more peaceful pace. There are fewer crowds, less bustle and plenty of room to breathe. Sunshine is almost guaranteed and with that comes an easy sense of calm, offering the kind of holiday where you truly switch off.

The Island's Resorts

In the north, Corralejo is Fuerteventura's best-known resort, with a welcoming, easy-going atmosphere. It's lively enough to offer good dining and gentle evening entertainment, yet it never feels overwhelming. The old town has a friendly, local charm, while the beaches, particularly those at Corralejo Natural Park, are simply outstanding. Golden sands stretch as far as the eye can see, perfect for strolls, sea views and a good book beneath the sun.

A short drive away, El Cotillo offers a completely different vibe. Once a sleepy fishing village, it's now a favourite for those seeking peace and authenticity. Its whitewashed cottages and calm lagoon-style beaches make it ideal for swimming and unwinding, while the wilder surf beaches nearby attract photographers and nature lovers. It's the kind of place where time slows right down, just perfect for long lunches and sunset walks.

Further south, Caleta de Fuste provides a convenient, compact base. Centred around a sheltered bay with calm, shallow waters, it's great for gentle swims and relaxed afternoons by the sea. Everything you need is close by, from cafés to small shops, making it ideal for an easy, low-key break.

Down on the Jandía Peninsula, Costa Calma and Morro Jable showcase Fuerteventura's most spectacular scenery. Here, long ribbons of golden sand meet turquoise seas in an endless panorama. Costa Calma lives up to its name, offering tranquillity, gentle breezes and wide horizons, a haven for walkers and windsurfers alike. Morro Jable, a little further south, adds a touch of sophistication with elegant hotels, seafront dining and a beautifully relaxed coastal promenade.



Not-to-be-missed Attractions

The Corralejo Natural Park is the island's crown jewel, a sweeping landscape of sand dunes meeting the Atlantic Ocean. It's a place to wander at your own pace, take in the endless views and simply enjoy the stillness.

Venture inland to Betancuria, the island's historic capital, nestled among rugged mountains. Its whitewashed houses and cobbled streets make it one

of the most picturesque villages in the Canaries. It's a lovely spot for a leisurely afternoon to browse a few small museums, visit a local chapel, or pause for a coffee and a slice of almond cake in the sun.

From Corralejo, take a short boat ride to Lobos Island, a tiny, uninhabited nature reserve where time seems to stand still. With its walking trails, crystal-clear lagoons and untouched beaches, it's a wonderful day out for nature lovers.

On the island's wilder west coast, the Ajuy Caves offer something completely different. Carved by the sea over millions of years, these striking formations reveal the island's volcanic origins. The nearby village of Ajuy is perfect for a peaceful lunch overlooking the Atlantic waves.



Must-do Activities

Fuerteventura is famous for its water sports, and watching the windsurfers and kitesurfers gliding across the waves is a pleasure in itself. For those who fancy trying something new, lessons are widely available and the conditions couldn't be better.

Hiking is another highlight. Trails around La Oliva and Lajares wind through volcanic landscapes dotted with wildflowers and cacti, while the climb to Pico de la Zarza, the island's highest point, rewards you with breathtaking views over the southern coastline.

But the real joy of Fuerteventura lies in taking it slow. Spend your days walking along quiet beaches, browsing local markets or simply sitting by the sea with a glass of crisp white wine or a cool Dorada beer. Evenings are for lingering over dinner, perhaps freshly grilled fish or papas arrugadas with mojo sauce, as the sky turns pink over the horizon.

Fuerteventura may be the most peaceful of the Canary Islands, but that's exactly what makes it special. It's a place where time stretches out, the sun shines gently and every day invites you to relax just a little more. For those who value space, simplicity and the beauty of doing very little, Fuerteventura is an island that feels like pure bliss.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
19 June	7.00pm	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



AGM 2026



FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, MELDRETH



**11
JUNE**

7.00pm for 7.30pm
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
MEETING ROOM

Festival du Piano

Award winning pianists play
a dazzling programme of Chopin,
Grieg and Rachmaninoff

The Cann Twins
Lili Angus
Mohan Dasgupta
Penny McMurray
Aymeric Tsyganov
Eloise Scotland
Philip Xiao
Eric Xiao

Friday 19 June 2026

7.00pm

Holy Trinity Church

Meldreth

SG8 6NU

Tickets

Adults £15/Under 19's £5

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**Saturday 20th
June 2026**

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Shop by June 6th
(Children Free)**

5:30PM-7:30PM

**Raising funds
for St George's
Church,
Thriplow**

**By kind permission of Sir William
and Lady Russell**

**Any queries please contact Hilary on:
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Safari Supper

18 July 2026

£30 per person

Four courses
at four surprise
venues around
Melbourn

Booking form from

**☎ Diane 01763 221415 or
Gill 01763 262530**

Closing date for return of forms 30 June

Proceeds in aid of All Saints' Church Development Fund



DAHLIA DAY

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2026

2.30PM

@ 18 GREENBANKS, MELBOURN

**JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL DAHLIA DAY
COMPETITION, 3 CATEGORIES WITH PRIZES &
ENJOY A CREAM TEA WITH A GLASS OF WINE**

TICKETS £10

TO BOOK CALL

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Diocese Daily Prayers

Friday 29 May

Today we pray for the Benefice of Hampton. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Rachel Hilditch, The Revd Dave Bubb. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Dr Sue Grant, Ms Zsuzsa Meszaros-Knight, Dr Francis Young and for the life of the church, and the parish it serves. We pray for the Mission and Ministry team in the diocesan offices and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Zonkwa - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 30 May

Today we pray for the Benefice of Stanground and Farcet, its parishes of Farcet, Stanground. We pray for their volunteers, PCC members, Churchwardens and congregations during the interregnum. We pray for the work of the Spirituality Advisory Group, and all who offer spiritual direction and from the Anglican



Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Zululand - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
Josephine Butler, social reformer

Sunday 31 May

Today we pray for the Benefice of Stilton with Denton and Caldecote with Folkesworth with Morborne and Haddon, its parishes of Folkesworth, Haddon, Morborne, Stilton with Denton and Caldecote. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Diane Kutar. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Mrs Jane Randells, Mr Nigel Smith and for the life of the church, and the parishes it serves. We pray for those working in our hospitals and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
Trinity Sunday

Unfortunately June Daily Prayers have not been made available from the diocese at the time of this issue.



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.

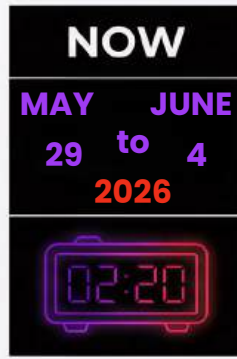
Every number sold helps support the care and future of All Saints', keeping our church at the heart of village life.

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



29 May

- 1871** - Whit Monday became the first official Bank Holiday in Britain
- 1874** - The birth of G.K. Chesterton, English writer
- 1884** - The first steam cable tramway began operating, in London's Highgate
- 1953** - Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay became the first people to successfully reach the summit of Mount Everest



30 May

- 1430** - Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in Rouen, France
- 1536**: King Henry VIII of England married his third wife, Jane Seymour
- 2019** - UK's first high speed 5G mobile network service was switched on



31 May

- 1859** - Big Ben began keeping time for the first time
- 1902** - End of the Boer War
- 1910** - Lord Baden-Powell's sister Agnes formed the Girl Guides
- 1911** - The RMS Titanic was launched at the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast
- Every Year** - World No Tobacco Day



1 June

1533 – Anne Boleyn Crowned

1935 – Britain introduced compulsory "L" plates for learner drivers

1946 – Television licences were issued in Britain for the first time

1977 – The maximum speed limit on Britain's roads was changed to 70mph



2 June

1420 – King Henry V of England married Catherine of Valois

1847 – Felix Mendelssohn's Wedding March is used at a wedding for the first time

1857 – Edward Elgar, English composer was born

1868 – The first meeting of the Trades Union Congress (TUC), in Manchester

1953 – Queen Elizabeth II was crowned at Westminster Abbey

1954 – Lester Piggott, aged 18, became the youngest jockey to win the Derby

1975 – First recorded snowfall in London in June

2012 – The start of 4 days of celebrations to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee



3 June

1162 – Thomas à Becket was consecrated as the Archbishop of Canterbury

1739 – The opening of the first Methodist Chapel in Britain in Bristol

1937 – King Edward VIII married Wallis Simpson in France, less than a year after abdicating

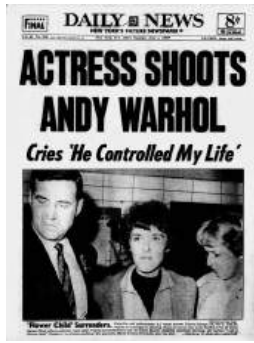
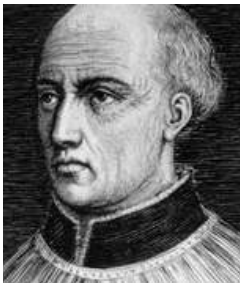
1940 – The harrowing Dunkirk evacuation concluded

1965 – NASA astronaut Ed White performed the first American spacewalk

1968 – Radical feminist Valerie Solanas attempted to assassinate pop artist Andy Warhol, shooting him multiple times at his New York studio

1981 – Shergar won the Epsom Derby

1989 – The Tiananmen Square Massacre began in Beijing



4 June

1070 – Roquefort cheese created in a cave near Roquefort, France

1561 – The steeple of St Paul's Cathedral struck by lightning, catching fire and destroying its bells and roof

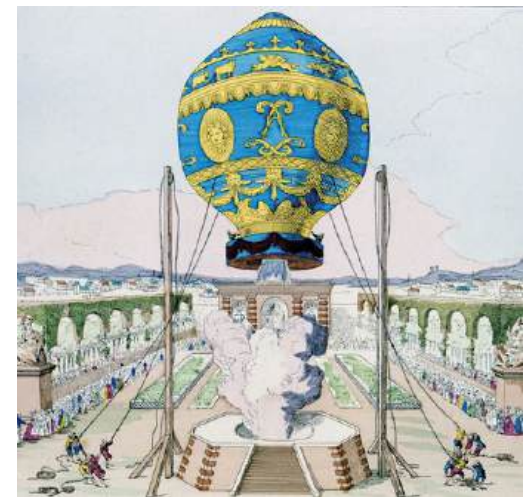
1738 – The birth of George III, King of England from 1760

1783 – The Montgolfier brothers successfully demonstrated the first public flight of a hot air balloon

1805 – The first official Trooping The Colour took place

1940 – World War II: The Dunkirk evacuation ended

2008 – Michael Parkinson is knighted by Queen Elizabeth



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 business man had three trays on his desk, marked: "In", "Out" and "LBW".

A client asked him what was the meaning of LBW.

The business man explained: "Oh that means "Let 'em blooming wait!".



A sales rep snowbound in the Orkneys, sent a telegram to his company in Aberdeen. It said "marooned here by snowstorm, please send instructions."

The reply came back "Start summer holidays as from yesterday."



Saint of the Week

22 May

Saint Ursula Ledóchowska



Saint Ursula Ledóchowska was a remarkable Polish nun, educator, and missionary whose life was devoted to faith, education, and service to others. Born Julia Maria Ledóchowska in 1865 in Loosdorf, Austria, into a distinguished family of Polish heritage, she grew up in a deeply religious environment. In 1886, she joined the Ursuline Sisters in Kraków and took the name Ursula.

Recognising the importance of education in shaping both character and faith, Mother Ursula dedicated herself to teaching and the spiritual formation of young people. Her work soon extended beyond Poland. In 1907, she was sent to St Petersburg in Russia, where she established a boarding school for girls and worked discreetly among Catholics in a society where religious activity was often restricted.

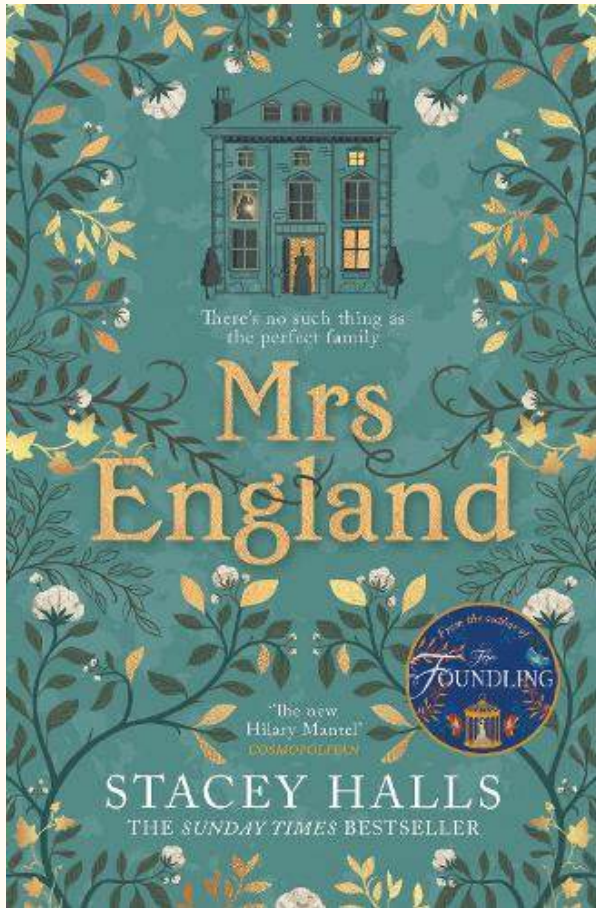
The outbreak of the First World War forced her to leave Russia. During the war years, she travelled through Scandinavia, particularly Sweden and Denmark, where she gave lectures, organised charitable works, and raised awareness of the struggles facing Poland. Her energy, determination, and deep faith enabled her to inspire many people despite difficult circumstances.

In 1920, she founded the Congregation of the Ursuline Sisters of the Agonising Heart of Jesus, often known as the Grey Ursulines. The congregation focused on education, youth work, care for the poor, and missionary outreach. Under her leadership, the order expanded rapidly and established schools, orphanages, and centres of social assistance.

Mother Ursula was known for her joyful spirit, practical approach, and unwavering trust in God. She believed that holiness could be found in ordinary daily life through kindness, service, and dedication to others.

She died in Rome in 1939. Her reputation for holiness continued to grow, and she was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 2003. Today, Saint Ursula Ledóchowska is remembered as an inspiring educator, missionary, and witness to Christian hope.

Our E-News Weekly Book Recommendation



MRS ENGLAND Stacey Halls

Mrs England by Stacey Halls is a historical novel set in West Yorkshire in 1904. The story centres on Ruby May, a young Norland nurse from London who accepts a position caring for the children of the wealthy England family at Hardcastle House, a large isolated home surrounded by the Yorkshire moors.

Ruby arrives expecting a respectable and orderly household, but quickly realises that the England family is far from ordinary. Mrs Lilian England is distant and withdrawn, showing little affection towards her children, while her husband Charles England appears charming, confident, and unusually involved

in every aspect of family life. The atmosphere within the house feels tense from the beginning, and Ruby becomes increasingly unsettled by the strange behaviour and secrets surrounding the family.

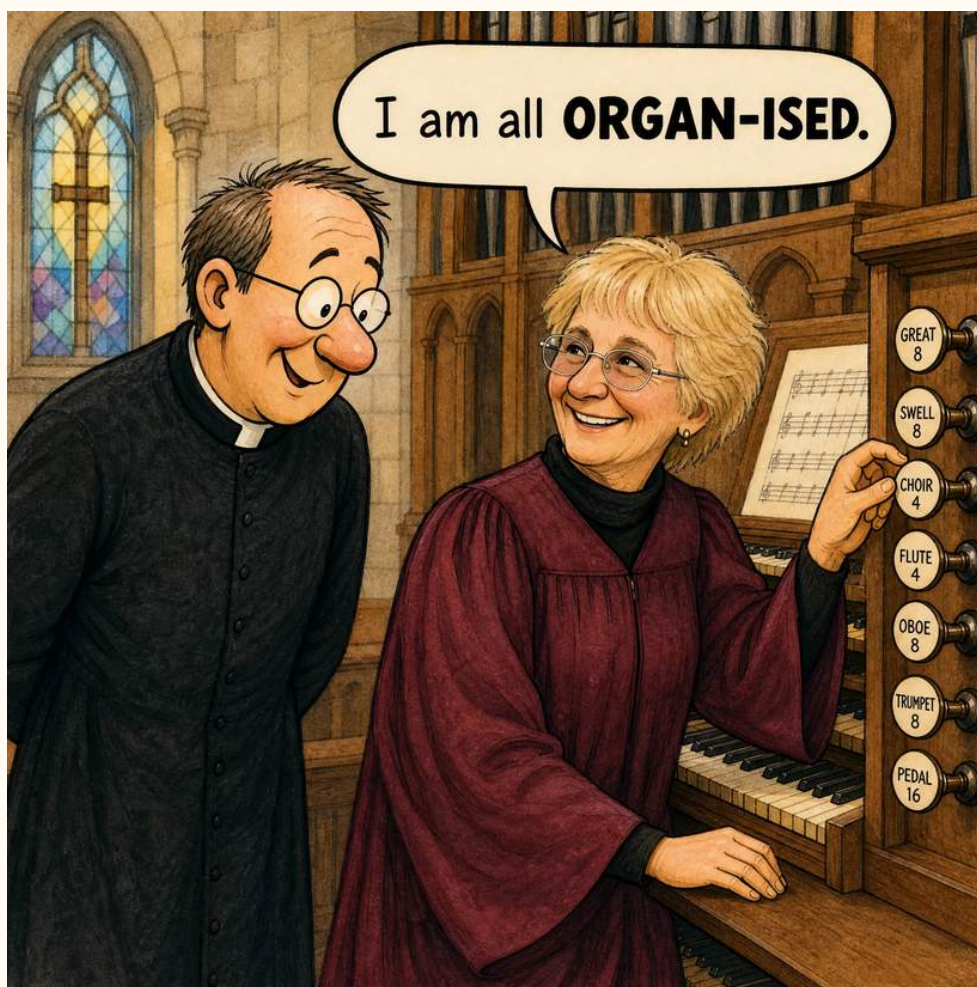
As Ruby settles into her role, she grows close to the children and begins to question what is really happening behind the closed doors of Hardcastle House. The novel gradually uncovers hidden truths about the England marriage, family relationships, and the expectations placed upon women in Edwardian society.

The Yorkshire setting plays an important part in the story. The bleak moorland landscape, changing weather, and remote location create a strong sense of isolation and unease throughout the novel. Stacey Halls combines historical detail with mystery and psychological tension, building a story filled with secrets, suspicion, and emotional complexity.

Themes of motherhood, control, identity, class, and power run through the novel. Ruby herself is an independent and determined character whose own past and ambitions influence the choices she makes as events unfold.

Mrs England became a popular bestseller and further established Stacey Halls as a leading writer of historical fiction, following the success of her earlier novels *The Familiars* and *The Foundling*.

FAITH & FUNNIES: DIVINE LAUGHTER



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Disney Fête

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📅 30 May 2026

1pm – 4pm

- 🦆 Hook the Duck
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- 🎪 Lots of Fun Stalls
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11th July: A ten mile walk starting at The Hive, Great Cressingham at 11am. This pilgrimage takes in South Pickenham round tower church and Houghton Hill church with its medieval wall paintings.
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featuring "The Great Therfield Exhibition 2026"

TO CELEBRATE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
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Saturday 13th June 2026

2pm - 4:30pm

St Mary's, Church Lane





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Gardens Open For Charity



Sawston Gardens

Sawston, CB22 3HY

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Sunday 14 June

1 - 5pm

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20th
June 2026

2 - 8pm

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JUNE 21ST
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27th June

11:30-4:30 PM

at Barrington Primary School

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Vendor Fair
and Bar



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Includes entry,
bouncy castle,
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FOXTON PRESCHOOL FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE | 12:00-4:00PM



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Open mic: live music, sketches,
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Saturday 4th July 3PM - 6PM

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Bassingbourn





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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.

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 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
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 PLAN FREEDOM PLEASURE SPIRITUAL BLESSED

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 3. The ability to go wherever one chooses without restriction
 4. Assurance that something will be done as promised, to make certain

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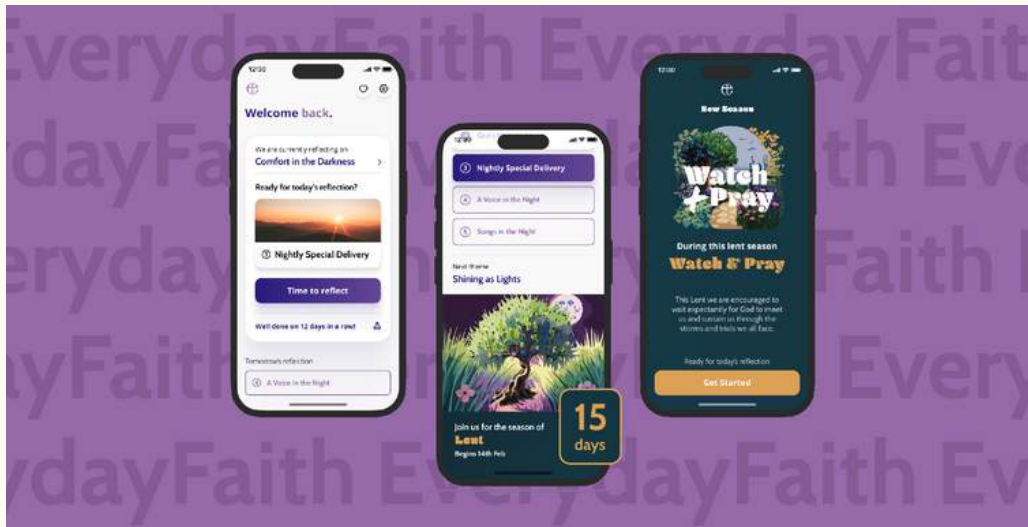
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Everyday Faith



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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.

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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/

We hope you have found our e-news informative and useful. It is being produced by Kimmi and our aim is to keep you updated and engaged. If you have suggestions for any regular features you'd like us to include, please let her know. Additionally, if you have any news or events you'd like to promote, please send the details to Kimmi at k.crosby@btconnect.com by 12pm every Wednesday before the newsletter is released on Friday.

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