

WELCOME

we're glad you're here!



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



There is something wonderfully British about a spell of warm weather. We enthusiastically declare that it is far too hot, spend several days searching for shade, complain that the garden needs watering, and then quietly hope it lasts just a little bit longer. After all, we know how quickly summer can become but a distant memory.

While some people are beginning to think about holidays and escaping the daily routine, life across our benefices continues at its usual lively pace. There are services to prepare, visitors to welcome, meetings to attend, coffee to pour and countless small jobs that somehow always find their way onto someone's to do list. Thankfully, there are also plenty of willing hands to share the load, and we are continually reminded just how much can be achieved when people pull together.

Perhaps that is one of the nicest things about church life. There is always something happening, but there is always someone ready with a smile, a helping hand or time for a chat. Whether you come every week or only occasionally, we hope you know there is always a place for you here.

Whatever the coming days hold, we hope you find time to enjoy the best of the season, whether that means a family barbecue, an evening stroll, a quiet cup of tea in the garden, or simply taking a moment to appreciate the longer days before they begin their slow journey towards autumn.

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Pew Sheet

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

19 July 2026

HYMNS

169 – Fight the Good Fight

718 – We Love the Place, O God

758 – We Plough the Fields and Scatter

474 – Now Thank we all our God

SERVICES COMING UP

19 July	9.45am	Sung Eucharist Holy Trinity Meldreth
	11.00am	Sunday @ 11 All Saints' Melbourn
26 July	9.45am	Sung Eucharist All Saints' Melbourn

Holy Tinity Church Fete update

A huge thank you to everyone who helped, performed, volunteered and supported this year's Meldreth Church Fete. Special thanks go to the Fete committee. We are delighted to let you know that the fete raised just over £5,000, and it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying such a successful day.

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 19 July 2026 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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

Either Wisdom of Solomon 12:13. 16-19
A reading from the book of Wisdom.

There is not any god besides you, Lord,
whose care is for all people, to whom you
should prove that you have not judged
unjustly; for your strength is the source
of righteousness, and your sovereignty
over all causes you to spare all. For you
show your strength when people doubt
the completeness of your power, and you
rebuke any insolence among those who
know it. Although you are sovereign in
strength, you judge with mildness, and with
great forbearance you govern us; for you
have power to act whenever you choose.
Through such works you have taught your
people that the righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your children with good
hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Or Isaiah 44:6-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last; besides
me there is no god. Who is like me? Let
them proclaim it, let them declare and set
it forth before me. Who has announced
from of old the things to come? Let them
tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be
afraid; have I not told you from of old and
declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there
any god besides me? There is no other
rock; I know not one.

Or Genesis 28:10-19a

PSALM Psalm 86:11-end

R *All nations you have made shall
come and worship you, O Lord.*

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will
walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you, that I may fear your
name.
I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all
my heart,
and glorify your name for evermore; **R**

For great is your steadfast love towards
me,
for you have delivered my soul from the
depths of the grave.
O God, the proud rise up against me
and a ruthless horde seek after my life;
they have not set you before their eyes. **R**

But you, Lord, are gracious and full of
compassion,
slow to anger and full of kindness and
truth.

Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant
and save the child of your handmaid.
Show me a token of your favour,
that those who hate me may see it and
be ashamed;
because you, O Lord, have helped and
comforted me. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors,
not to the flesh, to live according to the
flesh – for if you live according to the
flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you
put to death the deeds of the body, you
will live. For all who are led by the Spirit
of God are children of God. For you did
not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back
into fear, but you have received a spirit of
adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it
is that very Spirit bearing witness with our
spirit that we are children of God, and if
children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint
heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with
him so that we may also be glorified with
him. I consider that the sufferings of this
present time are not worth comparing with
the glory about to be revealed to us. For
the creation waits with eager longing for
the revealing of the children of God; for
the creation was subjected to futility, not
of its own will but by the will of the one
who subjected it, in hope that the creation
itself will be set free from its bondage
to decay and will obtain the freedom
of the glory of the children of God. We
know that the whole creation has been
groaning in labour pains until now; and
not only the creation, but we ourselves,
who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan
inwardly while we wait for adoption, the
redemption of our bodies. For in hope we
were saved. Now hope that is seen is not
hope. For who hopes for what is seen?
But if we hope for what we do not see, we
wait for it with patience.

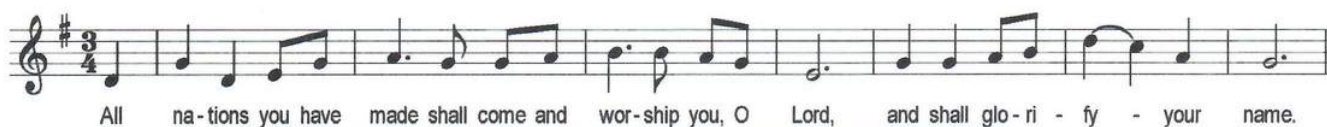
GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30. 36-43

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

Jesus put before the crowd another
parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to someone who sowed good
seed in his field; but while everybody was
asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds
among the wheat, and then went away.
So when the plants came up and bore
grain then the weeds appeared as well.
And the slaves of the householder came
and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow
good seed in your field? Where, then, did
these weeds come from?’ He answered,
‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said
to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and
gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in
gathering the weeds you would uproot
the wheat along with them. Let both of
them grow together until the harvest;
and at harvest time I will tell the reapers,
Collect the weeds first and bind them
in bundles to be burned, but gather the
wheat into my barn.’” Then Jesus left the
crowds and went into the house. And his
disciples approached him, saying, “Explain
to us the parable of the weeds of the
field.” He answered, “The one who sows
the good seed is the Son of Man; the field
is the world, and the good seed are the
children of the kingdom; the weeds are
the children of the evil one and the enemy
who sowed them is the devil; the harvest
is the end of the age, and the reapers are
angels. Just as the weeds are collected
and burned up with fire, so will it be at
the end of the age. The Son of Man will
send his angels, and they will collect out
of his kingdom all causes of sin and all
evildoers, and they will throw them into
the furnace of fire, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the
righteous will shine like the sun in the
kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with
ears listen!”

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and
the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may
live:
may we so receive within ourselves the
power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his
glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.



WHO IS WHO



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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 JULY 2026

Date	Time	Type of Service	Location
5 July	8.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	All Saints', Melbourn
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
12 July	8.00am	Said Eucharist	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn
19 July	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
	11.00am	Sunday @ 11	All Saints', Melbourn
26 July	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn

SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2026

Date	Time	Type of Service	Location
2 August	8.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	All Saints', Melbourn
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
9 August	8.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn
16 August	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
	11.00am	Sunday @ 11	All Saints', Melbourn
23 August	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn
29 August	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	Holy Trinity, Meldreth

Confessions of a Churchwarden

I have a confession.

I've been Churchwarden at All Saints' for three and a half years and I've never climbed the bell tower. There, I've said it. It probably isn't something a Churchwarden should admit, but it's true. In fact, there are two places in church that I have absolutely no intention of ever visiting. The bell tower is one and the Parvis Room above the porch is the other. Both involve steep, narrow, winding stone staircases, neither has anything approaching a proper handrail, and the Parvis Room expects you to cling onto a rope. A rope! Honestly, whoever thought that was an acceptable substitute for a handrail clearly wasn't thinking of people like me.



It is often assumed that because you are Churchwarden you will have explored every nook and cranny of the church. Not this Churchwarden. I know exactly where those places are, and I'm perfectly happy leaving them to people who are clearly made of sterner stuff than I am. It would take a tranquilliser dart to get me up there and, once I'd made it, I'd be hoping there was a handsome fireman waiting to lift me safely back down again.

The whole subject came up because my phone received not one, but two messages from the company that monitors our roof alarm to say it had been triggered. At first it looked as though it was probably just a brief power cut, so I wasn't too concerned. Then someone contacted me to say that the tower door, the vestry door and the electrical cupboard had all been found standing wide open. Suddenly it felt rather less routine, so Bob, Ron and I headed over to church to investigate.

We walked inside, called out a few times and were met with complete silence. We all looked at each other wondering what on earth we were going to find, while my imagination had already disappeared off in a completely different direction. I'd mentally cast myself in an episode of Midsomer Murders and, if I'm being completely honest, I was rather hoping a younger John Nettles might appear. Not just because he'd solve the mystery, but because he was quite good looking in his day!

Thankfully, there wasn't a body hidden behind the font or someone having been attacked in the bell tower Cluedo fashion by Miss Scarlett with the spanner. Instead, a cheerful voice floated down from somewhere above us. One of our bell ringers had been up in the tower working on a camera and had switched the electricity off without realising it would trigger the alarm. Mystery solved. We all breathed a sigh of relief and gently suggested that next time a quick warning beforehand might save everyone a little unnecessary excitement. He then disappeared back up those stairs as though they were perfectly ordinary, while I stayed exactly where I was. Three and a half years as Churchwarden and my record remains intact and I intend it to stay that way.



It's the unexpected moments that make being Churchwarden such fun. You never quite know what's going to happen next and they're the stories I find myself recounting to Roy later over a cheeky glass of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, usually beginning with the words, "You'd never believe what happened today..."

Kimmi

NEWS

The Great Gatsby Comes to All Saints'



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us on Tuesday evening as we welcomed This Is My Theatre back to All Saints' Church for their latest production, *The Great Gatsby*.

It was wonderful to see the church so well filled, with a fantastic mix of familiar faces from our church congregation and local community, alongside many people visiting All

Saints' for the first time. We hope everyone enjoyed not only the performance but also the opportunity to experience the church in a different setting.

The licensed bar proved popular before the performance and during the interval, creating a relaxed and friendly atmosphere as people chatted and caught up with one another.

As always, This Is My Theatre delivered a superb performance. Their imaginative staging, live music and talented cast brought F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic story vividly to life, and the audience clearly appreciated every moment, rewarding the company with warm and enthusiastic applause at the end.



This was another successful return visit from This Is My Theatre, who have become welcome regular guests at All Saints'. We are delighted to continue working with them and look forward to them being back with another production at Holy Trinity in September and at All Saints' in December.

Finally, thank you to everyone who supported the evening, whether by attending, helping behind the scenes, or assisting with the practical arrangements. Events like these are only possible because of the generosity of so many volunteers, and it was lovely to see the church buzzing with life throughout the evening.



Flower Decorations in Holy Trinity Church for the fete



This is a huge thank you to everyone who decorated the church for the fete this year. We asked people just to bring flowers from their gardens and the display was beautiful. People were so inventive and found lovely plants and flowers despite our recent drought and extreme heat. I had lots of very good feedback!

Thanks especially to those from the Veg Club and from those on our flower rota who bought such arrangements.

Onwards and upwards - we've already got plans for next year's fete!

Julie Draper





Melbourn Village College is looking for Local Authority Board Members

Are you passionate about education and your local community?

Do you want to help shape the future for children and young people in Cambridgeshire?

We're looking for committed, community-minded individuals to join the Local Advisory Boards (LABs) of our schools across Cambridgeshire.

The CAM Academy Trust is a forward-thinking family of schools, working with our communities, to achieve success all-round, all-through for all. Our Local Advisory Boards (LABs) play a key role in supporting that. We are at an exciting point of change and growth – we would love you to be part of our journey!

LAB members, (previously referred to as Governors) work in partnership with the principal to support the vision and values of the school and trust and to oversee the following areas:

- Monitoring of school standards
- Representing the views of and engaging with the local community
- Monitoring safeguarding standards and SEND provision
- Monitoring the school procedures
- Helping to ensure every child gets the best possible start in life

We are particularly keen to grow our LABs in Melbourn Village College (Melbourn, Royston)

What is the commitment?

LAB members are asked to attend 4 meetings per academic year as well as participating in school visits. Most meetings are after school hours, but some can be within the school day. There is also a commitment to keep up to date with relevant training. This is provided for all our LAB members.

Who we're looking for?

We welcome applications from everyone and see the value that different experiences and skills bring. A diverse local advisory board supports children from all backgrounds to succeed and thrive – we want our boards to reflect the communities we serve.

We encourage all members of the local community, regardless of age, experience and background, to apply.

You would be required to undergo a Disclosure & Barring Check (DBS). The DBS check enables organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors to make safe recruitment decisions.

Get involved

Interested? We'd love to hear from you!

For further information about the role, please contact the school via office@melbournvc.org or PA-Principal@melbournvc.org.

There's no pressure – we're happy to chat about what's involved and help you find the right school or role. There is no formal deadline – we recruit on a rolling basis.

Thank you in advance

We hope to hear from you soon

Kind regards

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PA to the Principal

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Government Urged to Strengthen Funding and Protect the Volunteers who Keep Churches Open



Volunteer burnout has been highlighted as a growing threat to the future of England's historic churches in a new report from Parliament's Culture, Media and Sport Committee.

Evidence submitted to the Committee's Protecting Built Heritage inquiry warned that thousands of historic places of worship depend almost entirely on volunteers. The Churches' Legislation Advisory Service cautioned that, if the demands of maintaining these buildings become too great or financially unsustainable, many volunteers may simply walk away.

The Revd Paula Griffiths, a retired priest serving in Saffron Walden, told the inquiry that church volunteers are increasingly responsible not only for building maintenance, but also safeguarding, fundraising and administration. With later retirement, changing work patterns and growing caring responsibilities, many are struggling to cope.

The Committee is urging the Government to create a funded support framework giving volunteer led organisations access to professional expertise such as surveyors, conservation architects and project managers. It says this would help churches plan major repair projects more effectively while reducing the risk of volunteer burnout.

The report warns that many historic buildings are already suffering from years of underinvestment, with leaking roofs, deteriorating fabric and mounting financial pressures. Witnesses described current heritage funding as fragmented and short term, offering little support for routine maintenance or early project development.

England has more than 370,000 listed buildings, including around 14,800 places of worship, 83 per cent of which belong to the Church of England. Church representatives told the inquiry that parish churches spend more than £1 billion annually caring for their buildings.

The Committee also raised concerns about recent changes to funding. It warned that replacing the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme with the new Places of Worship Renewal Fund could leave historically important churches without adequate support. It called for funding levels to be maintained and for future grants to recognise both the heritage significance and wider community value of churches, while also recommending targeted VAT relief to make essential repairs more affordable.

Archbishop of York: Church 'Growing Younger', but Diversity Challenges Remain



The Archbishop of York has welcomed signs that the Church of England is “growing younger”, while acknowledging that becoming a more diverse and inclusive Church remained “unfinished” work.

In his presidential address opening the General Synod in York on Friday, Archbishop Cottrell said he was encouraged by younger people engaging with the Church, but admitted that progress on racial justice, disability inclusion, safeguarding, and human sexuality had been slower than hoped.

Reflecting on the Church’s response to From Lament to Action, the 2021 report on institutional racism, he said it had “wrestled” with the challenge and been inspired by the work of the Racial Justice Commission. Even so, “honest reflection requires us to acknowledge that our response has not always been equal to our aspirations”.

Turning to sexuality, Archbishop Cottrell described the issue as “without doubt” the most contested of the past five years. While there was agreement that “there is no place for homophobia in our Church” and that everyone should be welcomed, differences remained over Prayers of Love and Faith and the ministry of clergy in same sex marriages.

“You have heard me say this many times,” he said, “I am deeply pained by this, as I know so many of you are.”

He urged members to continue “holding onto each other and cherishing each other”, describing the Church as an ecosystem that “thrives on diversity”.

The Archbishop also highlighted the need for greater inclusion of disabled people, stronger safeguarding, renewed support for working class vocations, and increased investment in parish ministry, particularly in deprived urban and rural communities. “We cannot neglect the poor,” he said.

Concluding his address, he called on the Church to remain “simpler, humbler, bolder”, sharing “the joy, beauty and challenge of the gospel” while continuing the work of making the Church safer, strengthening parish ministry, and welcoming those who feel excluded.

Church Affirms Neurodiversity after Personal Synod Debate



The General Synod has voted to affirm neurodiversity in the life of the Church of England after a debate in which members shared powerful personal stories of living with autism, ADHD and dyslexia.

Introducing the motion, Fiona MacMillan (London), chair of the Neurodiversity Working Group, pictured left, spoke of her own experience as a neurodivergent Christian. She said she had gradually come to understand

herself as "fearfully, wonderfully, and intentionally made by God", with a unique combination of gifts and needs.

She argued that recognising neurodiversity was central to the Church's commitment to inclusion, reminding Synod that Jesus welcomed those on the margins. "This motion calls on the Church to include people who think differently, and to allow ourselves to be blessed by them," she said.

Archbishop Mullally, who is dyslexic, reflected on her own experience, saying that words and names could still run off the page like water. Raising a smile across the chamber, she joked: "Is it prostrate or prostate?" before emphasising that neurodivergent people are, like everyone else, made in the image of God.

The Bishop of Peterborough, the Rt Revd Debbie Sellin, recalled the emotional story of an 11 year old neurodivergent boy who was finally able to receive Holy Communion after previously being told he never would. "This ministry is crucial, it is precious, and it is Christ filled," she said.

Several members also spoke candidly about their own experiences of ADHD and autism. The Revd Canon Alice Kemp (Bristol) said that receiving an autism diagnosis had enabled her to stop hiding who she was and recognise that God had called every part of her into ministry. Others highlighted practical measures already being introduced in churches, including dyslexia friendly handouts and fidget bags to help people concentrate during services.

Closing the debate, Ms MacMillan said that the Church would be enriched by embracing people who think differently. The motion was carried overwhelmingly.

Clergy to Report Driving Bans



Clergy who lose their driving licence after a series of motoring offences will be required to inform their bishop under the new Clergy Conduct Measure (CCM) Rules, following an amendment approved by the General Synod on Saturday.

The change was proposed by the Revd Jonathan MacNeaney, Vicar of St Mary and St John the Divine, Balham, during Synod's meeting in York.

The Rules include a list of minor traffic and highway offences that are excluded from the requirement for clergy to notify their bishop or archbishop. These include offences such as careless cycling and failing to comply with traffic signs. A cleric cannot be suspended or face a restriction order solely because of offences on this list.

Mr MacNeaney successfully argued that those exemptions should no longer apply where repeated offences result in a driving disqualification. In such cases, clergy will now be required to report the disqualification to their diocesan bishop.

He said the amendment addressed "the normalisation of speeding and dangerous driving", pointing to statistics showing that almost half of motorists exceeded speed limits and that excessive speed remained a major factor in fatal collisions.

"Where there is repeated disregard for the safety of our neighbours because of our wilful and preventable action, it must not be hidden behind an arbitrary exclusion," he told Synod.

Members voted to approve both the amendment and the Rules, just three days after the Clergy Conduct Measure received Royal Assent.

Introducing the legislation, the Dean of the Arches, the Rt Worshipful Morag Ellis KC, said the Rules had been drafted to balance fairness with effective safeguarding. They were, she said, "deeply mindful of the humanity of everyone involved", protecting vulnerable people while ensuring clergy were treated justly and shielded from vexatious or malicious complaints.

An amendment expressing concern about the handling of grievances was defeated after debate, with Dr Ellis acknowledging that the success of the new system would depend on fostering a culture of reconciliation, accountability and support across the Church.

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Thank you for your kindness and support.



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Travel Talk with Gayle

Turn Your Holiday Into a Donation for the Church

Regular readers may remember that last year we introduced a simple way of supporting our church through holiday bookings.

As summer approaches and many people begin planning holidays for the months ahead, now seems a good time to remind everyone about this opportunity. Whether you are considering a weekend away in the UK, a family holiday abroad, a cruise, a city break, or something a little more adventurous, your booking could help support the work of our church.

Local travel consultant Gayle kindly donates a percentage of the commission she receives from holiday bookings directly to our church. There is no additional cost to the traveller. The holiday costs exactly the same as it otherwise would, but our church receives a financial contribution from the booking.



Many people will know Gayle through village life, church events, and community activities. As an independent travel consultant with many years of experience, she has access to a wide range of holiday providers and can help with everything from package holidays and cruises to tailor made itineraries and long haul travel.

We are always looking for ways to raise funds without constantly asking the same people to put their hands in their pockets. This scheme provides an opportunity to support our church through something many people are already planning to do.

The scheme is not limited to church members. Friends, family, neighbours, and colleagues can also use Gayle's services, meaning the opportunity to support our church extends well beyond our congregation.

Every booking, whether large or small, has the potential to make a difference. If you are thinking about a holiday in the coming months, or know someone who is, please keep Gayle in mind before making your arrangements.

For further information, or simply to discuss ideas for a future trip please do contact Gayle.



**Please get in touch if you have any questions.
Phone or WhatsApp on 07468 420 420 or by
email at gayle@thetraveldirector.co.uk**

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
18 July	6.30pm	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
12 December	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Tidings and Tinsel	Sheene Mill

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



DAHLIA DAY

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2026

2.00PM

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5 SEPTEMBER
2026**

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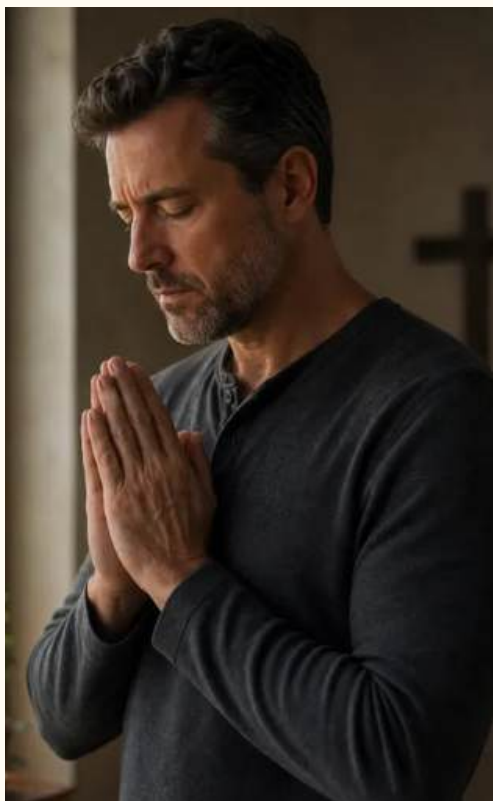
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Friday 17 July

Today we pray for the Benefice of The Ouse Valley, its parishes of Bexwell, Crimplesham, Denver, Hilgay, Ryston with Roxham, Southery, The Parish of Ten Mile Bank. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Nigel Moat. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Mrs Pat Blyth and for the life of the church, and the parishes it serves. We pray for all organists, church choirs, and music groups and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Denver CofE Primary School

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Saturday 18 July

Today we pray for the Benefice of The West Norfolk Priory Group, its parishes of Fincham, Marham, Nordelph, Runcton Holme with South Runcton, Shouldham, Shouldham Thorpe, Stow Bardolph and

Stow Bridge, Tottenhill, Watlington, Wimbotsham, Wormegay. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Canon Dr David Karoon and for the life of the church, and the parishes it serves. We pray for those that support the office of our Archdeacons and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Araucanía – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Elizabeth Ferard, first Deaconess of the Church of England, Founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883

Holy Cross CofE Primary School, Runcton Holme

St Martin's at Shouldham CofE Primary School

Sunday 19 July

Today we pray for the Benefice of The Wissey Valley Benefice, its parishes of Barton Bendish, Beachamwell with Shingham, Boughton, Methwold, Wereham, West Dereham, Whittington, Wretton with Stoke Ferry. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Pippa Blackall, The Revd Ray Burman. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Mrs Diane Mantle, Mr Tony Mills, Ms Janet Tanton and for the life of the church, and the parishes it serves. We pray for all who lead study, nurture, and fellowship groups and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

7th Sunday after Trinity

Monday 20 July

Today we begin praying for the Deanery of Fordham and Quy, served by the Rural Dean, The Revd Canon Dr Eleanor Williams and the Lay Chair Canon Peter Maxwell. We pray for all food banks, homeless shelters and credit unions and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of the Arctic – The Anglican Church of Canada

Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th century

Tuesday 21 July

Today we pray for the Benefice of Ashley with Silverley . We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Dr Naomi Wormell. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Dr Tony White and for the life of the church, and the parish it serves. We pray for those supporting the work of the Arbory Trust and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Argentina – The Anglican Church of South America

Wednesday 22 July

Today we pray for the Benefice of Burwell with Reach. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Canon Dr Eleanor Williams, The Revd Paula Spalding. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Dr Kevin Powell, Mrs Joanna Proctor and for the life of the church, and the parish it serves. We pray for all churchwardens, PCC secretaries and treasurers and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Northern Argentina – The Anglican Church of South America

Mary Magdalene

Thursday 23 July

Today we pray for the Benefice of Cheveley. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Dr Naomi Wormell. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Dr Tony White and for the life of the church, and the parish it serves. We pray for the Theological Education Institution of Westcott House and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Argyll and The Isles – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena, 1373

Cheveley CofE Primary School

Friday 24 July

Today we pray for the Benefice of Fulbourn. We pray for its Clergy: The Revd Alice Goodman. We pray for its Licensed Lay Minister(s): Mr Steve Mashford and for the life of the church, and the parish it serves. We pray for the Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech and from the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Arizona – The Episcopal Church

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.

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 man walks into a pub with a roll of tarmac tucked under his arm.

He goes up to the bar and says, "Two pints please. One for me, and one for the road"



A man tells his friend, "I've taught my dog how to speak English!"

His friend replies, "Nonsense! Dogs can't talk!"

The first man says "Hmm, I will prove it" and turns to his dog and says, "What's the current state of affairs in the UK?"

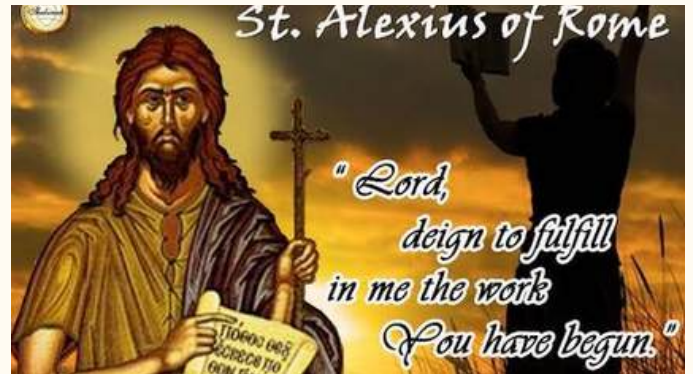
The dog replies, "Ruff!"



Saint of the Week

17 July

Saint Alexius of Rome



Saint Alexius of Rome, whose feast day is celebrated on 17 July, is remembered as one of the great saints of humility and self sacrifice. Although the details of his life are wrapped in legend, his story has inspired Christians for well over a thousand years.

According to tradition, Alexius was born into a wealthy and noble Roman family during the fourth or fifth century. Despite his privileged upbringing, he longed to devote his life entirely to God. On the very day of his arranged marriage, he quietly left his home, his wealth and even his new wife, setting sail for the city of Edessa, in modern day Turkey.

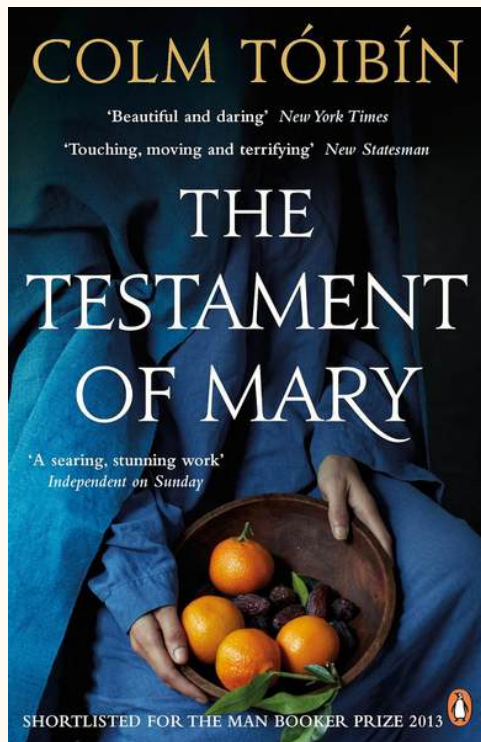
There, Alexius lived as a beggar outside a church, depending on the generosity of others while spending his days in prayer. He deliberately chose a life of poverty, believing that true riches were found not in possessions but in a close relationship with God.

After many years, he returned to Rome, but no one recognised him. Rather than revealing his identity, he asked for shelter at his parents' house, where they unknowingly allowed him to live beneath the staircase. For seventeen years he endured hardship, misunderstanding and neglect without complaint, remaining faithful to God in quiet obscurity.

Only after his death was his true identity discovered. A written account found among his belongings revealed who he was, and his family realised that the poor man they had cared for had been their own son all along. He was honoured as a holy man, and devotion to Saint Alexius spread across both the Eastern and Western Churches.

The story of Saint Alexius challenges modern ideas of success and recognition. While few are called to imitate his extraordinary way of life, his example reminds us that faithfulness, humility and compassion often flourish away from the spotlight. His life encourages us to value people not for their status or achievements, but for the love, kindness and quiet faith they show each day.

Our E-News Weekly Book Recommendation



THE TESTAMENT OF MARY

Colm Tóibín

Colm Tóibín's *The Testament of Mary* is a powerful and thought provoking novella that reimagines the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus, through her own deeply personal voice. Rather than presenting the familiar biblical figure of quiet acceptance and unwavering faith, Tóibín portrays Mary as an elderly woman looking back on the traumatic events surrounding her son's life and death with honesty, grief and lingering doubt.

Written as a first person monologue, the novel explores the emotional cost of witnessing suffering.

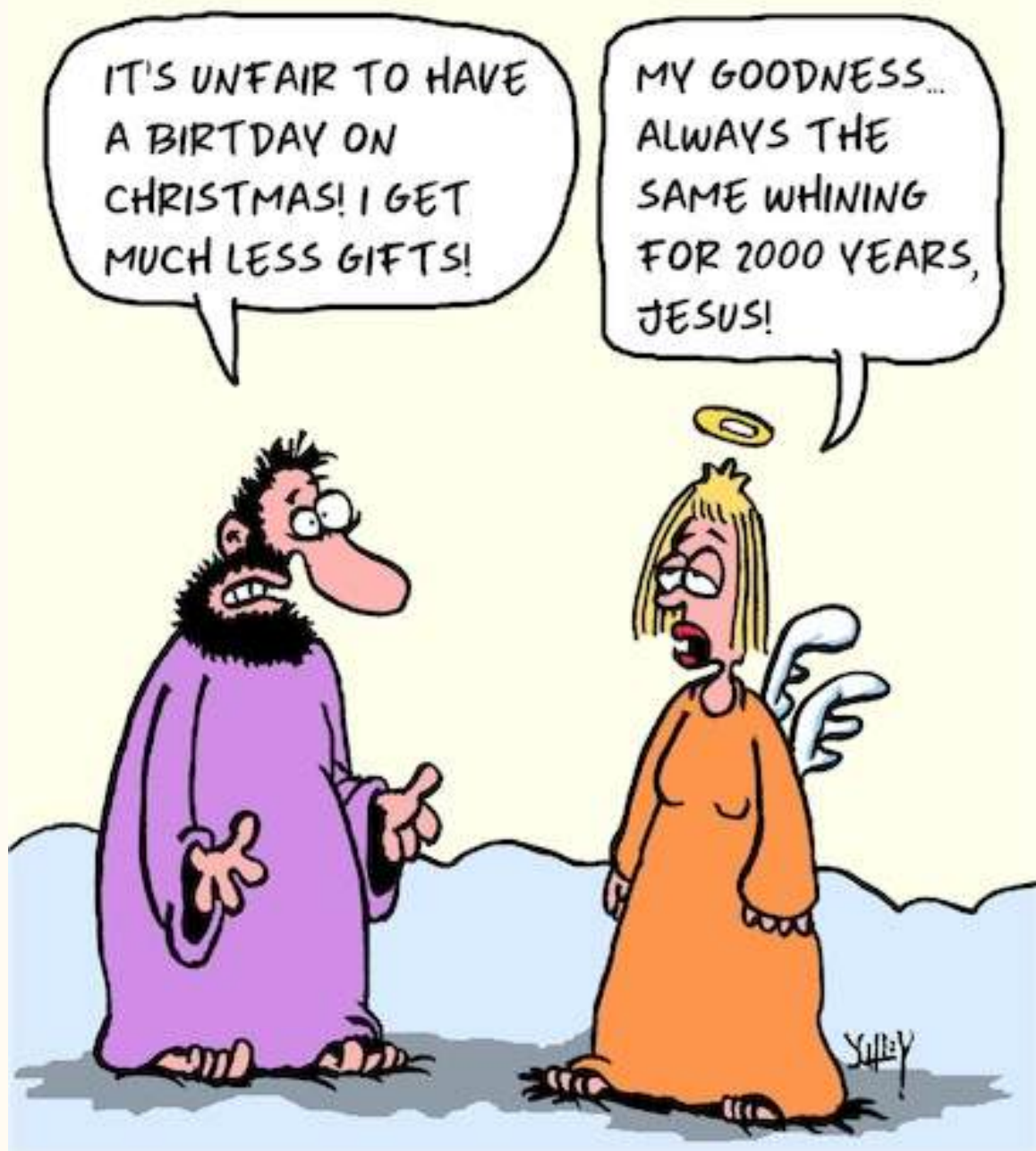
Mary remembers Jesus not simply as the Son of God, but as the child she raised and loved. She struggles to understand the growing movement around him and is unconvinced by those who later shape his story into the Gospel accounts. Her memories challenge accepted narratives, offering a striking contrast between personal experience and public belief.

The book does not seek to undermine Christianity but instead invites readers to consider the humanity behind one of its most revered figures. Mary's sorrow, fear and sense of helplessness are vividly portrayed, making her a relatable and deeply sympathetic character. Tóibín's restrained and elegant prose gives the story remarkable emotional power despite its brevity.

When published in 2012, *The Testament of Mary* attracted considerable discussion for its unconventional portrayal of Mary. Some readers found it unsettling, while others praised its courage and literary brilliance. It was shortlisted for the Booker Prize and later adapted into a successful stage production.

Whether approached as literature or as a meditation on grief, memory and faith, this book offers a fresh perspective on one of history's most familiar stories. It reminds readers that behind every great narrative are individual lives shaped by love, loss and the search for meaning.

FAITH & FUNNIES: DIVINE LAUGHTER



WINNIE WISDOM

**THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE DON'T
HAVE THE BEST OF EVERYTHING,
THEY JUST MAKE THE BEST OF
EVERYTHING THEY HAVE**



WHAT'S ON



COFFEE AND CRAFT

Saturday 18th of July

10am-12pm



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For more information, email MelbournWI@gmail.com.
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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:

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8. 16-12-1-14

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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
4. To take into one's family and raise as one's own child

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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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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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