

WELCOME

we're glad you're here!



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



This Sunday we celebrate Harvest at All Saints', a welcome opportunity to pause and give thanks for all that the year has brought. Harvest may have its roots in the farming calendar, but its message reaches much further. It reminds us not to take for granted the food on our tables, the people who produce it or the many other things we rely upon each day.

At this time of year, the signs of the changing season are all around us. The days are growing shorter, the leaves are beginning to turn and gardens and fields are moving from the abundance of summer towards their autumn rest. Harvest gives us a moment to notice these changes and to appreciate what has grown, flourished and been gathered.

It is also a reminder that no harvest appears without effort. Behind everything we enjoy lies someone's time, care and hard work, often given quietly and without much recognition. That is true in our churches and communities too, where so much depends upon people being willing to help, contribute and care for others.

There is plenty to discover in this week's E-News, including news of forthcoming services and events both in the community and across both churches. I hope you enjoy reading it.

Thank you, as always, for reading and have a very good week!

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Pew Sheet

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

27 September 2026

HYMNS

- 101 – Come, Ye Thankful People
- 302 – Let us with a Gladsome Mind (T.1)
- 534 – We Plough the Fields and Scatter
- 137 – For the Beauty of the Earth (1st tune)

SERVICES COMING UP

27 September	9.45am	Sung Eucharist All Saints' Melbourn
4 October	8.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP) All Saints' Melbourn
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist Holy Trinity, Meldreth

All Saints' Quiz Night

Why not come along tomorrow, Saturday 26 September at 7.00pm in All Saints' Community Hall for an evening of questions, friendly rivalry and plenty of fun!

Tickets are £12 per person, including fish and chips. There will also be a licensed bar and raffle. Gather your cleverest friends or best guessers and enter a team of up to six people.

All proceeds will go to the All Saints' Melbourn Development Fund.

Please book on 07976 228377

Auction of Promises

On Saturday 10 October Holy Trinity is holding an Auction of Promises, with around 30 varied lots up for grabs!

Doors open at 7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. Tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the door, including a glass of wine and programme. Drinks and nibbles available.

Come along, enjoy the evening, and help raise funds for Holy Trinity.

For more details, please contact Steve Oakman.

Tidings and Tinsel

Join us at Sheene Mill at 7.00pm on Saturday 12 December for All Saints' annual Christmas celebration. New owners, Levis and Kirsten, are generously providing a delicious three-course Christmas dinner for just £40 per person.

There will be live music from a singer, plenty of festive jollity and a grand draw in aid of the All Saints' Development Fund. Posh frocks and bow ties are positively encouraged!

Booking details will follow shortly, in the meantime to register your interest please speak to Val in the choir.

A Christmas Carol at All Saints'

This Is My Theatre brings Dickens' A Christmas Carol to All Saints' Church, Melbourn, on Wednesday 2 December at 7.00pm. Join Scrooge, the Christmas spirits and a cast of familiar characters for an evening of theatre and carols in the church.

Doors open at 6.30pm, and the All Saints' bar will be open before the performance and during the interval.

Tickets are available at [tickettailor.com/events/thisismytheatre/2432454](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thisismytheatre/2432454).

Sunday

27 September 2026 Harvest Festival

COLLECT

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 forever. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a

land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

NEW TESTAMENT Revelation 14.14-18

I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one 'like a son of man' with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, 'Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.' So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested. Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, 'Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth's vine, because its grapes are ripe.'

GOSPEL John 6.25-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, 'Rabbi, when did you get here?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the

Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.' Then they asked him, 'What must we do to do the works God requires?' Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.' So they asked him, 'What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Jesus said to them, 'I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said, 'from now on give us this bread.' Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.'

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.**

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/>

TERRY MITCHELL

We were very sad to hear the news that Terry Mitchell died on Monday 21 September. Terry was a long-standing member of the All Saints' congregation and served as Churchwarden for many years. He was also a valued member of the bellringing team, along with his wife Barbara.

Terry was a wonderful supporter of All Saints' and its many events. In years gone by, he and Barbara organised the Christmas Bazaar, and he grew a wonderful selection of plants for the plant stall each year. He gave so generously of his time and care to the church and will be greatly missed.

Terry's family have asked that any condolence cards be sent to the home address. We are not yet able to confirm the date or arrangements for his funeral, but we will let you know as soon as we can.

Please hold Barbara and all Terry's family in your prayers.

May Terry rest in peace and rise in glory.



SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2026

Date	Time	Type of Service	Location
4 October	8.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	All Saints', Melbourn
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
11 October	8.00am	Morning Prayer	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn
18 October	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
	11.00am	Sunday @ 11	All Saints', Melbourn
25 October	9.45am	Sung Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn

Never a Dull Moment



The church phone rang this week, which always produces my usual reaction of, "Ooh, it's the church phone!" The gentleman on the other end asked whether I was the Vicar. I explained that I wasn't, adding that I didn't fancy the outfit. I'm not sure he got the joke, but he carried on and told me he had lost his hat. For a moment I wasn't entirely sure whether he wanted a prayer to help him find it or thought I might know where it was. It turned out he thought he might have left it in church.

Had I found it? No, not personally, I told him. He said he really liked that hat, so I asked what colour it was. Red. "Ooh, I like a red hat," I said. "It's a man's hat," he replied. I hoped he didn't think I had slipped it into my wardrobe. Quite apart from my not being a second-hand hat kind of girl, my vast array of clothes means there isn't any more room in there even for just a hat! I promised we would all keep a lookout.

A few days later he rang back. His wife had found the red hat in the car! I said how pleased I was that he had found it, but he wasn't pleased at all. Finding the red hat meant the one he had lost was his green hat. So we are now looking for a green man's hat, and I am hoping he doesn't own one in blue as well, or I may get another call next week. I do love that church phone!



We have also had the case of the phantom church unlocker. The person on the rota arrived to find the church already open. Who had beaten them to it? After a flurry of messages, I found that someone had thought it was my turn and had kindly unlocked to save me the job. Except it wasn't my turn! Our new "Keepers of the Key" WhatsApp group has had a busy first week, and the keyholders are getting to know each other rather better. They're a great bunch of people, and WhatsApp has put our bunch of keys on the same ring!

I have finished writing two quizzes this week: one for my WI and the much larger one for the All Saints' Quiz Night on Saturday. After last week's deliberations over whether the questions were too easy, too difficult or required a team of specialists, all ten rounds and the picture round were ready to print. By Wednesday, everything was printed and ready to go. Wednesday! I was so chuffed with myself.

Then the next day, I couldn't find the folder. I was sure I remembered bringing it home with the WI quiz, but had I dropped it while getting into the car outside the office? Was there now a spy in the camp, selling all ten rounds and their answers on the black market? I always say why look for a logical explanation when my imagination can produce such outlandish ones? I found it eventually, with something else placed on top of it. No spy, no black market, just a folder I couldn't see for looking.

Revd Ian supplied all the wording for our new Harvest Order of Service this week, and I formatted it and created the booklet for Sunday. We are so lucky to have him and he continues to do so much for both parishes, so I was delighted to do something for him. I was rather pleased with the finished layout too. Then came the folding. I managed a few copies before deciding that, if people were going to be asked to hold these booklets in public, Bob had better take over.



Bob can make origami fish and birds out of restaurant napkins. Not because he's bored with our company, but because he can. Often before we leave, he'll hand his creation to the waiter or waitress, who, strangely, is usually delighted. Give the man a Harvest booklet and he can fold that beautifully too. Anyway, I digress. Once Bob had worked his magic, I brought out the long armed stapler like I meant business! At first I thought it wasn't going to play nice, and we had a bit of a tussle, but the booklets are ready for Sunday. It may have the longer arms, but I had the last word.

There has also been a Deanery Standing Committee meeting, a fundraising meeting, more posters and plenty of event planning. There is never a dull moment! One of the lovelier things to come out of the week was a message from a gentleman who recently visited All Saints', where he and his twin brother were baptised 67 years ago. You can read more about him later in the E-News.

I had a huge list of things to complete this week and, rather to my surprise, I have crossed off 21 of them. Only nine to go! One of those is sending out the E-News, so if you are reading this, I can cross that off too. Eight to go before Monday or they get carried forward on to another large number of to dos for next week.

Actually, make that nine. I must add "pour a glass of Sauvignon Blanc" to the list, to be completed by Friday evening!



NEWS

Harvest at All Saints' Church Sunday 27 September



Harvest is a joyful time in the Church's year, giving us an opportunity to pause and give thanks for the food we enjoy, the changing seasons and all those whose work helps to put food on our tables. It is also a time to remember those in our wider community who may be struggling and to share some of what we have with others.

Our Harvest Service at All Saints' Church takes place this Sunday. Everyone is warmly invited to join us and we would be very grateful for donations of non-perishable food and new, unopened toiletries.



This year, the donations from All Saints' will be given to Jimmy's Cambridge, a local charity supporting people who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. Jimmy's provides emergency accommodation and longer-term homes, together with practical and personalised

support to help people rebuild their lives and move towards greater independence. It also provides meals for those staying in its accommodation, so our donations of food and toiletries will be put to very good use.

You do not need to attend the service to support the appeal. If you would simply like to bring a donation to the church without staying, you are very welcome to do so. Every contribution, however large or small, will be gratefully received and will help Jimmy's continue its important work with people experiencing homelessness in the area.

In Meldreth, Holy Trinity's Harvest Service will take place next Sunday, 4 October, with further details about its Harvest collection to follow next week.

A Return to the Font, 67 Years Later



Last week, we received a lovely message through the All Saints' & Holy Trinity website from Maurice, who had returned to visit All Saints', the church where he and his twin brother were baptised on 6 July 1959. He had taken one of our booklets and wanted to make a donation, but had no cash with him, so he wrote to ask how he could do it online.

When I replied, Maurice sent a photograph of himself standing beside the font, holding the baptism card he was given 67 years ago. It is rather wonderful to think that he has kept it all this time and was able to bring it back to the place where it was first given to him.

Maurice and his brother were born while their family was living at Melbourn Caravan Park. Maurice weighed just one and a half pounds at birth and spent several weeks in an incubator, while his mother came home with his twin. The family later moved to Rock Road in Royston, where a sister was born, and then, when Maurice was three, his father's work took them to Somerset. That became home for Maurice and all six of his siblings. As he put it, it was a busy life for his parents!

I am very glad Maurice got in touch. His visit was a reminder that All Saints' remains part of people's stories long after they have moved away. Thank you, Maurice, for sharing your photograph and memories with us, and for thinking of the church when you came back to Melbourn.

Kimmi



Please Can You help? Donations Needed for the All Saints' Christmas Fayre

All Saints Melbourn is looking forward to this year's Christmas Fayre. Plans are well underway and the Fundraising team are already working hard to make it a memorable day.

However, we need your help!

We are looking for:

- Donations for the Unused and New Gifts Stall
Please contact Angela Leach 01763 262793
- Bottles for the Bottle Tombola
Please contact Diane Blundell or Kimmi
07939 659742 07976228377
- Cakes for the Cake Stall and the Refreshments
Please contact Kimmi (as above)
- Any homemade craft items or jams/preserves or Chutney
Please contact Nicola Smith 01763 221197
- Anything item to sell on the All Things Christmas Stall
Please contact Avril or Roger Mellor 01763 220463
- Donations for Grand Draw
Please contact Kimmi or Diane Blundell (as above)
- Jewellery for the Jewellery Stall
Please contact Pat Smith 01763 262575
- Chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola
Please contact Kimmi (as above)

Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support. It truly makes all the difference in keeping our Christmas Fayre one of the highlights of the church calendar.



Please Support the Development Fund at All Saints'

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

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your kindness and support.



www.givealittle.co/c/6Cch7CVWXRqTxfQdPUOGWd



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
26 September	7.00pm	All Saints' Quiz Night	All Saints' Community Hall
10 October	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Auction of Promises	Holy Trinity Church
24 October	7.00pm	Cambridge Rock Choir	All Saints' Church
14 November	10.00am - 1.30pm	All Saints' Christmas Fayre	All Saints' Community Hall
28/29 November	TBA	Christmas Tree Festival	Holy Trinity Church
2 December	7.00pm	This is My Theatre Production: A Christmas Carol	All Saints' Church
12 December	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Tidings and Tinsel	Sheene Mill

Going, Going... Promised!



Holy Trinity's Auction of Promises is shaping up to be a wonderfully entertaining evening, with around 30 tempting lots ready to go under the hammer.

There really is something for everyone, from a thrilling flight in a Tiger Moth and a stay in beautiful Anglesey to treats, talents and experiences rather closer to home. You could commission a bespoke poem for a special occasion, enjoy a drinks and canapé soirée for six or discover something entirely unexpected when the full programme lands in your hands. The only difficulty may be deciding what to bid for first!

The auction takes place at Holy Trinity, Meldreth, on Saturday 10 October, with doors opening at 7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. Tickets cost £10 in advance or £12 on the door and include a glass of wine and an auction programme.

Come along, hold up your bidding card and see what takes your fancy. You may arrive intending merely to watch, but with promises like these, going home empty-handed could require remarkable self-control!

A Christmas Carol Comes to All Saints'



What better way to begin December than with A Christmas Carol at All Saints'? This Is My Theatre makes a welcome return on Wednesday 2 December, following its performance of The Great Gatsby here in July.

Their adaptation of Dickens' Christmas tale includes music by Simon Stallard and plenty of carols. With the festive season only just beginning, the timing could hardly be better for an evening that should put us all in the Christmas mood. We are looking forward to welcoming the company back and seeing All Saints' filled with theatre once again.

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. The All Saints' bar will be open before the performance and during the interval.

To book your tickets visit:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thisismytheatre/2432454>

Tidings and Tinsel



SHEENE MILL



Tidings and Tinsel, All Saints' annual Christmas celebration, is back, and this year we are swapping the Community Hall for the rather splendid surroundings of Sheene Mill.

New owners, Levis and Kirsten, have very kindly offered to provide us with a delicious three-course Christmas dinner at the greatly reduced price of £40 per person. So, dust off the posh frocks, locate the bow ties and join us at 7.00pm on Saturday 12 December for a wonderfully festive evening.

There will be live music from a singer, plenty of Christmas jollity and a grand draw featuring lots of lovely prizes. Proceeds from the draw will go towards the All Saints' Development Fund.

It promises to be a very special evening in a beautiful setting, and the perfect opportunity to celebrate Christmas together in style. More details about booking will follow shortly, but put the date in your diary now!

ALL SAINTS'
MELBOURN

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY
26 SEPTEMBER

7.00pm

All Saints' Community Hall

£12 | including
fish & chips

LICENSED BAR | RAFFLE | MAXIMUM TEAM SIZE 6

To book: **07976 228377**

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- 👥 GENEROUS COMMUNITY
- ★ UNFORGETTABLE EVENING



**WINE TASTING
FOR 6-12
PEOPLE**



**APPROXIMATELY
30 PROMISE LOTS**



**DRINKS AND
NIBBLES
AVAILABLE**



TICKETS

**SATURDAY
10 OCTOBER**

7.00PM FOR PROMPT
7.30PM START
TO INCLUDE A GLASS OF WINE
AND PROGRAMME FOR THE EVENING
**£10 IN ADVANCE
£12 ON THE DOOR**

TO BOOK TICKETS CALL 07877 295878

Thursday 29th Oct, 7.00 for 7.30pm
at the Holy Trinity Church, Meldreth,
SG8 6NT

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wine - £10 on
the door***

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tells the story
behind her
uplifting
memoir about
her own child,
and when to
challenge or
accept
medical
judgement.**

UNDER A HIMALAYAN SKY

*A Story of Love, Loss,
and Learning to Live*



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
MELBOURN

Christmas Fayre

Saturday
14 November 2026

10.00am – 1.30pm

in All Saints' Community Hall
Variety Of Stalls



**Books & DVDs
Jewellery Stall
Children's Tombola
Bottle Tombola
Mulled wine**



**Gift Stall
Chocolate
Tombola
Crafts and
Produce Stall**



**Grand Draw
All Things
Christmas Stall
Children's Corner
Cake stall**

And So Much More!

Delicious refreshments available
in the Community Hall

Please do come along and
support us



HOLY TRINITY
CHURCH
MELDRETH

*Christmas Tree
Festival*



28 NOVEMBER

29 NOVEMBER

11am–5pm Saturday

11am–4:30pm Sunday



Noah the Donkey 11am–3:30pm

REFRESHMENTS

SEASONAL CRAFT & PRODUCE STALL

FREE PARKING & ENTRY

ADVENT SERVICE

29 NOVEMBER 5:30PM

**THIS MY
THEATRE**

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

— By Charles Dickens —

Join Ebenezer Scrooge on a haunting journey through Christmas Past, Present and Future in Dickens' timeless tale of redemption and festive spirit.



**WEDNESDAY
2 DECEMBER**

7:00 PM

**ALL SAINTS'
CHURCH
MELBOURN**



A licensed bar serving drinks and snacks will be open from **6pm** and during the interval.

TICKETS ON SALE SOON

ALL SAINTS'
MELBOURN

ANNUAL

TIDINGS & TINSEL

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SATURDAY

12 DECEMBER 2026

7.00PM FOR 7.30PM

THREE-COURSE CHRISTMAS DINNER ♦ LIVE SINGER

FESTIVE FUN ♦ GRAND DRAW

DRESS TO IMPRESS

POSH FROCKS AND BOW TIES

£40 PER PERSON

BOOK NOW **07976 228377**

Grand Draw profits will support the All Saints' Development Fund

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 mother took her three year old son to a psychiatrist and explained that she was worried that he was becoming too precocious.

"Right said the psychiatrist, "we'll try a few simple tests."

Turning to the boy he said "Just say a few words- anything that comes into your mind".

The boy turned to his mother and said, "does he want logically constructed sentences or just random and purely isolated words."



A visitor to a Comanche community in Oklahoma met a man sending smoke signals from the top of a hill.

"How big a fire do you usually build?" the visitor asked.

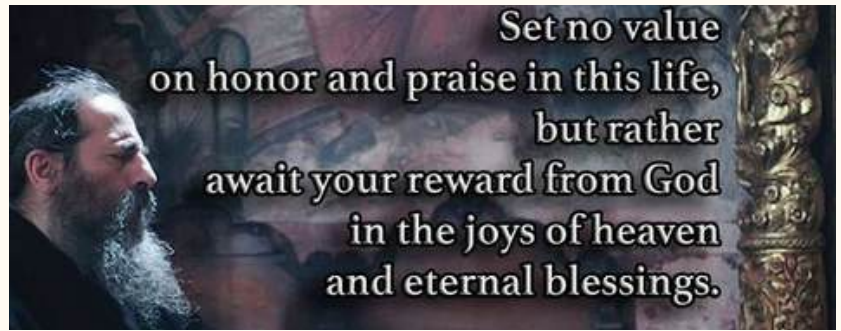
"Well," replied the man, "that depends on whether it's a local or a long-distance call."



Saint of the Week

25 September

Saint Sergius of Moscow



Saint Sergius of Moscow, more commonly known as Sergius of Radonezh, is remembered as one of Russia's greatest spiritual teachers and monastic reformers. Born Bartholomew around 1314 near Rostov, he struggled with reading as a child. According to tradition, an encounter with a mysterious holy man transformed his ability to learn and deepened his desire to serve God.

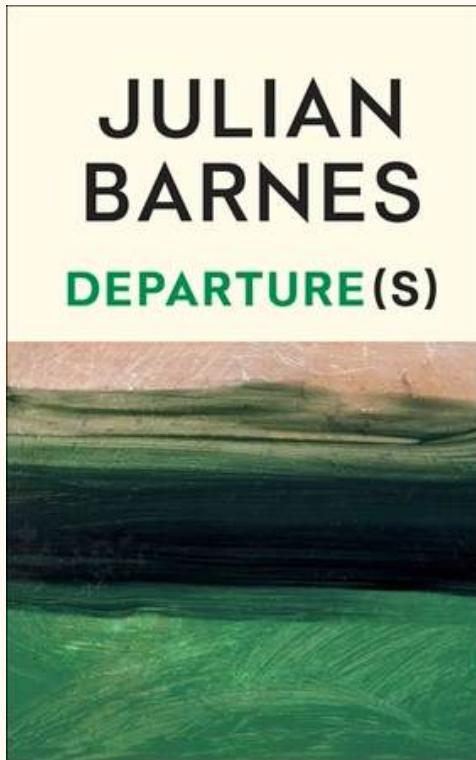
After the death of his parents, Bartholomew and his brother Stephen withdrew into the forest north east of Moscow. There they built a simple wooden church dedicated to the Holy Trinity. Stephen eventually left, but Bartholomew remained, living alone in prayer and hardship. When he became a monk, he took the name Sergius.

Others were gradually drawn to his quiet example and gathered around him. The small settlement developed into the monastery now known as the Trinity Lavra of St Sergius, one of the most important centres of Russian Christianity. Sergius insisted that the monks should work with their own hands, share what they possessed and welcome those in need.

Although he avoided political power, Sergius became a trusted adviser to princes and church leaders. He encouraged reconciliation between rival rulers and supported Prince Dmitry before the Battle of Kulikovo, after peaceful solutions had been pursued. When offered the office of Metropolitan of Moscow, he refused, preferring the simplicity of monastic life.

Sergius died in 1392 and is commemorated on 25 September. His influence spread through the monasteries founded by his disciples, while his life remains a powerful reminder that humility, prayer and patient service can quietly reshape a nation.

Our E-News Weekly Book Recommendation



Departure(s)

Julian Barnes

Julian Barnes has described *Departure(s)* as his final book, bringing his long writing career to a thoughtful and moving close.

Part novel, part memoir and part meditation, it tells the story of Stephen and Jean, who fall in love when they are young and find one another again much later in life. Alongside them is Jimmy, an elderly Jack Russell blissfully unaware of his own mortality. Their stories allow Barnes to reflect upon love, memory, happiness and the passing of time, as well as the way experiences gradually become anecdotes and anecdotes become memories.

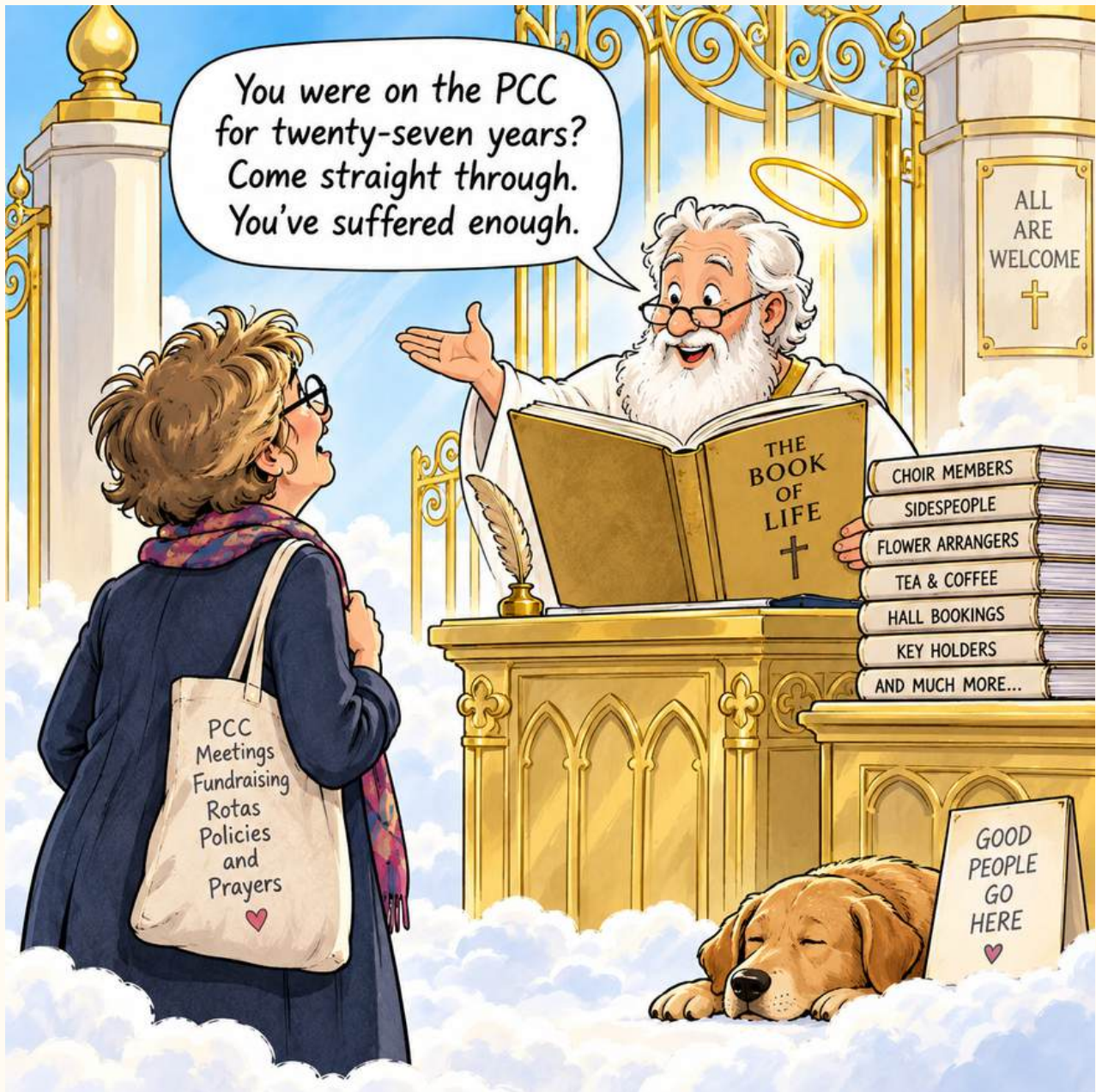
Barnes also writes candidly about ageing, illness and his manageable blood cancer. These might sound like sombre subjects, but the book is not without humour. His observations remain sharp, understated and wonderfully wry. Even while contemplating the body's failings and the inevitability of death, he retains a keen eye for the absurdities of everyday life.

At 176 pages, *Departure(s)* is relatively short, yet it asks large questions. How accurately do we remember the past? Does it matter whether everything happened as we recall it? What brings happiness, and how do we know when it is time to say goodbye?

Julian Barnes is the author of fourteen previous novels, including *The Sense of an Ending*, which won the Booker Prize in 2011. In this final work, the boundaries between truth and fiction are blurred, leaving the reader to decide what may be remembered, imagined or reinvented.

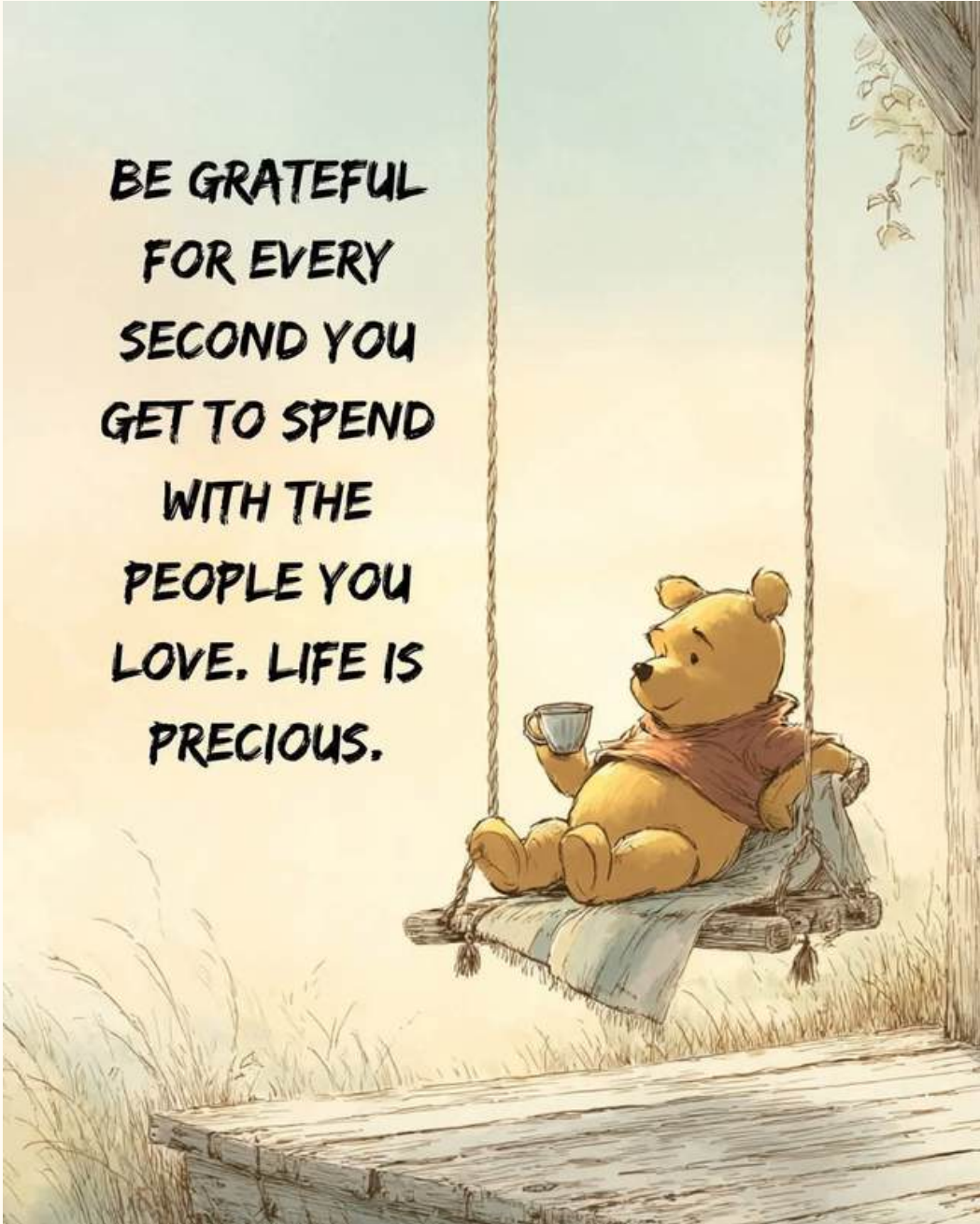
Elegant, intimate and affecting, *Departure(s)* is not a conventional novel, but a farewell from one of Britain's most distinguished writers and a compassionate reflection on what makes a life meaningful.

FAITH & FUNNIES: DIVINE LAUGHTER



WINNIE WISDOM

**BE GRATEFUL
FOR EVERY
SECOND YOU
GET TO SPEND
WITH THE
PEOPLE YOU
LOVE. LIFE IS
PRECIOUS.**



WHAT'S ON



A vibrant, hand-drawn style poster for the Royston Conservative Club Beer Festival. The background is a bright blue sky with yellow sunburst rays. At the top, a dark blue banner with white stars contains the text 'ROYSTON CONSERVATIVE CLUB'. Below this, the words 'BEER' and 'FESTIVAL' are written in large, bold, blue and orange letters respectively, with a hop cone and leaves between them. To the left, a cursive script says 'Great Beer Great Music Good Times' next to two glasses of beer. To the right, another cursive script says 'Live Music All Weekend!' next to an acoustic guitar and musical notes. A central banner reads 'OPEN TO ALL INCLUDING NON-MEMBERS'. The bottom section is divided into three columns for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, each with a list of events and times. A food section on the bottom left shows a bowl of fries. A central bar section mentions a wide range of beers and ciders. A final section on the bottom right states 'ALL WELCOME' and 'NON MEMBERS WELCOME'. The entire poster is decorated with hop cones and leaves.

ROYSTON CONSERVATIVE CLUB

BEER FESTIVAL

*Great Beer
Great Music
Good Times*

*Live Music
All Weekend!*

**OPEN TO ALL
INCLUDING NON-MEMBERS**

FRIDAY 25TH SEP

BEERS AVAILABLE FROM 4PM

LIVE MUSIC

SUITS, SHADES AND SOUL

THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE GROUP FROM 8PM

SATURDAY 26TH SEP

LIVE MUSIC

12.15PM
MICHAEL GREEN
ACOUSTIC SINGER SONGWRITER

3PM
SHAKEN NOT STIRRED
POP AND ROCK DUO

8PM
A COCKNEY KNEES UP
WITH PETE GEORGE

SUNDAY 27TH SEP

LIVE MUSIC

12.15PM
ROXY SEARLE
SINGER & GUITARIST

4PM
RHYS WILSON
SINGER & GUITARIST

FOOD AVAILABLE

SATURDAY
12 - 2PM & 4 - 8PM

SUNDAY
1PM - 5PM

Great food served fresh!

WIDE RANGE OF BEERS & CIDERS
ON OFFER ALONGSIDE OUR USUAL BAR.

BOTH BARS OPEN
SATURDAY & SUNDAY

ALL WELCOME
(OVER 18s ONLY AFTER 8PM)

NON MEMBERS WELCOME

USUAL CLUB MEMBER DRESS CODE NOT APPLICABLE 25TH - 27TH SEP INC.

★ NOT TO BE MISSED! ★

Bow Books Kids

THE SUPERSONIC FART!

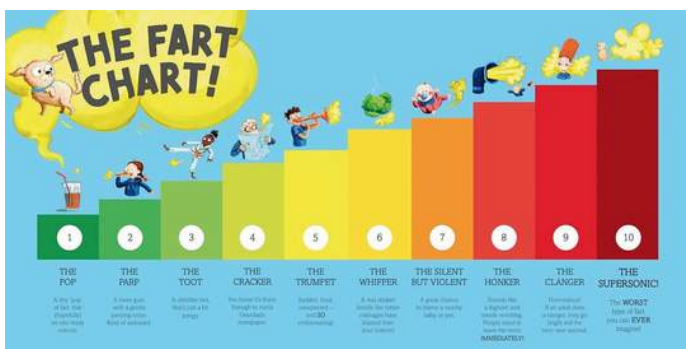
FREE! STORYTELLING&BOOKSIGNINGWITHHELEN ROSE

Get ready for a fart-tastic morning of stories, silliness and laughs! Join debut author **Helen Rose** for a hilarious storytelling session celebrating her new rhyming adventure, **The Supersonic Fart!**

Complete with a FREE Fart Chart!

Featuring pictures by bestselling illustrator Garry Parsons, illustrator of The Dinosaur That Pooped series.

- **Saturday 26th September**
- **10–10.30am**
- **Bow Books Kids**
- **Part of Royston Arts Festival**
- **Suitable for ages 4–7 years**
- **FREE to attend, pre-booking essential**



Come along for a fun-filled morning of storytelling, laughter and plenty of fart-tastic fun, plus the chance to meet **Helen Rose** and get your copy of **The Supersonic Fart! signed!**



It's sure to be a rip-roaring, or should that be fart-blasting morning!



Book in person in the bookshop, call 07715593516 or email enquiries@bow-books.co.uk

ROYSTON ARTS SOCIETY

Art Exhibition 2026

ROYSTON TOWN HALL, SG8 7DA

Fri 25th Sept 7.30 -9.30pm, Sat 26th & Sun 27th Sept 10am-5pm



*Affordable
Art by Local
Artists*

**Royston Town Mayor's
Community Trust Fund**

Part of

**Royston
Arts
Festival**



Johnson Matthey
Inspiring science, enhancing life

**on plein-air
Painting
and
Sketching
Group**



Saturday 26th September

Gala in the Gardens

PAINT THE PARK

12.00noon to 5.00pm

Organised by FOTH & RAS member and amateur artist Joan Munden.

Come and try your hand at plein-air art

For more information please ring Joan Munden on 01763 241217

Part of
**Royston
Arts
Festival**

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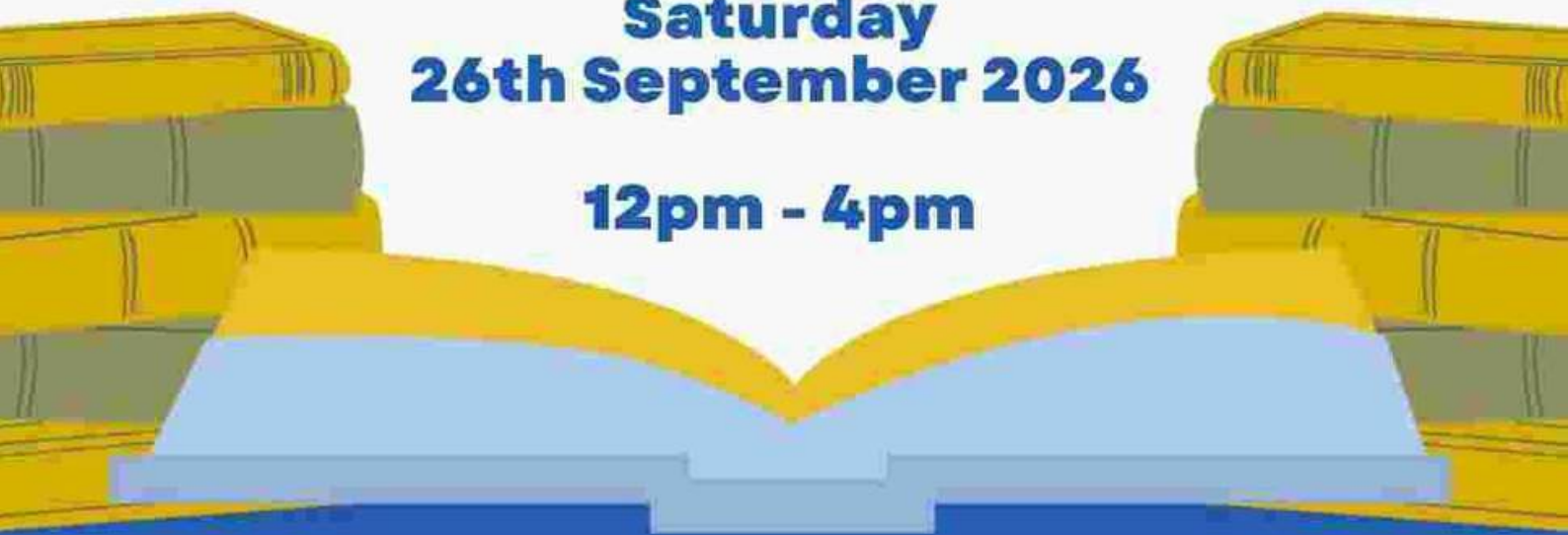
Royston Book Fair

**Discover local authors,
explore new worlds**

Royston Parish Church

**Saturday
26th September 2026**

12pm - 4pm



FAMILY FOLK SHOW

with megson

Interactive Folk Concerts For Little Music Connoisseurs

"The most original duo on the British folk scene" **The Guardian**



The Old Bull, Royston
Sunday 27th Sep

11:30AM - Tickets: www.megsonmusic.co.uk



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**Royston
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with songs from
megson's albums
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& **WHEN I WAS A LAD**



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VINYL GALORE **THE SHEPRETH**

Record Fair

SUNDAY 27th SEPT

Early Entry @10:30 £4 Entry after 11am £2
LPS, SINGLES, 78s CDS AND MORE!

@ **THE PLOUGH** Shepreth
ROYSTON. SG8 6PP





DOWNING COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

PLANT SALE

ALL WELCOME

**Tuesday 29 September &
Wednesday 30 September
10am - 2.30pm**

Find us behind the Porters' Lodge

CASHLESS PAYMENTS ONLY

Plants priced £2 & £4



Please come to the

26th ASHWELL BOOK WEEKEND

in

St Mary's Church, Ashwell



Saturday 3rd October from 10.00am-5.00pm

Sunday 4th October from 1.30pm-4.30pm

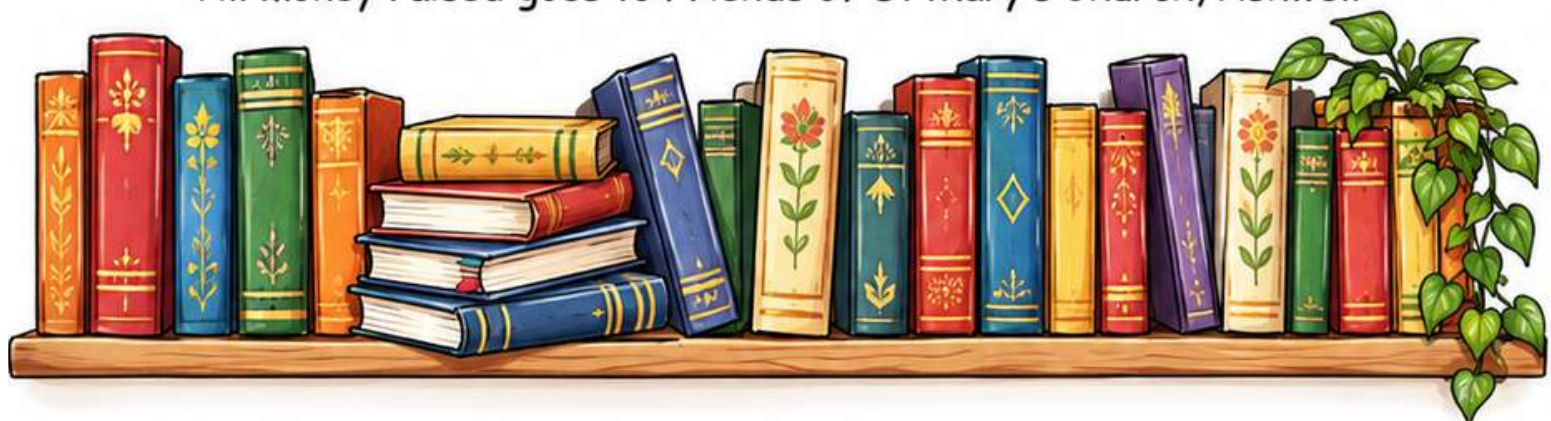
Entrance £1.00 - Children under 16 free

*A great selection of second handbooks to browse through
and buy*

Tea, Coffee, and Homemade cakes available



All money raised goes to Friends of St Mary's Church, Ashwell



BARKWAY LITERARY FESTIVAL



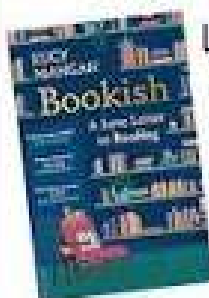
SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2026

www.barkwaylitfest.co.uk

BOOKS · IDEAS · CONVERSATIONS



Join acclaimed authors for a fascinating day of talks in the beautiful village of Barkway.



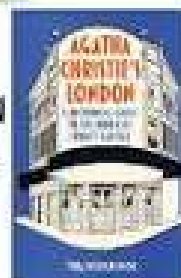
LUCY MANGAN

The Love of Books.
In conversation
with
Jude Simpson



TINA HODGKINSON

Agatha Christie's links
with London.



RICHARD NEGUS

The British Countryside.
In conversation with
Callum McInerney-Riley



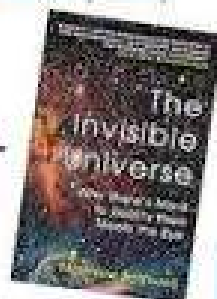
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Champion
Racehorses.



MATT BOTHWELL

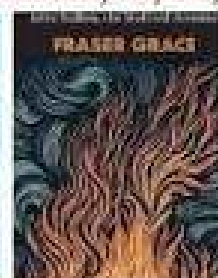
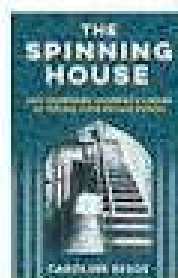
Out of this World.



CAROLINE BIGGS,

FRASER GRACE & SUSAN GROSSEY

Cambridge Crime in the 19th c.
Chaired by Kay Blayney



JON MEIN

Beer, Beds & Stabling... in Barkway.

The historic story of the village's
multiple pubs on a major highway route
(no ticket required, free to attend)



HARVEST SUPPER

SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER

6:00PM

ROYSTON PARISH CHURCH

Tickets £12 individual / £30 family

Supper includes casserole, cottage pie or
vegetarian alternative,
with fruit crumble for dessert.
Drinks available to buy.

To book please go to
<https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NzcwMi0zNw/t>
or scan the QR code

Entertainment included





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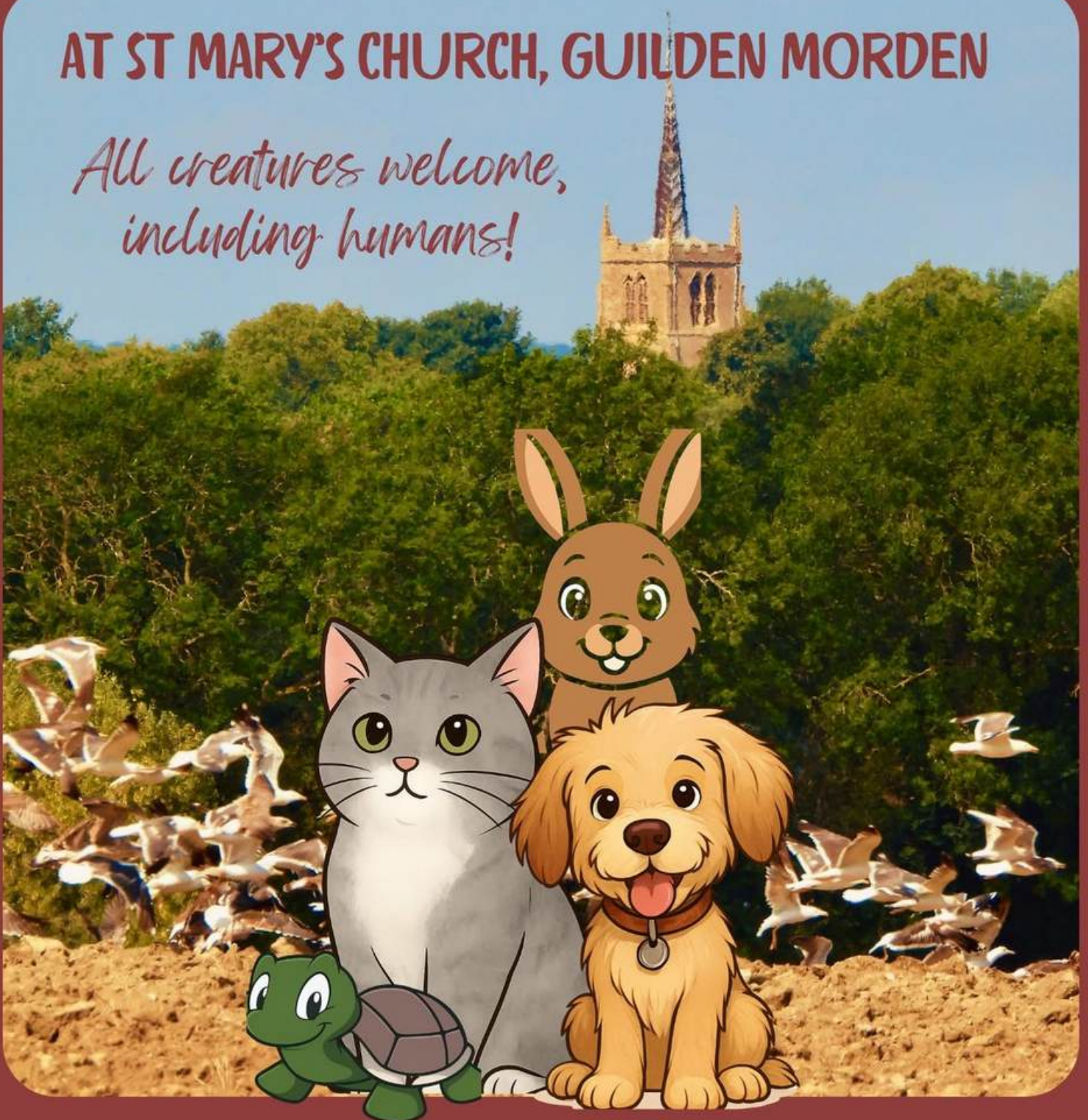
ADDING GIFTS

ANIMAL *blessing* SERVICE

2.30 PM, SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH, 2026

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, GULDEN MORDEN

*All creatures welcome,
including humans!*



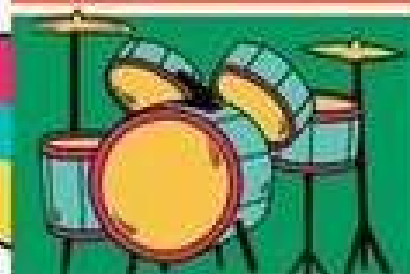
GOLDEN GROOVES & BINGO MOVES

FREE!

AN AFTERNOON OF MUSICAL BINGO



SUNDAY 4TH OCT
2PM PM TO 4PM
ROYSTON TOWN HALL



**Royston Town Council invites residents
aged 60+ from Royston and surrounding
villages to join us for a FREE afternoon of
musical bingo, fun and familiar tunes.**

Refreshments and prizes will be available!

CONTACT TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:
ADMIN@ROYSTONTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK
OR CALL 01763 245484

Booking Deadline: September 30th



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THE ROYSTON VENUE



THE ROYSTON VENUE BELONGS TO THE
COMMUNITY, AND WE WANT YOUR VIEWS ON
WHAT IT SHOULD OFFER.

WHAT EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND
ENTERTAINMENT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?

WHAT WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT
MORE OFTEN?

JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
DROP-IN EVENT AND HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE
PROGRAMME AND USE OF THE VENUE.

TUESDAY 6TH OCT 2026

COME ALONG TO:

WATCH A SHORT PRESENTATION
ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VENUE
SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND FEEDBACK
COMPLETE OUR CONSULTATION SURVEY

PRESENTATION TIMES:

● 2.30PM ● 4.00PM ● 5.30PM ● 7.00PM

YOUR VIEWS WILL HELP US CREATE A
VENUE THAT REFLECTS THE NEEDS AND
INTERESTS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

000 **THE ROYSTON VENUE** 000
MELBOURN ST - SG8 7BZ



Barkway Village Hall – home of the Barkway Players – was founded in October 1926, and this year is its 100th anniversary. To mark the occasion we are presenting the Centenary Variety Show—starring, principally, YOU!.

You can perform as part of a group or duet or solo. Your act could be musical, magical, dramatic, acrobatic or just plain silly. It's up to you! We can organise accompaniment or backing for any musical numbers. And don't worry, we're not going to have judges or give you marks!

Of course, you might prefer just to be in the audience (in which case you can buy a ticket for just £10). Performers get in free. A licensed bar will be available.

There are only three rules. First, performers will need to register by 30 September—you can't just turn up and perform. Second, we reserve the right to impose a 5 minute time limit. Third, there will be a rehearsal (NOT an audition) on Sunday 4 October during the afternoon – you must come to the rehearsal if you want to be in the show – it's essential for arranging a running order and settling timings.

**To register to perform or to buy tickets please visit
<https://barkwayplayers.org.uk/bvh-100/>**

Ceilidh in the Nave

with the
Cyraic Ceilidh Band

7pm Saturday
10th October

Tickets £15

Including ploughman's supper.

Licenced bar available.

Scan me
or click to
get tickets





Friends of
Barrington
Church

presents

Spirit of the Wild

The zoo that comes to you

A fantastic evening
for children to see,
handle and learn about
a range of amazing
wild animals!



Saturday 16th October 2026



Barrington Church



Two show times:

5:30 – 6:30pm & 7:00 – 8:00pm



email friendsofbarringtonchurch@gmail.com
to book your tickets!

£8 per person

£24 for a family
of 4

Come and meet some incredible animals
– it's going to be wild!

MELDRETH VILLAGE HALL TRUST

QUIZ

Night!



TEST
YOUR
KNOWLEDGE!

FUN,
FRIENDLY
&
PRIZES!

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 16TH

7.30PM



LICENSED
BAR



£9
PER PERSON



6
PER TABLE



RAFFLE



To book: chair@meldrethvillagehall.co.uk
or 07572 553647



FOLK & BESPOKE



WARE

10.00 AM – 3.00 PM

Ware Drill Hall

17 Amwell End, Ware SG12 9HP

**2026
Dates**

**No Buy-ins
Just makers**

**Sat 17th October
Sat 21st November
Sat 19th December**



A cinematic feast for the senses. In 1880s France, peerless cook Eugenie has worked for famous gourmet Dodin for the last 20 years. Bonding over a passion for gastronomy their relationship develops into romance and gives rise to delicious dishes that impress even the world's most illustrious chefs. Sumptuous award-winning love story.

7pm for tea coffee & chat - film starts at 7.30pm
Members £5. Membership £1. Up to 2 under 18s per adult FREE

The Friends of St Andrew's Church presents

The FOSAC Orwell Annual Village

?? **Q U I Z** ??

Saturday 24th October
7.30pm in Orwell Village Hall

Teams of up to 6 - £10 per head

Enter a team now at the Orwell Post Office

Ploughman's
supper



Raffle



Bar



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

The Chequers, Fowlmere

Tues 27th October 2026

*Two Sitzings for Food 4:30pm
and 5:30*

Mini Disco 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Fowlmere Community Events - Present

Children's Halloween Fancy Dress Party

Food and a Drink for Children

Menu and Tickets available at:

www.fowlmerecommunity.events



£4 per
Child



Last Bookings 20th October

Free Entry including Food for
'Pupil Premium' qualifying Children

Royston Wine Festival



04/11 – Mystery Tasting TBA!

06/11 – Sip & Savour Español

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
100 WINES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

2:30-4:30pm & 5:00-7:00pm

Tickets: £25.00
Includes an Honest Fig canapé box

Royston Masonic Hall
2 Jepps Lane, Royston, SG8 9AP



Saturday 7th November

CEILIDH

The fun starts at 7.30pm Great Chishill Village Hall

'Live Music'

with the Cambridge University Ceilidh Band

Tickets £20.00 (price includes supper)

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Karen Marriott 07966 204582
or Theresa Mudie 07714 190887

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Opus One Big Band Presents...



Sinatra & friends

Friday 13th November 2026 @ 7:30pm | Doors 6:45pm
St. Andrew's Street Baptist Church, Cambridge, CB2 3AR

An Unforgettable Night of Big Band Swing!

Featuring on the Night:

“I did it My Way!”

Opus One Big Band

A full 17-piece big band delivering the swinging sounds of the golden era, with blazing brass and a rhythm section that won't quit.

Tom Huttleston

with special guest

Elaine Riches

Call Lisa - 07860163087

<https://www.ticketsource.com/opusone>

Tickets £23

Earlybird £18

Student £15



Christmas Fayre

at Bassingbourn Primary School



Friday
20th
November

4:30pm – 7:00pm

★ A magical evening
for all the family! ★

Christmas Games

Fun for all ages!



External Stalls

Great gifts and more!



Refreshments Available

Hot drinks, treats and more!



Please get behind
FRIENDS OF BCPS

We are fundraising for
AIR CONDITIONING UNITS
in our main hall



COME ALONG
AND JOIN
THE FUN!





OPUS ONE BIG BAND



Presents

A Swinging Christmas



FEATURING

TOM HUTTLESTONE



SARAH HUTTLESTONE - HEATHER CARMEL



Call Lisa -

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TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2026 @ 7:30PM

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, ROYSTON,
HERTFORDSHIRE, SG8 7BP

ARRIVE FROM 6PM TO BROWSE FESTIVE TREATS, GIFTS
AND DRINKS FROM OUR LOCAL ROYSTON SUPPLIERS

CAMBRIDGE WINE ROYSTON / KELLY'S KITCHEN
THE HONEST FIG AND MORE...



TICKETS **£23** / EARLYBIRD **£18** / CHILDREN UNDER 16 **£12**

<https://www.ticketsource.com/opusone>

A Cuppa and a Chat at Coffee Stop



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

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



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INSPIRING WOMEN

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

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

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

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

Melbourn & Meldreth Women's Group



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

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

You're
Welcome!

Friendly
Supportive
Welcoming

Bassingbourn Women's Group

CONNECT • CHAT • SHARE • ENJOY

A warm and friendly group for all women



Join us every last Monday
evening of the month



7.30 to 9.30pm

*Make
new friends
and enjoy
great
company*

What you can look forward to:



Friendly community



Fascinating talks



Craft and other activities



Social evenings with food

Come along – we'd love to see you!



Contact us by email:

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The Old School Community Centre,
High Street, Bassingbourn, SG8 5JL



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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEETS

God's Adopted Children

An 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.

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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CHOSE FAMILY	KINDNESS TRUTH	TRUST PROMISED	ADOPT PLAN
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Based on Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIV)

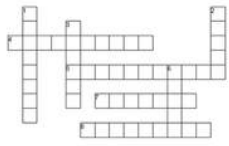
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FAMILY KINDNESS CHOSE PLAN	BELONG TRUST PRAISE FREEDOM	PROMISED GUARANTEE WISDOM PLEASURE	INHERITANCE ADOPT HEAVENLY SPIRITUAL	PURCHASED BELIEVE SECRET BLESSED
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God's Adopted Children

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

Complete the activity below:



CROSS

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

DOWN

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

UNCHANGING GUARANTEE	INHERITANCE KINDNESS	CHOSE FAMILY	FREEDOM ADOPT
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Complete the activity below:

PANL 3
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WDSIOM 2

TSURT 5

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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



SUFFOLK & CAMBRIDGESHIRE



Supporting the Blood Runners

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

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

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



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

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

Look forward to seeing you there!

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How to Support Us

Parish Giving Scheme

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

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

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

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



Easy Fundraising Scheme

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

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

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

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

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



All Saints' Church Easyfundraising page:

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

Holy Trinity Church Easyfundraising page:

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

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