



# WELLOW & SHERFIELD ENGLISH

## Parish Newsletter

### August 2024



#### Letters from our Vicar, Rector and Rural Dean – and our Associate Priest

August is, for many, a month for holidays. For me, with a family wedding planned for August, holiday plans have not been made. Whatever happens though, I am hoping for a rest!

If you go away, why not pop into a church? And if you don't go away, pop into a local church. They are usually places of coolness and calm, definitely needed in our busy lives. Living in the Test Valley means that there are plenty of different and interesting churches to explore; most of them are open during the day.

*Your Rural Dean, James*

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I really hope it feels like summer when you read this short article! One thing I enjoy about the summer months is eating outside, and so far I have enjoyed a picnic outside Sherfield English church, an impromptu picnic in Lockerley after the Joint Benefice service in June, and a wonderful fundraising cream tea in Mill Lane more recently. I have even managed a few minutes on the deck at the Church Rooms in Wellow.

If you enjoy a cuppa in the sunshine, why not pop down to 'Coffee on the Common' on Thursdays in August at the old Methodist Chapel, 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon, there will be cake too.

Jesus loved spending time with friends old and new, we read many stories of him eating and drinking with others. There is something very special about sharing food together; enjoying each other's company while nourishing our bodies. Meals together don't need to be reserved for special occasions. Even just sharing a sandwich with someone can help against loneliness. Meeting with friends usually ensures a good dose of laughter too – which is of course the best medicine for any complaint!

There is usually opportunity to meet over a drink and a biscuit after our church services, I really hope you take advantage of this ... mine's a tea with milk, please.

**Revd Sara-Jane Stevens, Associate Priest**

#### Letters from Churchwardens

During the month of August the wonderful lady members of our congregation who run the weekly lunch and coffee clubs are taking a well-earned break. They know who they are, so I won't name them individually but as a team they do a great job and deserve the thanks of us all. They exemplify our Parish at its best, putting into meaningful practice the second great commandment. I know their kindness and generous friendliness is not only appreciated by the elderly people who come to the lunch and coffee mornings but also by relatives who are pleased to know that their loved ones live in a caring village.

The Tuesday lunch and Thursday coffee mornings will resume in September and if you know of anyone who might like to come along – transport is provided – please let me or one of the organisers know.

**Roy Perry, St Margaret's Churchwarden**

**Thursday 8th August 2024,**

**2 p.m., Winchester Cathedral:**

**The Holy Eucharist and Funeral**

**Service for The Reverend Canon Gary Philbrick**



**Archbishop Justin Welby will visit Winchester Diocese on the weekend of 25th to 27th October. He will be joined by a team from the College of Evangelists. Opportunities to meet will inevitably be limited; however "the genuine desire is that the whole diocese feels they are part of this". Doubtless details of the Archbishop's itinerary will emerge in due course.**

Summer festivities have abounded in Sherfield and show no signs of abating as we head towards our consecration anniversary in September. Thank you to Barbara and David Griffiths for hosting not one but two events in their garden in July, and huge thanks to Toni Leigh for donating the scones for the cream tea. Our second "Hymns and Pimm's" service proved highly popular, and it's always fascinating to hear the stories behind people's favourite hymns. The knit and natterers will be putting on a fabulous display this week (Saturday 3rd August), and please note the later date for the coffee morning in September. We're excited to welcome the diocesan bishop on 15th September and hope as many of you as are able will join us. Exciting news this week of a possible late addition to our autumn events for all you music lovers. Watch this space!

**Clare Durham, St Leonard's Churchwarden**

**From Peter Castle [Methodist Local Pastor]:**

**"Reflections" services continue on the last Thursday of each month at Canada Common Chapel (West Wellow, SO51 6DH):**

**Thursday August 29th, 1.00pm: Reflections on the God who confirms and safeguards divine purposes.**

**(Contact [pandccastle@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pandccastle@hotmail.co.uk) for further info)**

**Also at Canada Common Chapel, every Thursday during August, "Coffee on the Common" 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.**

Donations only, in support of this year's charity, "Men's Shed", of which we have two locally, in Romsey and Wellow.

Further details from Peter Castle as above, or Sara-Jane Stevens

## St Margaret's Services and Events

St Margaret's Services, Readers and Sidespersons for August 2024 with additional info for September

August 2024	Reader 1	Reader 2	Sidesperson
<b>4th</b> Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Lesley Mackay	Margery Thomas	Margery Thomas
<b>11th</b> Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Debbie Waldron	John Parr	John Parr
<b>18th</b> Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Gael Clemmett	Margery Thomas	Margery Thomas
<b>25th</b> Holy Communion 8.15 a.m. Matins 9.15 a.m.	Paul Newby	Rose Forward	Paul Newby
<b>1st September</b> Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Sue Amey	Brian Scott	Sheila Scott

**Thursday 1st August: Coffee and Chat from 10.30 a.m. in the Church Rooms** (Transport can be arranged if needed)  
**After that, the volunteers who run the Thursday Coffee and the Tuesday lunches will be taking a well-earned rest for the remainder of August.**

Meanwhile do not overlook "Coffee on the Common" every Thursday during August, which neatly fills the gap:  
 At Canada Common Chapel (10.00 a.m. to 12 noon – more details on front page).

St Margaret's Church Rooms "Seasonal Lunches" will resume on Tuesday 3rd September (12 noon)  
 and "Coffee and Chat" on Thursday 5th September (10.30 a.m.)

**We now have a slack period when many people are on holiday and for which I have been given no details of any events.**  
**PLEASE SEND ME DETAILS OF YOUR UPCOMING AUTUMN EVENTS**  
**IN GOOD TIME FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

## St Leonard's Services and Events

**4th August – Holy Communion (James Pitkin)**

**11th August – Morning Prayer (Clare Durham)**

**18th August – Family Service (Sara-Jane Stevens)**

**25th August – Morning Prayer (Julia Noble)**

**NB 15th September 4.00 p.m. - 120 Year Service to be led by Bishop Philip Mounstephen (No morning service that day)**

[All services are in St Leonard's at 11.00 a.m. unless stated otherwise]

**Saturday 3rd August, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon – Coffee Morning with Knit and Natter display of *The Four Seasons***

**Saturday 14th September, 10.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. – Coffee Morning with Church and Tower Open Day**

## Lectionary Listings for use in both Churches

Date	Sunday	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
4 Aug	Trinity 10 (G)	Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15	Psalm 78.23-29	Ephesians 4.1-16	John 6.24-35
11 Aug	Trinity 11 (G)	1 Kings 19.4-8	Psalm 34.1-8	Ephesians 4.25 – 5.2	John 6.35, 41-51
18 Aug	Trinity 12 (G)	Proverbs 9.1-6	Psalm 34.9-14	Ephesians 5.15-20	John 6.51-58
25 Aug	Trinity 13 (G)	Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18	Psalm 34.15-22	Ephesians 6.10-20	John 6.56-69
1 Sep	Trinity 14 (G)	Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9	Psalm 15	James 1.17-27	Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

In case of ambiguity, Readers should not hesitate to consult the Celebrant to check which variant is required.

Prescribed Altar Frontal colours: (W) White/gold; (R) Red; (G) Green; (P) Purple

**St Margaret's Church, East with West Wellow and St Leonard's Church, Sherfield English**

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