

ALDERMASTON AND WOOLHAMPTON BENEFICE

JUNE 2024

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MAGAZINE

The Pew News



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BEENHAM-BRIMPTON-MIDGHAM AND WOOLHAMPTON

NEWS PAGES

For this month's letter from our Rector, the Reverend Jane Manley, or news and articles from our churches and communities, Eco Church, food bank or benefice administration.

SERVICES

Services throughout the benefice, Special events in Church and details of readings.

LIFE EVENTS

Here you'll find details of all the weddings, baptisms and funerals that have taken place across the benefice.

CHILDREN

News from our schools, special events, competitions, information and lots more for our younger, and young at heart, readers.

NEWS FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Friends

Last week thousands of year 6 pupils were sitting their SATs, the culmination of four years of preparation for these tests. Yet these are tests which in the grand scheme of things matter not. Yes, at the time and for the individuals and schools involved, they matter a great deal. No one wants to feel like they've not got to the standard they 'ought' meet.

Pity the poor GCSE and 'A' level students whose exams will still be underway when you read this. Hoping against hope that they'll make the grade and earn their ticket to the next stage. Because that's in essence what these summative assessments are. A ticket to the next thing.

And there seems to be such pressure for children and young people to know what career they want to pursue, so they can choose what subjects to do to get that ticket. How many friends did you have when they were 14 who knew what career they wanted? Thinking at 14 about what I might want to do for 'A' levels, never mind what I wanted to do when I got to university.

But this pressure is put on our children today. Which seems ironic in an age where the expectation of settling into a job which would last until retirement seems like a relic of a bygone age. Today we assume at least one mid-career shift. I did exactly that only training for ordination in my forties. My fellow priests came from all walks of life. How we start out is rarely where we end up.

When Jesus picked his disciples, he did so knowing who and what they were and it all informed what fulfilling their calling to proclaim the Good News looked like. The way they communicated, where they went, the roles they fulfilled in the early church. No one was rejected because they hadn't passed GCSE Maths.

So, pray for our children and young people, that the pressure wouldn't get to them, and they would be free to spend as much time as they need to work out what they want to do next. Changing their minds as much as they need to. Pray that they would absorb the boosts and knockbacks, knowing that these don't define who they are as people or what they are worth.

Pray that they would know above all else that they are loved. Just as they are.

Grace and peace

Rev Jane

COFFEE MORNING

(SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)
IN BRIMPTON CHURCH

DROP IN ANY TIME BETWEEN
10:00 am-11:30 am

WEDNESDAY 12th June 2024
WEDNESDAY 10th July 2024
WEDNESDAY 14th August 4 AUG

Everyone (including dogs) welcome



St Peter's Church Brimpton



Wednesday 19th June 10am - 1pm
Bring your marigolds - coffee and
dusters provided

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Midgham Café Church
First Thursday of the month

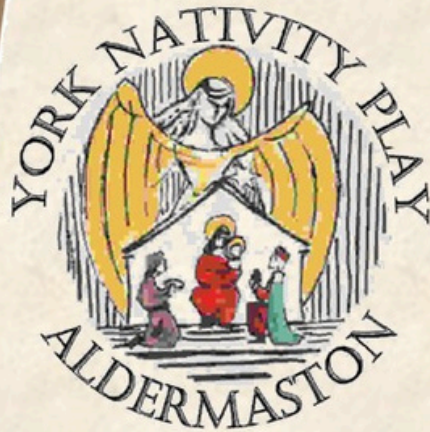
Thursday June 6th
Thursday July 4th
Thursday August 1st



Contact Sarah Henderson for more information
henderson.sarah.c@outlook.com



The Revd Dr Derek Spears



We are looking for a volunteer to join the **lighting and sound team** that covers both the Nativity Play, at St. Mary's Church, and the Aldermaston Players at the Parish Hall.

Its not essential but helpful to have an understanding of electrics and computer systems.

If you are interested or just want to find out more please contact Chris Boott:
chris@aldermastonplayers.co.uk

07717 666557

BRIMPTON CHURCH 100 CLUB

**MAY WINNER:
NO. 89 DORIS BUTLER**

THAT WAS THE LAST DRAW OF THE YEAR.
WE START AGAIN IN MAY, AND IT'S NOT
TOO LATE TO TAKE A NUMBER IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO JOIN. PLEASE CONTACT
PATRICIA BRIMS PCBRIMS@HOTMAIL.COM.

THE 100 CLUB RAISES OVER £1400 FOR THE CHURCH EACH YEAR,
WHICH MAKES A FANTASTIC DIFFERENCE.

Thank you

An illustration at the bottom of the page shows the words "Thank you" written in large, colorful, sans-serif letters. Each letter is held up by a hand of a different skin tone, ranging from light to dark. The background behind the hands is a dark green, textured area that resembles grass or a patterned fabric.

BRIMPTON PLANT SALE

for St Peter's Church and Macmillan Cancer Support



What a crowd, and what a success! It was lovely to see so many people enjoying the plants and delicious refreshments in Brimpton Church on a beautiful sunny day. It may have been a lot of work, but it was well worth it.

THANK YOU everyone who gave such generous and cheerful help and support, and a special thank you to those who provided wonderful plants and cakes. The sale raised over £1,200 for our two charities – a fantastic result which is much needed and much appreciated.

Brimpton was looking its best in the spring sunshine, and the rain waited until after the weekend to water in our new plants. We almost welcomed it.



ORGAN RECITAL

SATURDAY

**1ST | 6
JUNE | PM**

BY GILL BLYTHMAN

ST MATTHEWS MIDGHAM

ALL WELCOME

ADMISSION FREE

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME TO INCLUDE PIECES BY

JS BACH

BUXTEHUDE

MENDELSSOHN

STANFORD

& TACKLE

FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

RETIRING COLLECTION

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West Berkshire Food Bank

0808 208 2138

Free phone service open
Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

Closed on public holidays

The Help through Hardship helpline is
a free phone service
delivered in partnership with Trussell
Trust and Citizens Advice.

If you're worried about money and struggling to afford
essentials, call our free helpline for personalised support

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URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

Details of items urgently needed and low in stock can be found by visiting <https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

**WHEN PEOPLE ARE GOING WITHOUT....
IT IS TIME TO GUARANTEE THEIR ESSENTIALS**

Drop off locations:

Aldermaston and Wasing: The Rectory, Wasing Lane
and 19 Swan Drive, The Wharf.

Beenham: Inside the gate at Beenham Primary School

Brimpton: Inside the porch at St Peter's Church and Georgina
Hairdressers

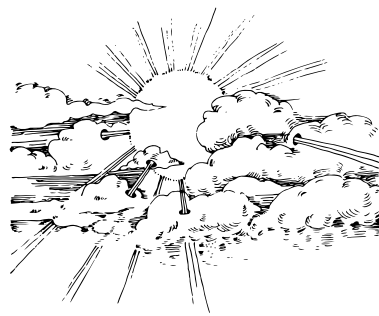
Midgham: St Matthew's Church. Open daily between 09:00-15:00

Woolhampton: Inside the porch at St Peter's Church

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**ALDERMASTON AND
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*Services
during June*



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Sunday 2nd June: The First Sunday of Trinity

St Mary's, Beenham 9.15am Morning Praise
St Matthew's, Midgham 9.15am BCP Communion
St Nicholas, Wasing 10.45am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th June: The Second Sunday of Trinity

St Mary's, Aldermaston 10.45am Holy Communion
St Mary's, Beenham 9.15am Holy Communion
St Peter's, Woolhampton 10.45am Holy Communion

Sunday 16th June: The Third Sunday of Trinity

St Mary's, Aldermaston 10.45am Holy Communion
3pm Pet Service
St Peter's, Woolhampton 10.45am Holy Communion

Sunday: 23rd June: The Fourth Sunday of Trinity

St Mary's Beenham 9.15am Holy Communion
St Peter's, Brimpton 10.45am Morning Praise
St Matthew's, Midgham 5pm Sung Evensong

Sunday 30th June: The Feast of St Peter

St Peter's, Brimpton 9.15am Songs of Praise
St Peter's, Woolhampton 10.45am Festal Holy Communion

For further details contact: The Rev'd Jane Manley 01189 712 891

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PET SERVICE

Calling all dogs, cats, fish, horses, chickens, beaded dragons,
pigs, hamsters, etc, etc

We are holding a Pet Service
at St Matthew's, Midgham
on Sunday 16th June 2024 at 3pm
in the church grounds

Tell your owners to put the date into their diary



Pets, please bring your human with you.

Refreshments and dog biscuits to enjoy after the service

For further details contact

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Sunday readings

JUNE 2024

	NEW TESTAMENT	GOSPEL	COLOUR
2ND JUNE TRINITY 1	2 CORINTHIANS 4.5-12	MARK 2.23-3.6	GREEN
9 TH JUNE TRINITY 2	2 CORINTHIANS 4.13-5.1	MARK 3.20-END	GREEN
16 TH JUNE TRINITY 3	2 CORINTHIANS 5.6-10, 14-17	MARK 4.26-34	GREEN
23 RD JUNE TRINITY 4	2 CORINTHIANS 6.1-13	MARK 4.35-END	GREEN
30 TH JUNE ST PETER	ACTS 12.1-11	MATTHEW 16.13-19	RED

April and May 2024 Occasional Services

Weddings

27th April Samuel Hepple and Emily Jones at St Nicholas, Wasing
2nd May Daniel Carrig and Ella Faulkner at St Nicholas, Wasing
4th May Benjamin Whitlock and Sarah Walmsley at St Nicholas, Wasing
11th May Mark Bezant and Hyacinth Francis at St Nicholas, Wasing

'And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three: and the greatest of these is love'

Funerals and burial of ashes

16th April Funeral and Burial of Edit Wickens at St Peter's, Woolhampton
25th April Burial of Ashes of Shirley Crittendon at St Matthew's, Midgham
22nd May Funeral of Sue Storey at St Peter's, Brimpton'

I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord.

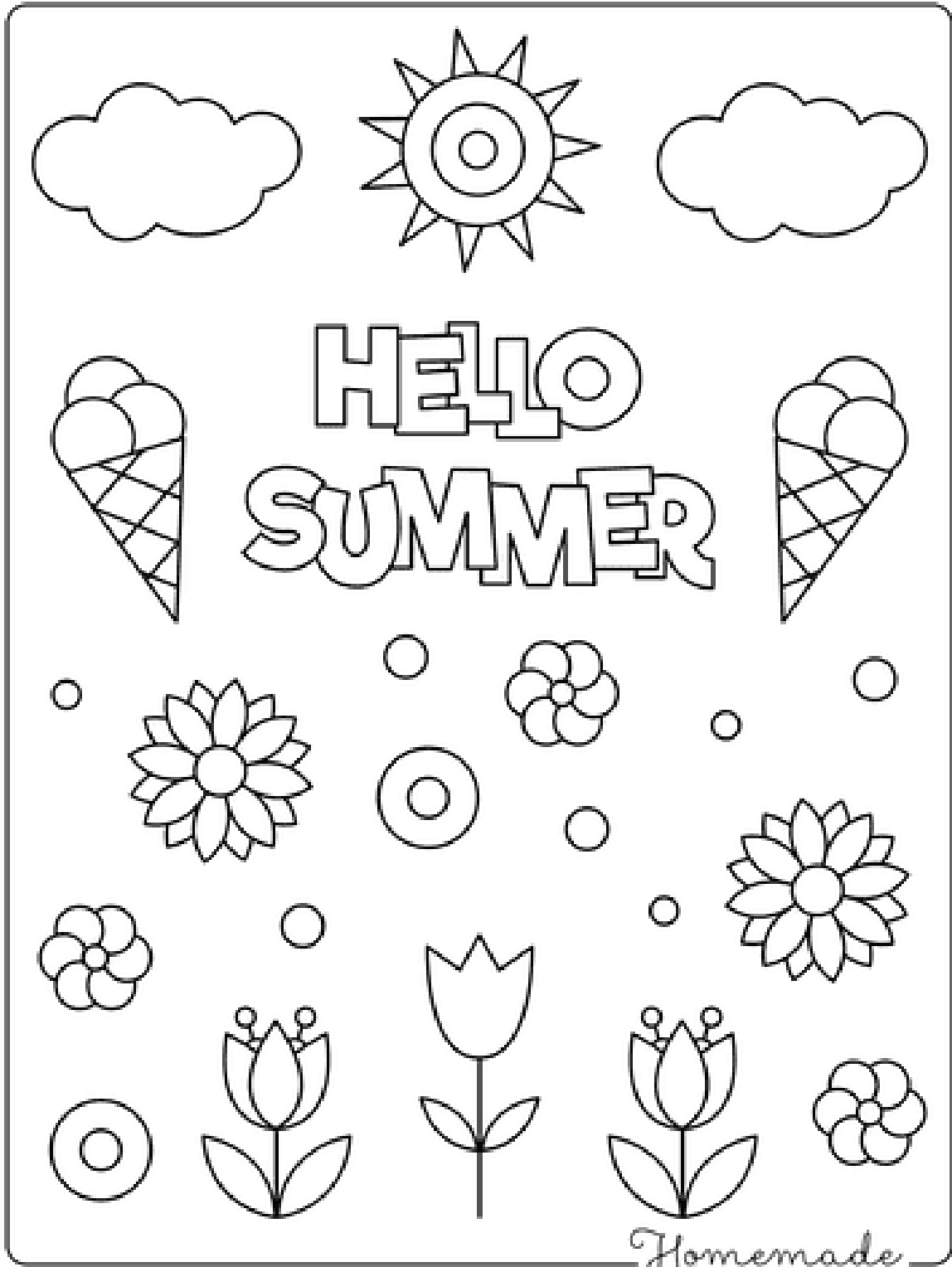
Baptisms

5th May Ferdinand Carter, son of Edward and Charlotte Carter
12th May Ivy Wood, daughter of Max and Daisy Wood
19th May Ryan Woodley-Darmstaedter, son of Craig Woodley and Elke Darmstaedter
19th May Niamh Collings, daughter of Kevin Collings and Kate Smith

'Today God has touched you with his love and given you a place among his people'

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FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES



SCHOOL NEWS

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The summer term has a strong musical theme, our youngest children in the Wrens Class are learning to play the recorder and this is a good way for them to start to read music. A little further up the school, our Year 4 children are receiving excellent tuition on the clarinet through Berkshire Music Trust. These lessons provide great progression in the children's musical knowledge and really develop key skills along with individual confidence. We know, for many of our children, it will also lead to an enduring interest in learning to play their own instrument.

Our choir of some Junior 20 children enjoyed taking part in the Summer Music Concert recently at St. Mary's Church, singing alongside soprano Kate Rittson-Thomas. The event was a great success, and the children's talents were much appreciated by the audience. We were pleased to support this fundraising event at our local church and showcase our choir with the local community.

CATHY JONES, FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

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Brimpton Church of England Primary School

Amazing things happen here.....

The summer term at Brimpton marks the start of those wings growing on our pupils so that they can fly and transition on their next journey either in year group or school. The children enjoy their extra responsibilities and carrying out their mentoring duties throughout Brimpton Primary. The children are working towards pen licences, keys, team points, stickers and enjoy the praise they receive from their teachers and friends. All of these celebrations help them grow and arm them with the confidence they will need to succeed in the world outside of our Brimpton gates. We are looking forward to the summer term fun amongst the busyness of activities already in the diary!

Heidi Davies - Head Teacher

Residential

A few words from Lexi and Nathaniel regarding their visit. "We really enjoyed Grittleton. Our leaders were so kind and friendly and made all the activities so much fun. The landscape was also very beautiful and majestic. My personal favourite activity was Aero Ball on the trampolines it was so much fun for us and the adults! The food and accommodation was amazing although the stairs were so small it was hard to carry our cases up or down. We would definitely recommend it next year!"

Class 2 took part in a cricket festival at Falkland cricket club.

Teddy and Reuben said:
'It was excellent, good fun and super cricket leaders. We learnt how to play cricket which we didn't know how to do before. Lots of other schools took part so it was nice to see other pupils too. The sun helped a lot to make the afternoon a success and although we were really hot - we cooled down on the minibus back to school!'

If you require any other information regarding Brimpton School
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