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Ah, August!

Long lazy days of summer holidays ahead. Time for relaxing, freedom to rest from the usual things that get us up in the morning or to take a break from the usual pattern. August seems to proceed at a different pace; it's slower somehow, almost as if God goes on holiday too! She doesn't of course. God never leaves us, is always there for us and sometimes encourages us to take time out from our busy schedules.

However, I know that for some, August can also feel quite empty, as the church (and vicar) seem to be away on holiday. Perhaps you are at a stage in your life where your schedule is less busy than it used to

St Nicholas Church Summer Activities Programme

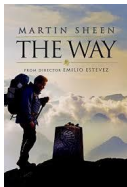
Wednesday 31st July at 12 pm,

This Lunch moved to the Up In Arms pub, Marston Road – same time and date



Wednesday 7th August at 2.30pm, Cream Tea in the Function Room at Annie's Tea Room, Thrupp. £8 per person. Sign-up sheet in church. Please contact Judith if you need a lift.

Wednesday 14th August at 12pm, Millets Farm visit and lunch. Please contact Judith if you need a lift.



Wednesday 21st August at 7pm, showing of "The Way" in the parish hall. Popcorn and crisps provided, bring your own drinks!

Wednesday 28th August at 12pm, Lunch at the Victoria Arms pub.



be and summer can be a hard reminder of the loss. Church community activities certainly seem to stop and there are fewer people to bump into. However, like last year we are holding some summer activities over August (do speak to Judith – 01865 764693).

Church services will continue, including the midweek service on Wednesday mornings at 9:30, which is one of my favourites. There is always a warm coffee and smile to greet you there.

Holiday Club happens at the end of the summer holidays (email Geoff & Gill: gilhale_uk@yahoo.com) and this may be a life-saver for those of you, like me, who will be up at the usual time with lively kids who are beginning to get bored. Alongside tapping into what is happening across of Oxford, this is also a great time of year to see what the local community has to offer; for example, you could pop into the library and read that book you have been meaning to all year!



Whilst I was volunteering at the library recently a few of us were reflecting on the article I wrote about Community for the Marston

Times in June. Thank you for the emails I received; it is encouraging to know it is being read by you all! So do keep the emails flowing. Conversations in the library were about the idea of having a community shop/café that sold local produce and artwork or even selling eco-friendly items to order. Of course this is all dreams and ideas but this time of year can give us the space to dream and meet up with a few others over coffee to share them. It is amazing what can be done with a few ideas, a touch of excitement and a pinch of motivation. Maybe some more of you out there will have views on the idea of a community shop and how to make it happen; please do let me know.

And whatever you do this month, may you have a wonderful and blessed time. If you are away on holiday have a restful and renewing time and if you are staying at home take a holiday or Holy Moment as it were, remembering you are not alone.

Skye x



Parish Calendar for August 2019

St Nicholas, Marston

4 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP).....Revd Andy Gosler
10am All Age Service.....Gill & Geoff Hale
6pm Healing Service with HC.....Revd Andy Gosler

7 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (CW)...Revd S Bullock

11 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP).....Revd S Bullock
10am Parish Communion (CW).....Revd S Bullock
6pm Evensong (BCP).....Geoff Hale
followed by Pints of View in the Red Lion

14 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion.....Revd S Bullock

18 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP).....Revd Skye Denno
10am Parish Communion (CW).....Revd Skye Denno
6pm Eat, Pray, Love.....Neil Barker

21 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion.....Revd Skye Denno

25 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion.....Revd Skye Denno
10am Parish Communion.....Revd Skye Denno
with Baptism of Phoebe Woodley
6pm Evensong.....Revd Skye Denno

28 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion.....Revd Skye Denno
at the Vicarage

St Thomas of Canterbury, Elsfield

3 Saturday

10.30am – 12.30pm Arts and Crafts in Elsfield (ACE)

25 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10am Matins (BCP)..... Joel Denno

Bible Readings for Parish Communion

11 Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20; Heb 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40

18 Isaiah 5: 1-7; Heb 11: 29-12: 2; Luke 12: 49-56

25 Jer 1: 4-10; Heb 12: 18-end; Luke 13: 10-17

Vicar

Revd Skye Denno202988

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COFFEE POT

Our next meeting will be a lunch on Mon 12 Aug in the Parish Hall from 12-2pm: do come and join us! For lifts, please phone Eileen Palayiwa 725423 or David Blair 246959. Further meeting dates will be 9 Sept, 7 Oct, 4 Nov and 2 Dec.

OVER 50s CLUB

The Over-50s Club will meet again on Mon 2 Sept when Mike Payne will talk on the History of Pinewood Studios. We wish you all a good summer.

WI MEETING

The next W.I. meeting will be on 13 Aug at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. We will be entertained by Alan Kimber-Nickelson with his stories of *Folk and Jokes*. Don't forget our Tea and Cake afternoon, plus craft, cakes and books for sale on **Sat 3 Aug between 2.30-4.30pm**. Come and join us!

ANNUAL PAINTING DAY AT MARSTON URC

Come and have a go at painting on Sat 10 Aug from 11am – 3pm! All paints, brushes and paper supplied free and children are welcome. Tea, coffee and lunch at small cost; browse our bric-a-brac and card stalls. For more info, ring Val (246157) or Carolyn (768443).

THIS IS THE DAY

Our next Ecumenical Service will be held on Wed 14 Aug from 2.30 - 4pm at Marston URC, 352 Marston Road. All welcome. This is particularly suitable for those living with dementia or any special need and will be followed by refreshments, activities and fellowship. For information or offers of help contact Val Stolton (246157) or Revd Pauline Main (513581).

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Our annual holiday club for children aged 5 - 12 years will take place at St Nicholas Church from 27 - 30 Aug. See website: www.stnicholasmarston.org.uk or contact Gill & Geoff Hale on 248260.

HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE & STRIDE

This year the ride and stride will take place on Sat 14 Sept. We are hoping to field a number of cyclists and walkers from St. Nicholas Church, raising funds for the re-wiring project within the church, as well as for the Historic Churches Trust. Participants are sponsored according to the number of churches they visit, travelling by any non-motorised means of transport. Some set off into the countryside; others visit churches in our city centre. Sponsorship forms and a list of participating churches are now available. Contact Linda Inness (247956) for more information.

HOLIDAY CLUB AT ST NIC'S

Holiday Club at St Nic's is now in its 21st year: some of the young people who started as participants are now helpers, which is particularly great when it comes to running the outdoor games sessions! The Club is running again this year from 9:30 until 1pm from Tue 27 until Fri 30 Aug, followed by a BBQ on Sun 1 Sept. There will be lots of songs, craft activities, snacks and outdoor games and it is free! So if your children (aged 5-12) are at a loose end and you fancy a bit of a break, bring them along. To book places, contact Gill Hale: 248260, but simply turn up on the day and you will be very welcome.



BELLRINGERS' NOTES

Our quarter peal for the Trinity Sunday morning service was successful. Later in the morning Judy and Hugh joined a band for a quarter peal at Bletchington, the first for the tenor ringer, Rosemarie Weigand, a member of Yarnton tower, soon returning to her native Germany. She gave us each a Kit Kat in thanks! Meanwhile, a trip down memory lane: we rang a midsummer quarter in 2012 at St. Kenelm's Church, Enstone, now a large village that comprises five hamlets in addition to Church and Neat Enstone. The Norman church was rebuilt in stages from 12th - 16th centuries. All the bells were cast by the Taylor family, four from the Victorian era when they had a foundry in Oxford and the other two in the 20th century from the Loughborough foundry. Besides the tower's fine sundial, there is a sublime three-tier fountain next to the churchyard gate. In June we welcomed our old friends from Milton, the St. Blaise Society, to ring a full peal.

MARSTON COMMUNITY GARDENING

Has anyone got old tubs, containers, baths, paving slab, tools, wheelbarrows, hosepipes no longer needed? We can remove and reuse! Tell me if you spot an old bath being thrown away: I'll collect for gardening projects. Alistair (07804 847285)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

3 June Susan Dutton

14 June Isabel Tanner at Oxford Crematorium

24 June Gladys Morbey

11 July Christine Plumridge

12 July Kenneth Kidd at Oxford Crematorium

Weddings

15 June Gary John Rees & Maria Dawn Lavender

Baptisms

7 July Every Gardner

20 July Elias Christodoulou

PARISH COUNCIL JULY MEETING NOTES

At the July meeting the PC had no objections to planning applications for 23 Raymund Road and 14 Cavendish Drive. There were concerns about an application for 148 Oxford Road, due to parking arrangements & proximity to the Oxford Road/service road/Rippington Drive junction. OCC advised the PC that applications for 12 Park Way, Cumberledge House, 1A Mortimer Drive, 120 Arlington Drive and 2 Haynes Road had all been approved.

The Council chose the play equipment option it felt best suited Boults Lane Recreation Ground. This will now be sent to OCC planning and the Football Foundation for their comments.

The Council also agreed terms of reference for the newly created Environment Committee. The Committee has seven objectives: to minimise the effects of climate change and take positive action to tackle it; encourage residents to reduce waste, increase home composting, re-cycle and resist the use of single-use plastics; seek to preserve Green Belt land and encourage its use for recreation, crops, forestry and wildlife; promote green energy sources and use of allotments, home growing and communal growing within the Parish; consider measures to discourage traffic congestion and toxic emissions; preserve and add to existing tree stock.

The Council agreed to run OXCLEAN next year and to get more equipment for its growing number of volunteers. The Council is still looking at redefining its boundary around the Orchard Triangle at the end of School Lane, to make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

Sadly, Nils Bartleet has retired as a Parish Councillor. Nils has been on our Parish Council since June 1996, with a further stint 4 years before then, so has a total of 27 years of service. He proves that age is immaterial to ability having shown enthusiasm and commitment throughout. His knowledge and wisdom will be greatly missed.

The PC is considering placing noticeboards outside the Salford Road shops and at the junction of School Lane and Marston Ferry Road. However, planning consent is needed for stand-alone noticeboards.

The next Council meeting, which Parishioners are always welcome to attend, will be on Mon 2 Sept in the Mortimer Hall at 7pm (no meeting in August).

The Clerk can be contacted by phone Mon to Wed 9am-1pm or a message can be left or email sent: clerk@oldmarston-pc.gov.uk. For information go to www.oldmarston-pc.gov.uk, Facebook or Twitter.

Parish Clerk: Tim Cann – 01865 203139

Chairman: Duncan Hatfield - 07706 998224

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Parish Organisations

Allotments Associations
Court Place Farm, Boults Lane. Secretary: Mr. T. Cann
Sunday mornings 8.30 am – 11.00 am01865 202104
Mill Lane Chairman: Dr. M. Unkovskaya07771 702548
Treasurer Dana Vlad07919 493580
Secretary Christine Mitchell07789 991051

Baby and Toddler Club
Gill Hale, 64 Arlington Drive01865 248260

Bellringers:
Practice Friday 7.30pm Learners welcome
Anthony Hughes, 2, Oxford Road01865 244570

Choirs and Musicians at St Nicholas
Junior Choir, SATB Choir, Music Group
Practices at various times.
Neil Barker 01865 604617 or 07774 050056

Coffee Pot
Coffee morning, monthly, Monday
David Blair 01865 246959 or 07917 298408
Eileen Palayiwa, 27 Ouseley Close01865 725423

Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Ranger Units
Evenings throughout the week. Adult volunteers as well as girls welcomed!
District Commissioner, Lesley Dentry,07765 418067

Leisure:
OXSRAD Sports and Leisure Centre,
Court Place Farm, Marsh Lane.01865 741336

Library (next to Mortimer Hall)
Tuesday 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm
Thursday 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm
Friday 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
Saturday 9.30 am to 12.30 pm01865 726823

Hedena Health Medical Centre. 01865 227788

Marston Community Gardening
Alistair Morris 01865 724081
Kate Robinson 01865 766620

Marston Saints Football Club
John Page. www.msfc.org.uk

Mortimer Hall (Village Hall)
Chris Crane, 2 Raymund Road01865 727995

Over 50s Club
Alternate Mondays, 2.30 pm in Church Hall.
Secretary, Jane Madden01865 209086

Oxford City Council (Marston Representatives)
Mary Clarkson, 8 Dunstan Road, Oxford OX3 9BY01865 751493
Mick Haines, 3 Croft Road01865 421600

Oxfordshire County Council (Marston Representative)
Mark Lygo 07765 665 726

Oxford Preservation Trust, Marston Area
Lucy Hughes, Cross Farm.01865 244570

Parentline
Confidential helpline for parents01865 726600

Parish Council
Parish Clerk: Tim Cann, 8 Nicholas Avenue01865 203139
(Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm)
Chairman: Duncan Hatfield07706 998224

Pre-school at Mortimer Hall
open 9 sessions a week07818 236348

Royal British Legion Club Hall:
Steward01865 243991

Schools
Friends of St Nicholas School01865 242838

Scouts — 43rd Oxford (St. Nicholas) Scout Group, Boults Lane
Group Scout Leader, Tim Greaves tim.greaves@keble.oxon.org
Beaver Scout Leader, Sue Springett01865 251515
Cub Scout Leader, Rachel Vallancevallance.whanau@gmail.com
Scouts Leader, Linda Phillips07804 925705

St. Nicholas Church Hall and Committee Room
Alison Heard, Parish Office01865 580354

Women's Institute
Second Tuesday in month, 7.30 pm in Church Hall.
President, Sue Hawes 01865 247106
Secretary, Mavis Curtis 01865 351325

Trade Directory

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76, Arlington Drive.01865 724037, 07970 470176
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Gas Safe Registered Engineer 125206 ..01865 761896, 07710 390980

Tree Surgery, Fruit Tree Pruning
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