

**St Nicholas, Marston and St Thomas of Canterbury, Elsfield**

# MARSTON TIMES

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## **The hills are alive with hidden lives**

I write this just before the five of us head on holiday to Austria. By the time you read this, we'll already be back, which makes me feel a little like a time traveller, like Moses writing about his own death in Deuteronomy (stay tuned for a future sermon on that one!). It's my first visit so, I cannot tell you anything first-hand about the country. And yet, Austria holds a special place in my understanding of grace and a life lived courageously in devotion to Christ.

Let's start at the very beginning, which seems a very good place to start. We fly into Salzburg, home to the Benedictine monastery Nonnberg Abbey, where once a free-spirited young Austrian called Maria studied to become a nun. That novice became Maria von Trapp, who became forever linked with Julie Andrews when her memoir was turned into *The Sound of Music*.

Now, bear with me, as this piece takes a turn I wasn't expecting. Discovering Maria's Benedictine background is like being waylaid by the lonely yodelling of a distant goatherd. Since coming to St Nic's last year, I have been praying about which, if any, monastic order I should follow. God seems to have decided on a final between the Benedictines and the Franciscans.

Revs Skye and Andy are my inspirations in this prayerful pursuit. They are 'Third Order Franciscans'; they commit to leading their lives according to a Rule of Life as laid down by St Francis of Assisi. In simple but profound terms, they desire to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ after the example of St Francis and St Clare. Such lives are marked by humility, love and joy. Witnessing how Skye and Andy's commitment shapes their faith and ministry is a powerful nudge. Yet, Benedictines like Maria and Dorothy Day and Walker Percy are a few of my favourite things - and they won't let me go.

Unlike St Francis, Benedict was not a priest. He was just a young man disillusioned by a corrupt sixth-century society that lacked compassion; little, it seems, has changed over the intervening 1,500 years, which is why Jesus' teachings on power remain so

visionary and necessary. Benedict's vision was of a society shaped by compassion, harmony and hope.

I doubt we'll have time enough in Salzburg to visit Nonnberg Abbey, where Maria's faith was formed. The stained-glass window in Vienna's Votivkirche is another thing on my list of 'things to see in Austria without the girls'. It shows the stations of the life of Franz Jägerstätter, an ordinary farmer who did an extraordinary thing.

You see, *The Sound of Music* isn't the first film I think of when I think of Austria. That honour belongs to Terrence Malick's *A Hidden Life*, the film which introduced me to the extraordinary story of Franz's life and death. Its title is taken from George Eliot's *Middlemarch* (another of my favourite things):

"...for the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs."

Like me, Franz found God in his thirties; he explored a calling to the priesthood; the woman who became his wife (Franziska) profoundly shaped his faith; he was a father to three daughters...it turns out too that Franz was a Third Order Franciscan!

I watched *A Hidden Life* and asked myself if I could write to Christabel from prison, as Franz had to Franziska, expressing that it would be better for my girls to know me a martyr than a Nazi collaborator. I cannot know the answer, but I know I must approach the question with the humility of one told that those without sin should cast the first stone (John 8:7).

9 August marks 83 years since Franz's execution. His last recorded words were, "I am completely bound in inner union with the Lord". I will be back from Austria by then but wherever I am that day - and perhaps you will join me wherever you are right now - I will pray for such an 'inner union' with God and offer up a prayer for all the hidden lives of faith who bring us hope this day.

Shalom, Matty



# BENEFICE OF MARSTON & ELSFIELD



Welcome to St Nicholas & St Thomas.

Further details can be found on our website

[stnicholasmarston.org.uk](http://stnicholasmarston.org.uk)

Or call the office on 01865 580354.

Every Wednesday at 9:30am we have Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church.



## **Sunday 2nd - 9th Sunday after Trinity**

10am - **ALL TOGETHER** Service with Holy Communion. *With St Nick's Worship band.* Live Streamed. **Community BBQ at the Vicarage after the service**

**NO EVENING PRAYER**

## **Sunday 9th - 10th Sunday after Trinity**

8am BCP Communion Service at St Nicholas Church.

10am Holy Communion Service at St Nicholas Church.

## **Sunday 16th - 11th Sunday after Trinity**

8am BCP Communion Service at St Nicholas Church.

10am Holy Communion Service at St Nicholas Church. **Live Streamed**

## **Sunday 23rd - 12th Sunday after Trinity**

8am BCP Communion Service at St Nicholas Church

10am Holy Communion Service at St Nicholas Church *with Energy\** (Sunday School). **Live Streamed.**

## **6pm Evensong at St Thomas, Elsfield**

## **Sunday 30th - 13th Sunday after Trinity**

8am BCP Communion Service at St Nicholas Church.

**10am GREEN CHURCH Celtic Service at St Nicholas Church.**

Vicar: Skye Denno: 01865 202988  
Churchwardens: Helen Meredith: 01865 791312  
Jan Lawrie: 01865 250862

Administrator: Debbie Bailey: 01865 580354  
Justine McCool: 07426 463119  
James Plunkett: 07507 885169

## What to quote in August?

### Blackberry-Picking by Seamus Heaney

Late August, given heavy rain and sun  
For a full week, the blackberries would ripen.  
At first, just one, a glossy purple clot  
Among others, red, green, hard as a knot.  
You ate that first one and its flesh was sweet  
Like thickened wine: summer's blood was in it  
Leaving stains upon the tongue and lust for picking.  
Then red ones inked up and that hunger  
Sent us out with milk cans, pea tins, jam-pots  
Where briars scratched and wet grass bleached our boots.

Round hayfields, cornfields and potato-drills  
We trekked and picked until the cans were full,  
Until the tinkling bottom had been covered  
With green ones, and on top big dark blobs burned  
Like a plate of eyes. Our hands were peppered  
With thorn pricks, our palms sticky as Bluebeard's.

We hoarded the fresh berries in the byre.  
But when the bath was filled we found a fur,  
A rat-grey fungus, glutting on our cache.  
The juice was stinking too. Once off the bush  
The fruit fermented, the sweet flesh would turn sour.  
I always felt like crying. It wasn't fair  
That all the lovely canfuls smelt of rot.  
Each year I hoped they'd keep, knew they would not.

### Nature notes: What to see and hear in August?



We wave goodbye to swifts this month and will miss their aerial acrobatics and screaming calls. You might see a juvenile robin in your garden – they have speckled golden plumage, no *red breast*.

Robins have a long breeding season, from March to mid-August. Another garden visitor to spot is the speckled bush-cricket, measuring between 1 and 2 centimetres, with its long antennae. These lime green beauties, often found perching on window ledges, emerge as nymphs in May and moult into their adult form in late Summer. Last, do keep putting out fresh water for wildlife in this prolonged dry spell.

### Thursday evening slot available at Mortimer Hall

A slot at Mortimer Hall has become available for someone interested in running a class on Thursday evenings. Our other regular classes are:

Tuesday - Kick boxing (6.30pm)

Wednesday - Yoga (6.30pm)

Friday - Kick boxing (6.30pm)

If you're looking to run a class, please contact Chris at [bookings@mortimerhall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@mortimerhall.co.uk) or telephone 01865 727995 to discuss. [mortimerhall.co.uk](http://mortimerhall.co.uk)

## What not to cook in August?

### Crunchy cucumber salad

#### Ingredients

4 small cucumbers

10 stoned black olives

2 tbsp balsamic vinegar

Olive oil

Juice of ½ a lemon

Some chopped chives

A handful of walnuts

Black pepper

5 chopped sprigs of mint

#### Method

Wash the cucumbers and then chop off their ends. Cut them in half lengthwise and scoop out the seeds. Chop the cucumbers into 1cm pieces and place in a bowl along with the walnuts. Chop the olives and add them. Mix gently. Add the vinegar, oil and lemon juice followed by the mint and black pepper and chives. Serve with cheese and fresh buttery bread.



### Marston WI

Marston Women's Institute meets on 11 August at 7.30pm when Karen and Brett Wiles will talk about Girl Guides in the 1940s. First visit free. See our website: [marstonwi.org](http://marstonwi.org)

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

### Coffee Pot

Our next Coffee Pot will be on Mon 17 August from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Church Hall. We welcome all who have been bereaved and others who would like to meet more people. For more details please contact Eileen Palayiwa on 01865 725423.

### Donations to St Nicholas church

If you enjoy reading this magazine...if any information it gives proves useful to you...please consider making a financial donation. If you have an attachment to St Nicholas - the ancient centre of our parish - help towards its upkeep would be very much appreciated. We can claim Gift Aid of 25% on any donation up to £30 when you use this QR code.



### Lunch Club

..meets on 28 August for pasta bake, seasonal veg, sponge and custard. Ring Debbie (01865 580354) to book your place.

### Rooms available for hire

St Nicholas Primary school in Raymund Road has a suite of office rooms, including toilet and kitchen facilities, available for long term let. For full information go to

<https://stnicholasprimaryschool.org.uk/facility-and-room-hire/> and contact Anne Johnson via 01865 242838 or [sbm@stnicholasprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:sbm@stnicholasprimaryschool.org.uk) for details.

### Old Marston Rainbows

Old Marston Rainbows currently meet from 5.45 to 6.45 on Wednesdays in the Boults Lane Scout Hut and currently have spaces for girls aged 4-7.

Also accepting expressions of interest to go on a waiting list. Please contact Lesley 07765 418067 [lesleydentry@btinternet.com](mailto:lesleydentry@btinternet.com)

### Marston Community Players

Calling all you thespians and theatre-lovers! Marston Community Players, your local amateur drama group, is putting on *Fondly Remembered* by Gareth Armstrong on the weekend of 21 and 22 November this year. It's a play that premieres in London a few years ago. It's about four theatrically inclined friends meeting to plan a memorial service for the late director Douglas Bartlett and moves between laughs and poignancy throughout. Put those dates in your diaries now! We are currently casting the play, which has parts for three women and two men. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Westcott via [marstonpanto@gmail.com](mailto:marstonpanto@gmail.com) and she'll send you more details. Auditions will be held after 11 August with our director Christopher Robinson.

### Old Marston Library needs YOU

For almost 12 years now local residents have been helping to keep Old Marston library open to the public by giving ninety minutes of their time per month to help run a session. Volunteers open the library between 5.30 and 7pm on a Tuesday and Thursday, 2-5pm on a Friday afternoon and 9.30-12.30 on two Saturdays per month. Could you help us do that? Email [janlawrie@btinternet.com](mailto:janlawrie@btinternet.com) if you would like more information.

### A local request..

...to all local householders with a high hedge abutting a Marston pavement: please could you do some timely maintenance and trim yours back? Many thanks!



## We're Growing... And We Need You!

Seeking a Treasurer to join our friendly local team

### WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

Honest, community-minded Treasurer

Just 2-3 hours per month

#### Skills You'll Need:

- ✓ Number & spreadsheet skills (book-keeping)
- ✓ An eye for detail
- ✓ Modest accounts management

### WHAT WE OFFER

#### Your Rewards:

- ✓ Access to your own growing plot
- ✓ Delicious homemade cakes
- ✓ Fresh seasonal fruit & veg

### Who We Are

We grow food, plant trees and care for local green spaces — sharing skills, tools, time and resources so more people can feel healthier, happier and connected to nature and our community.

### Ready to help us grow?

[hello@marstoncommunitygardening.org.uk](mailto:hello@marstoncommunitygardening.org.uk)

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### Gardening tips for August

#### Put up bat boxes

Create a home for bats in your garden over the summer and put up bat boxes in large trees or buildings. Place them high up (at least 3 to 4 meters), sheltered from the wind, and exposed to the sun for most of the day. See the guidance on the [Bat Conservation website](#).

Bat boxes can be bought from various stores and websites, or if you're feeling crafty, you can make them yourself.

#### Leave food and water for hedgehogs

Continue to leave out dishes of water and meat-based



(not fish!) dog or cat or hedgehogs, before they go into hibernation in early Autumn.

The background of the poster is a collage of summer-themed images. At the top left, there's a black grill with food cooking on it. Below the grill is a hot dog in a bun. At the bottom left, there's a large burger with lettuce, tomato, and cheese. At the bottom center, there's a small bowl of red sauce. At the bottom right, there's a bunch of green lettuce. The background also features a red and white checkered tablecloth and some green palm leaves. Three small cards are pinned to the top right: a yellow one with 'SUN', a blue one with '2ND', and a yellow one with 'AUG'.

# SUMMER COMMUNITY BBQ

 St. Nicholas  
Marston

STARTS 12PM  
AT MARSTON VICARAGE  
(OX3 0PR)

RSVP to Debbie - [administrator@stnicholasmarston.org.uk](mailto:administrator@stnicholasmarston.org.uk)

[stnicholasmarston.org.uk](http://stnicholasmarston.org.uk)



**FREE**



**Loaves & Fishes**  
MARSTON COMMUNITY LARDER

Along with a few essential items there will be fresh produce from Oxford Food Hub.

**Oxford Food Hub**  
Sharing surplus, reducing waste

**OMCT** Marston Community Larder is supported by Old Marston Charity Trust



We are an environmental group in Marston, Oxford, working towards building a sustainable, connected and resilient community, in light of the declared climate emergency.

Our projects include support for residents to:

- **use renewable energy and improve energy efficiency** – info informational resources and examples to view in members' homes
- **reduce plastic use** – Refill Station for eco-friendly cleaning and toiletry products, Eco Party Kit providing reusable supplies
- **choose active transport** – Bike Doctor repair sessions, advocacy for safer travel
- **reduce environmental damage from litter/pollution** – Marston Wombles litter-picking group (supervised children are welcome!), advocacy for cleaner environment
- **participate in the circular economy** – Repair Cafes every few months, Book Swap shelf in refill shed, Giving Garage Saturday mornings 9–11am for passing items on or borrowing equipment
- **reduce food waste and share free food with those who need it** – community larder on Saturday mornings 9–11am (donations from supermarkets & local producers).

Find out more / connect with us / join in!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lowcarbonmarston>

Email: [lowcarbonmarston@gmail.com](mailto:lowcarbonmarston@gmail.com) (let us know if we can add you to the GoogleGroup and/or the WhatsApp group)

Email: [marstonecogroup@gmail.com](mailto:marstonecogroup@gmail.com) for info about the refill station, eco party kit, Marston wombles, Giving Garage

Email: [repairmarston@gmail.com](mailto:repairmarston@gmail.com) for info about the next repair cafe

Our main base is the Marston Eco Hub (Marston Vicarage, Elsfeld Rd); many LCM activities operate with the active support of Revd Skye Denno and volunteers from St Nicholas Church.



# THE GIVING GARAGE

## Marston Eco Hub - OX3 0PR

### OPEN SATURDAYS 9-11am

Pick up or drop off **FREE** plant pots, vases, mugs, kettles and other garden/household items, and **BORROW** garden equipment (rakes & spades, ladders, strimmers, wheelbarrows, lawn mowers, leaf blowers, apple press & picker, bike rack etc).

Further details email Revd Skye: [joskso@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joskso@yahoo.co.uk) or call 01865 202988



Messy Church at St Nicholas, Marston  
2026

No meeting in August

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December

10 – 11.30am, Church Hall, Elsfeld Road

Crafts, Bible Stories, Singing,  
Prayer, Breakfast

All ages welcome  
(children need to bring an adult with them)

FREE!



## Gatherings to mark



## the CELTIC YEAR

**DATES FOR 2026/27. Always starting at 6:30pm**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026 - Autumn Equinox

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026 - Winter Season

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2026 - Winter Solstice

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2027 - Spring Season

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2027 - Spring Equinox

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2027 - Summer Season

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2027 - Summer Solstice

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2027 - Autumn Season

Meet around a fire pit outside Marston Eco Hub OX3 0PR  
Bring something to share, a chair and a blanket if it's cold.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

Revd Skye for more info: [joskso@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joskso@yahoo.co.uk)

## A view from Elsfield

### The Tulip Man

My brother lived in Leicestershire until he died ten years ago. He had a keen interest in local history and domestic architecture. I would drive up and meet him in or around Lutterworth and we'd visit sites of interest: 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> century houses of all sizes and eminences – his interest; medieval churches - my interest. This surfeit of culture being followed by a pub lunch.

He introduced me to the Tulip Man who carved inscriptions on gravestones in a 12 – 15 mile radius of Lutterworth from the 1690s up until around 1730. Despite research and reams of notes, D never identified the man's name, nor where he lived. But on many slate headstones he left his symbol, a beautifully carved tulip. Go to any of the churchyards around Lutterworth and you'll soon find that tulip image on a headstone.

It occurred to me that there's a potential documentary on the Tulip Man. The fact that he is an enigma, but was real, living and working, is interesting. Then, it occurred to me that he wouldn't have been the only person around that time inscribing headstones, leaving his mark – there must be thousands of others. Is there evidence of someone similar to the Tulip Man in local graveyards? In Marston, maybe even in Elsfield? Anyone interested?

## Old Marston Parish Council Report - July

At the July parish council meeting the PC had no objections to planning applications from 80 Cherwell Drive and 15 Haynes Road. Oxford City council advised the PC that applications from 13 Salford Road and 59 Cherwell Drive had both been approved, while one from 60 Mortimer Drive has been withdrawn.

The PC can confirm that the Mortimer Hall clock has been fixed and currently shows the correct time.

There have been numerous complaints regarding a dangerous dog attacking other dogs, and the owner not keeping the dog under control. After the most recent incident the owner was arrested and the dog seized by police. The dog will now be humanely put down.

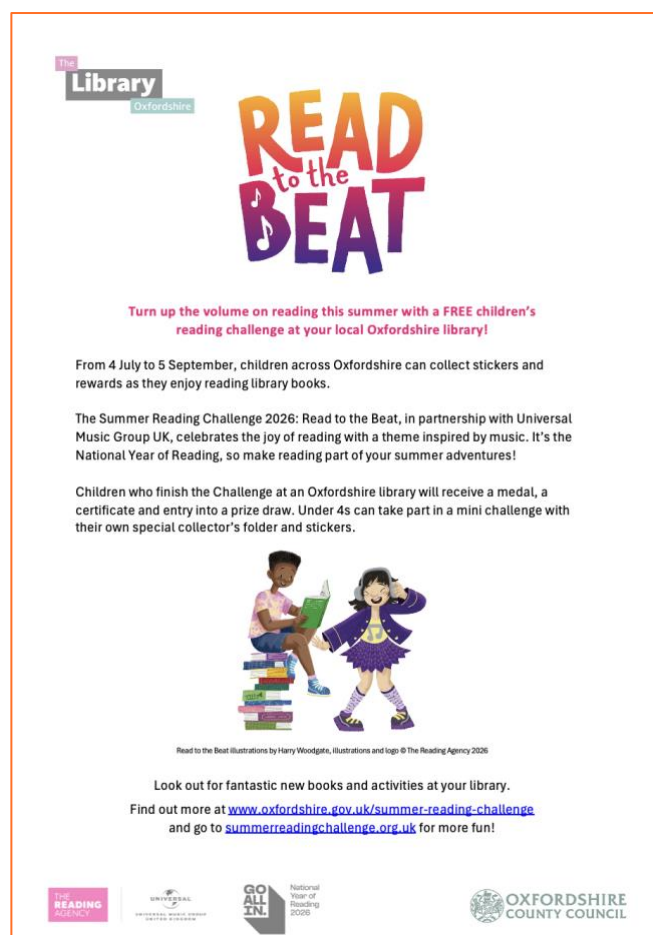
As usual, there is no parish council meeting in August, but an update will appear on the parish council website, social media and noticeboards.

The clerk, Tim Cann, can be contacted by phone (07341 758889) Mon to Wed from 9am until 1pm. Otherwise a message can be left or emailed via: [clerk@oldmarston-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@oldmarston-pc.gov.uk) For information, agendas, minutes of meetings etc go to <https://www.oldmarston-pc.gov.uk> X, Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram or BlueSky.

### And one final poem about summer.....

#### After Escher by George Bilgere

Twenty-five summers ago  
I wrote a poem about the summer ending,  
the shadows lengthening, and the light  
gone soft and elegiac  
like the end of a love song.  
It joined roughly a million poems  
written that summer alone  
on the same subject, but in Spanish  
or Japanese, or Swahili,  
always the same thing, same shadows  
lengthening, same soft light,  
and I ended my poem, twenty five years ago,  
by saying that the back of my hand  
had begun to look like a dead leaf  
or the back of someone else's hand.  
And this is just a shout out to say  
to that version of me, a quarter  
century ago, that the hand in question  
looks even more like a dead leaf, even more  
like the back of someone else's hand,  
but—and this is crucial, the importance  
of this next observation cannot  
be overstated—the strange old hand  
is still here, still enduring, still writing itself  
into itself.



**The Library Oxfordshire**

# READ to the BEAT

Turn up the volume on reading this summer with a FREE children's reading challenge at your local Oxfordshire library!

From 4 July to 5 September, children across Oxfordshire can collect stickers and rewards as they enjoy reading library books.

The Summer Reading Challenge 2026: Read to the Beat, in partnership with Universal Music Group UK, celebrates the joy of reading with a theme inspired by music. It's the National Year of Reading, so make reading part of your summer adventures!

Children who finish the Challenge at an Oxfordshire library will receive a medal, a certificate and entry into a prize draw. Under 4s can take part in a mini challenge with their own special collector's folder and stickers.

Look out for fantastic new books and activities at your library.  
Find out more at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge)  
and go to [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) for more fun!

**THE READING AGENCY** **UNIVERSAL** **GO ALL IN!** **National Year of Reading 2026** **OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

## Parish Organisations

### Allotments Associations

Court Place Farm, Boults Lane. Chair: Jane Wilson  
 Sunday mornings 9-10.30am.....shed.cpf-allotments@gmail.com  
 Mill Lane Chairman: Angie Brown .....07852 132874  
 Treasurer Dana Vlad .....07919 493580  
 Secretary Alex Hodgkinson-Last.....[a\\_last@hotmail.com](mailto:a_last@hotmail.com)

Baby and Toddler Club Weds 9.30-11.30 term time in Parish Hall  
 Helen Norman.....07852 213974

### Bellringers:

Practice Friday 7.15pm Learners welcome  
 Hugh Deam, Tower Captain .....01865 247574  
 Roy Peach, Secretary.....07788 746157

### Choirs and Musicians at St Nicholas

Junior Choir, SATB Choir, Music Group  
 Practices at various times.  
 Lewis Morin.....musicdirector@stnicholasmarston.org.uk

### Coffee Pot

Coffee morning, monthly, Monday  
 Eileen Palayiwa, 27 Ouseley Close .....01865 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:

OXS RAD Sports and Leisure Centre,  
 Court Place Farm, Marsh Lane. ....01865 741336

### Library (next to Mortimer Hall) opening hours

Tuesday 2-5pm; 5.30-7pm  
 Thursday 2-5pm; 5.30-7pm  
 Friday 10-12noon; 2-5pm  
 Saturday 9.30-12.30pm .....01865 815176  
 Hedena Health Medical Centre. ....01865 597023

### Marston Community Gardening

Alistair Morris .....01865 724081  
 Kate Robinson .....01865 766620

### Marston Saints Football Club

Andy Winchester (Treasurer) .....www.msfc.org.uk

### Mortimer Hall (Village Hall)

Chris Crane, 2 Raymund Road .....01865 727995

### Oxford City Council (Marston Representatives)

Mary Clarkson, 8 Dunstan Road, Oxford OX3 9BY .....01865 751493  
 Kate Robinson .....07483 011488

### Oxfordshire County Council (Marston Representative)

Mark Lygo .....07765 665 726

### Oxford Preservation Trust

10 Turn Again Lane, Oxford OX1 1QL.....01865 242918

### Parentline

Confidential helpline for parents .....01865 726600

### Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Tim Cann, 8 Nicholas Avenue.....07341 758889  
 (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm)  
 Chairman: Duncan Hatfield .....07706998224

### Pre-school at Mortimer Hall

open 9 sessions a week .....07818 236348

### Royal British Legion Club Hall:

Steward .....01865 243991

### Schools

Friends of St Nicholas School .....01865 242838

### Scouts — 43rd Oxford (St. Nicholas) Scout Group, Boults Lane

Group Scout Leader, Tim Greaves.....tim.greaves@keble.oxon.org  
 Beaver Scout Leader, Sue Springett .....01865 251515  
 Cub Scout Leader, Matthew Kennedy.....matthew.kennedy500@gmail.com  
 Scouts Leader, Linda Phillips .....07804 925705  
 St. Nicholas Church Hall and Committee Room

Debbie Bailey, Parish Office .....01865 580354

### Women's Institute

Meetings at 7.30 second Tue of each month - new members welcome!

President, Sue Hawes .....[marstonwi.org](http://marstonwi.org)

## Trade Directory

### Architectural services for Planning Permissions/ Building Regulations

Digby Architectural: 4 Broughton Close .....07979 756918

### Building/Builders Services

Colin Simpson: High Class painting, decorating and coving etc:

10 Dent's Close OX3 ONP .....01865 742842

Trevor Dines: No job too small - plumbing, complete bathrooms  
 from fitting a door to building an extension. Free estimates.

8, Raymund Road .....01865 452851, 07889 263140

Daniel Kelly: Painting and decorating services: .....07917 607949

### Cleaning Carpets & Upholstery

Grimebusters: Quality carpet, rug & upholstery cleaning at competitive  
 rates. Free estimates.....01865 726983

### Complementary Medicine

Oxford Therapies: pain relief, stress, management & more

[www.oxford-therapies.com](http://www.oxford-therapies.com).....07913 503257

Oxford Reflexology: relaxation, stress-relief and rebalance

[www.oxfordreflexology.co.uk](http://www.oxfordreflexology.co.uk).....07726 312719

### Decorating

Kerr-Brown painting/decorating [hkbdecorating@gmail.com](mailto:hkbdecorating@gmail.com) 07944 605502

Dog grooming service in Old Marston village.....07877 183281

### Electricians

Brian Turner: Registered NICEIC domestic installer.....01865 728729

All work guaranteed 33, Salford Road .....07538 382683

.....brian.r.turner@ntlworld.com

Craig Holloway Electrical Ltd: .....07868 706392

.....enquiries@craigholloway.co.uk

### Footcare

Pedilicious Foot Care: treatment following initial medical consultation,  
 including foot soak, toe nails trimmed, corns and calluses removed, half leg  
 and foot massage. Contact Patricia Anson (with years of experience)

.....07881 366350

### Funeral Directors

C S Boswell Independent funeral services.....01865 553737

Homewood Funerals (Family-owned and managed)

14 Cherwell Drive, Marston OX3 4LY .....01865 570000

Garden & small machinery service/repair.....[taylordannyuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:taylordannyuk@yahoo.co.uk)

Danny Taylor, 5 Ouseley Close, Marston OX3 0JS.....07796 573319

### Hair and Beauty

Fiona's Hair Salon:

Salford Road, Old Marston OX3 ORX .....01865 241632

### Monumental Mason

Reeves Memorials: New memorials, removal for burials, added  
 inscriptions & renovations.

147A Magdalen Rd, Oxford. OX4 1RL .....01865 251231

### Plumbing, Heating & Gas

Lemarsh Building Services – plumbing and heating

22 Marsh Lane.....07710 390980

S. J. Moore: Installation and servicing for all gas appliances.

Gas Safe Reg. 146337.

76, Arlington Drive.....01865 724037, 07970 470176

### Tree Surgery, Fruit Tree Pruning

R. Timms: 80 Oxford Road.....01865 244608

### Window Cleaning - MRF Window Cleaning Services

Mick Fry: 37, Green Hill Oxford OX4 7UD. Fully insured member of the  
 Federation of Master Window Cleaners.. 01865 777889, 07887 515168

