

THE WATERSHED MAGAZINE



St Matthew's, Coates

October 2024

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For those with access to the internet the following links will take you to our website pages:

For the calendar: <http://thamesheadchurches.org.uk/calendar/>

For an outline of all our Sunday services: <http://www.thamesheadchurches.org.uk/services/>

The Thameshead Benefice

St. Matthew, Coates: All Saints, Kemble: St. Michael and All Angels, Poole Keynes: St. Kenelm, Sapperton with St. Luke, Frampton Mansell: St. Peter, Rodmarton with St. Osmund, Tarlton: All Saints, Somerford Keynes with All Saints, Shorncliffe

FORTHCOMING SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

6 October

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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|-------|------------------|--|
| 10.00 | Kemble | Communion (streamed) + Children's Church |
| 10.00 | Poole Keynes | Holy Communion |
| 11.00 | Sapperton | Holy Communion |
| 11.00 | Rodmarton | Morning Prayer |
| 11.00 | Somerford Keynes | Holy Communion |

13 October

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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|-------|------------------|--|
| 10.00 | Kemble | Communion (streamed) + Children's Church |
| 10.00 | Poole Keynes | Holy Communion |
| 11.00 | Somerford Keynes | Holy Communion |
| 11.00 | Sapperton | Holy Communion |
| 11.00 | Rodmarton | Morning Prayer |

20 October

Twenty first Sunday after Trinity

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|-------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 9.30 | Coates | Morning Prayer |
| 10.00 | Kemble | Harvest Morning Prayer |
| 10.00 | Poole Keynes | Morning Prayer |
| 11.00 | Frampton Mansell | Harvest and Pet service |
| 11.00 | Rodmarton | Morning Prayer |
| 11.00 | Somerford Keynes | Morning Prayer |

27 October

Twenty second Sunday after Trinity

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| 8.00 | Tarlton | Holy Communion BCP |
| 10.00 | Rodmarton | Benefice Service |
| 15.00 | Coates | All Saints and All Souls service taken by Canon Andrew Bowden |

3 November

Fourth Sunday before Advent

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|-------|------------------|--|
| 10.00 | Kemble | Communion (streamed) + Children's Church |
| 10.00 | Poole Keynes | Holy Communion |
| 11.00 | Frampton Mansell | Holy Communion |
| 11.00 | Rodmarton | Holy Communion for All Saints |
| 11.00 | Somerford Keynes | Holy Communion |

CIRENCESTER EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP



The next meetings in Coates Village Hall are on Wednesday 2 October at 7.30pm.

Meetings are generally on the first Wednesday of the month.

I am collecting Christmas bits and pieces for the charity as I am having a stand at the Advent Festival in Cirencester Parish Church on Saturday 30 November to promote and raise funds.

Further details can be obtained from Pat in confidence on 770385 or email ayrescares50@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

I have been thinking a lot about prayer recently and it got me thinking about how many of us pray on a regular basis – other than when we go to church or as a reflex reaction like “Thank God!”.

Do we know *how* to pray - has anyone ever sat down with us and said ‘This is how to pray?’

We tend to think of prayer as being an individual, private activity and one that should come naturally, but does it?

For some of us, prayer is a safety net - we’re glad it’s there, but we hope we never have to use it.

Prayer is about our relationship with God and like any relationship, it requires time.

I suspect many of us, like me, tend to pray on the run – sending up prayers of thanks or asking for help or intercession when the need arises, but our relationship with God cannot flourish unless we find time to be fully present to Him: speaking with and listening to him, sharing silence or beauty, delight or sorrow.

There are times when we want to spend time in quiet prayer but other times when we want to shout at God or cry. The most important thing is to share it with our heavenly father, who loves us and wants us to share our thoughts with him. In the words of the hymn ‘Take it to the Lord in prayer’.

I have recently completed an online course exploring how mixed media can be an act of creative worship and how it can open up ways of having a conversation (praying) with God. I have found that taking time to create something prayerfully has deepened my relationship with God. As I put together my ‘picture’, I am praying constantly and thoughtfully, rather than my usual rushed prayers. And then of course, I am taking time to listen to God too as prayer is a two-way process.

And as I pray, I am beginning to come to a greater understanding of

God's purpose for me and my life.

Across the Benefice there are a number of opportunities to pray

- a zoom prayer meeting at 8.30am each Tuesday where prayers are said for our Benefice (details on the website)
- a daily WhatsApp prayer group where we pray for the Benefice and the world (message me on 07774 104990 if you would like to join the group)
- 24/7 prayer room (details on website)
- E- prayers when you need prayers for someone or a situation in crisis (details on website)
- The prayer labyrinth at St Luke's, Frampton Mansell provides a wonderful opportunity for private prayer surrounded by God's creation

If you would like to explore some contemporary, creative prayer, come and join me for a morning of creative prayer on **Saturday 19 October 10am – 1pm**. We will use mixed media (eg paint, paper, pastels etc) to open up different ways of having a conversation (praying) with God. To book a place contact me on 077741 04990.

With love and prayers,
Liz Collins (Lay Reader)

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Thursday 24 October - Our Annual General Meeting will start at 7pm, following the RBL Women's Section AGM. The talk following the AGM will be "In the Footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia", where Jamie Bowden will present an expedition he undertook during his military career.

Membership of Kemble & District Royal British Legion is open to active members in the Services, those who have served and those who haven't been in the Services and wish to support Services' personnel. If you have served, please join this local RBL branch.

If you would like more information, please contact me for details or check out the British Legion website:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/membership/become-a-member>

Ian Czapiewski – Branch Secretary – 07711 015168

NEWS FROM COATES

Coffee, Cake and Chat



"Delicious sweet & savoury home bakes, gluten-free too, proper coffee, various teas & decaf at this friendly event"

NEXT: Tuesday 15 October

**November Special!! 'Soup 'n' Savoury'
(always the 3rd Tuesday of the month)**

10.30am to 12 noon Coates Village Hall

Takeaway bakes from 11.45am, they go fast!

£4 Two bakes of your choice + bottomless tea/coffee

£1.50 Bottomless tea/coffee

Well behaved dogs welcome

See our notices on the village hall notice board & Coates parish website or contact us on 770596 / 07794 678 928



Coates Village Hall Cinema Club

Starting on Thursday 12 September

A new season of films with screenings every 2nd Thursday of each month.
Doors open at 7pm
Additional screenings for Halloween and Christmas.

Annual Membership £40
Guest tickets £5 available on the night. The season will include:

Fall Guy
Bucket List
Elvis
Paddington in Peru

Refreshments available from the kitchen and the bar

Contact: Simon Large 07714220558 or simon.large@sky.com

WESTONBIRT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you love the outdoors? Is Westonbirt your 'go to' tree destination or have you yet to discover it?

Westonbirt Arboretum is a special place at any time of the year. Those of us who work or volunteer here are united in that sentiment.

Our band of over 300 volunteers are incredibly passionate about Westonbirt and what they do here. They work across a variety of roles and are invaluable to help maintain the arboretum and engage people with this beautiful and important plant collection. Our volunteer community is welcoming and friendly and what they do is extremely rewarding and it's not a bad place to work either...! Keep an eye on our volunteering web pages as we are currently recruiting for various volunteer roles, click on the role links to find out more details and how to apply. Full induction, training and uniform provided, plus a variety of volunteer benefits including regular social events.

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt/volunteering>

If you would like to know a little more, please feel free to get in touch at volunteer.westonbirt@forestryengland.uk



The Coffee Morning Team invite you to a

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VILLAGE HALL OPEN NIGHTS – AUTUMN TERM

Our Autumn talks take place on the last Thursday night of the month. The Hall is open at 7pm with the talk starting at 7.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available. There is no entrance charge but donations to help cover costs are welcome: any profit will be added to village hall funds. This term there are some minor variations so please make sure you check the poster or notice in the Watershed for details.

Thursday 24 October

Simon Gilchrist – Gloucestershire’s Interesting Clocks

Please note that this October has five Thursdays, the last of which falls on 31 October. To avoid a clash with Halloween, Open Night will be held on the fourth Thursday.

Simon is a horologist specialising in heritage and antique clocks. He will tell us about the interesting clocks of Gloucestershire, many of which he cares for. He will also catch us up with his recent refurbishment of our own village clock.

Thursday 28 November

Joint session with the Film Club

This will be a joint Open Night/Film Club venture. We will be seeing a one-hour professional documentary on a pioneering rewilding venture, offering hope in a time of climate change and loss of biodiversity.

Matthew Oates, a local naturalist who has been connected with the project since its early days, will be with us to introduce the film and answer questions afterwards.

On this occasion, entry will be free to film club members; non-members £3. Entry money will go to the film club. Any other donations will go towards covering other expenses, any profit to village hall funds as usual.



Diana Crane



Coates Christmas Fair

In aid of Cobalt

Saturday 23 November
10 am - 4 pm

Coates Village Hall

Find your perfect Christmas gifts
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Open 8pm to 11pm, Friday & Saturday evenings

First Friday of the month

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Bar opens at 6.30pm with the quiz from 7pm

Saturday special events from 6pm onwards...

12 October

Darts Tournament

Email Paul Atkinson to enter

paulophotonut@gmail.com

9 November

Gin Cocktails!



Halloween fun for kids!

31 October from 5pm

We need a team of parents to help organise this event. Please email us if you can help.

Join us for Ghost Stories, Games & a Costume parade

Bar opens at 5 pm with Ghost stories at 5:45 pm

Costume Parade at 6 pm - Prizes for Best Costumes!

Keep an eye on the Village Newsletter and the Coates Village Facebook page for last minute event details...

Please email coatesvillageclub@gmail.com for more information.

NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL



Our new school year began with a flying start celebrating the Arts with our Art Week. The children explored art from Banksy, William Turner and Tracey Elphick, a wonderful artist from Cirencester. The children used a variety of mediums to create fabulous art work; Elder class even got to create and spray their own graffiti tag and Maple class created a collaborative piece by each child creating a small section that came together to form a masterpiece. *"I loved using the spray cans to make my graffiti tag and found Banksy really inspirational"* Rose age 10.

We also welcomed Ginny, a specialist dance teacher, who came and taught the children creative dance sessions that reflected the artists the children were learning about. *"We danced like the light shines on the Turner painting we looked at, it was fun"* Max age 7.

We have welcomed our new reception children into the Sapperton fold, as well as a few other families that have joined us recently. They are settling into our lovely school and we cannot wait to see them grow. We have also some exciting new sessions starting this year, including, Raffles Forest school who will be running sessions with all of the children over the year, as well as running an afterschool club. We are also pleased that Atlas sports will also be joining us to teach PE sessions and an after-school club. Our drumming and piano lessons will continue, as well as welcoming back Luke from Sportily.

A big thank you to the Friends of Sapperton School for organising the playground clean up ready for the start of the new year. Lots of strimming and weeding took place, along with tea drinking and cake eating! The Friends of Sapperton School are planning some exciting events this year: watch this space to find out more!

Sapperton C of E Primary

www.sappertonschool.org

01285 760325

To nurture faith; to inspire success

NEWS FROM SAPPERTON WILDER

The venture into regenerative agriculture in 153 ha/380 acres of former cereal fields to the south and east of Sapperton continues apace. It is bringing significant wildlife benefits. The overall objective is to build a sustainable, nature-friendly farming system on low grade agricultural land, producing quality food by using principles aligned to the government's Sustainable Farming Incentive.

Seven fields were sown with herbal leys, some last September, some this spring. These mixes contain a variety of grasses, herbs and legumes designed to improve soil health and build natural fertility – and so wean us off artificial fertilisers. This summer, they've been pink with clover; next summer, they will glow purple, when the lucerne comes through – and will buzz with bees. The intention is to plough these leys up in a few years' time, to grow a quality crop of heritage wheat, for bread – fingers crossed.

One field has been planted up with young trees, under an agro-forestry venture – another new-age innovation. The trees have been deer-fenced, of necessity. There are hopes to bulldoze a number of E-shaped mounds, to help study how butterflies and other invertebrates adapt locally to climate change. Three RAU student projects are underway, and the fields are being used for a PhD case study by a Countryside & Community Research Institute researcher.

Surveys by specialist naturalists have found that a remarkable number of rare species have moved in, indicating how special our landscape area is. In particular, the fields have developed an impressive array of rare and even endangered plants known as 'arable weeds'; largely diminutive plants which grew commonly in old-fashioned cornfields but became the largely unscheduled victims of the 20th century agricultural revolution. The best is perhaps the delightful Shepherd's Needle. These plants are hard to conserve, but may flare up episodically, after ploughing, under no-sprays management. More predictably, Bee



SERVICE AND COFFEE

We hold a said communion service, followed by coffee on the first Tuesday of the month. The



next one will be on **Tuesday 1 October** at Woodstock in Frampton Mansell. The service will start at 11am with coffee and a natter at 11.30am. We would love to see you for either or both. Want to know more?

Need a lift? Phone Pepita or Paul on 760211

NEWS FROM SAPPERTON WILDER (cont)

Orchids have appeared in some of the headlands.

Some rare farmland birds are returning and breeding. Butterflies have moved in impressively: the herbal leys this summer developed sizeable colonies of the Common Blue, which is by no means common anymore. This butterfly may abound here next year, should we get a decent summer. Marbled Whites are already breeding in most of the fields. Two rare moths have been found: the Marbled Brown, which is only really known in Gloucestershire from the Forest of Dean, and a scarce long-horn micromoth *Nemophora metallica*, which breeds on scabiouses. Various rare beetles and flies have been found, notably the Rugged Oil Beetle (a nocturnal beast) and the Downland Robberfly.

You can keep up to speed with findings here via the project's website www.sappertonwilder.co.uk

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NEW 4th Wednesday of the month at Sapperton Village Hall *NEW*

Whatever your craft: Knitting - Crochet - Embroidery - Felting - Tapestry - Sewing

Whatever your skill level - From beginners to professional crafters

Do please come along with your crafting project and join us! Share ideas and knowledge, and have a chat and a laugh over a cup of tea or coffee with home-made cakes and biscuits... and hopefully make some new friends and progress on your project too!

Cost: £3 - Includes refreshments

For more information please contact...

Teresa - Frampton Mansell - Email: thowes51@gmail.com

Jill - Sapperton - Email: allawayjill2780@hotmail.com



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For bookings or to be shown what is available

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KEMBLE & DISTRICT RBLWS

On Monday 21 October in Kemble village hall from 10-11.30am the annual Poppy Coffee morning will be held to kick start the 2024 Poppy appeal. The ladies of the RBLWS are supporting Rachel Roffe the new poppy area organizer who lives in Somerford Keynes. Any items for bring and buy and raffle stalls would be most welcome.



The AGM of the Women's Section will precede the RBL meeting which commences at 7pm on Thursday 24 October in Kemble village hall to present its accounts and the annual report. The officers' invite its members to come along to propose and adopt them. This very short meeting should only take at the most 10 minutes.

Pat Ayres chair/sec

Back for 2024 Save the date

AUTUMN CRAFT MARKET

FRAMPTON MANSELL VILLAGE HALL

SAT 16TH NOVEMBER

10:00 - 15:00

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What Does a Governor Do?

As a governor, you'll help guide the school's direction and ensure every child has the best possible education. You'll work with other governors and the headteacher to:

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- Support and challenge the headteacher to improve performance
- Ensure the school's finances are well managed

What's in it for me?

- Make a positive impact on the education of our children
- Learn new skills and gain valuable experience in leadership and governance
- Access training and support to help you in your role

What Are We Looking For?

You don't need to be an expert in education to be a great governor. We're looking for someone who:

- Cares about our school community and children's welfare
- Can work well in a team
- Is willing to learn and develop new skills
- Can attend meetings and commit around 10-15 hours per term

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NEWS FROM RODMARTON, TARLTON, CULKERTON AND HAZLETON

RODMARTON HARVEST FESTIVAL AND LUNCH

On Sunday 13 October Harvest Festival Eucharist will be held at St Peter's at 11am.

Harvest produce will be much appreciated and delivered to Paternoster House for the residents. Thank you.

Followed by Harvest Lunch from mid-day at the Village Hall.

A savoury or sweet dish to add to the delicious buffet would be greatly appreciated.

All are welcome to enjoy this wonderful celebratory feast in the village hall, even if you cannot attend the service. We look forward to seeing you then.

CELEBRATION for ALL SAINTS

Sunday 3 November

All Saints will be celebrated at St Peter's Rodmarton at 11am.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST Ride+Stride

Thank you so much to all who kindly sponsored us for our tour of churches on behalf of Rodmarton and Tarlton for the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust. We are immensely grateful for your generosity. Thank you.

A very enjoyable Harvest Festival was held at St Osmund's Tarlton on Sunday 8 September, led by Rev Pepita Walker. Paternoster House was delighted to receive the harvest produce for the residents. Thank you.

Food Bank collection points are in St Peter's Rodmarton and St Osmund's Tarlton. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The bazaar will be held on **Saturday 7 December** at Rodmarton Village Hall, in aid of the church. Please let me know if you would like to be involved in any way with the running of the Christmas Bazaar, would like to donate a raffle prize, or if you would like a stall to sell your crafts. Father Christmas will be there! Also mulled wine, mince pies, crafts, Christmas music, a very festive and enjoyable afternoon, and we very much hope to see you there. Enquiries to Jane, 01285 770401.

RODMARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NOTES FROM CULKERTON

GARDENING TIPS FOR OCTOBER

So much of gardening is in two time zones, the here and now and planning ahead for the next season. Yesterday I had a phone call asking if I would like to arrange flowers for the church harvest festival in a month's time; possibly all the flowers and fruit looking wonderful now in mid-September will be over by the festival weekend in mid-October. There was no need to fret after scanning the plot; I have a host of papery silver seeded stems of Honesty, plenty of colourful foliage, and ripening berries in yellow and crimson. There will be flowers too, probably the last few of late summer.

Thinking through the here and now, as autumn and winter progress, there are dry weather and wet weather tasks. During dry weather, continue to weed the plots, concentrating especially where perennial weeds are a problem, particularly couch grass, sometimes called switch grass; *Elymus repens* is the scientific name. This weed gives gardeners undue worry, it is invasive with vigorous running roots and will regrow from broken roots, however the roots are shallow and forking out these roots will clear the ground. Perennial herbaceous clumps can become infested. Autumn is just the time to lift these clumps, dividing, removing the grass roots at the same time and replanting. The very best way to separate the grass from the cherished perennial clump is to lift and wash the soil away leaving all the roots exposed for inspection, the long white grass roots are easy to spot and pull out. If lawns and grass paths are known to contain couch grass allow a no-go zone along the plot edge keeping this weed free.

This is an excellent time to lift and divide perennials, water as replanting the smaller clumps. Add home-made compost as a 'top dressing' mulch.

Continue to plant spring flowering bulbs, remember to plant narcissus deeply, at least 20 cm, to encourage blooms for many years. It is much better to wait until the soil has cooled down before planting tulips, again deeply for successive annual blooms. Tulips also make beautiful spring displays in containers.

If the grass continues to grow an end of year mowing could be in this month. Of course, add the mowings to the compost heap for use next spring.

During wet weather spend time in the shed or greenhouse, giving a good tidy up and making any necessary repairs. Check metal

NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

greenhouses for loose structural bolts ahead of strong wind and clean the glass for better light during winter.

Start to think through what new crops and flowering plants, shrubs or trees and where to plant them. Now is the time to fine-tune or reorganise gardens. Some plants might be in the wrong place visually or need a better place to thrive.

Take cuttings of ripe wood to root overwinter in open garden soil; fruit bushes, roses, lavender and flowering shrubs are all good choices. Cut straight stems 20 to 30cms long, push half the length into the soil and label the stems. Be patient until new shoots appear next spring.

Sally Oates



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Pat Ayres - Secretary 01285 770385

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Tuesday 1	10am	Frampton Mansell Service & Coffee
Wednesday 2	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in Coates Village Hall
Wednesday 9	10am	Village Craft Group in Frampton Mansell Village Hall
Thursday 10	7pm	Coates Cinema
Saturday 12		Coates Darts Tournament
Tuesday 15	10.30am	Coffee, Cake and Chat Coates Village Hall
Thursday 17	3pm	Kemble & Ewen WI meeting
Monday 21	10am	Annual Poppy Coffee Morning
Wednesday 23	10am	Village Craft Group in Sapperton Village Hall
Thursday 24	7pm	RBL Kemble Branch AGM
Thursday 24	7.30pm	Coates Village Hall Open Night
Saturday 26	12 noon	Frampton Mansell Harvest Lunch