

# The Villager

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The community newsletter for Mapledurwell  
Up Nately, Nately Scures and Newnham

## BASINGSTOKE & DEANE CONSULTATION

### HAVE YOUR SAY ON HOW AND WHEN YOU ARE CONSULTED ON PLANNING MATTERS

News release 10386, published on 19 Jun 2023

*Residents, businesses and interest groups are being invited to give their views on how they would like to be involved in the borough council's planning process.*

**BDBC is asking for feedback on its draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which explains how people can get involved in Local Planning Policy, Neighbourhood Planning and the planning application decision-making process.**

The draft document highlights changes within planning legislation and new consultation and engagement methods, and covers everything from how to get involved in planning applications for house extensions to large-scale housing or business developments or policies on affordable housing.

It can be viewed online at [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/BD03](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/BD03) or printed copies of the draft Statement of Community Involvement can be read at the Council Offices and local libraries during their normal opening hours.

Everyone has until 4pm on Friday 21 July to have their say – online at [consult.basingstoke.gov.uk/](http://consult.basingstoke.gov.uk/) by email [Local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:Local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk) or by post to Basingstoke & Deane Civic Offices, London Road.

Cabinet Member for Planning & Infrastructure Cllr Andy Konieczko said:

**'We want local people to have their say on planning matters. Our new draft Statement of Community Involvement sets out how you can get involved and how we're going to listen.'**

**'We hope local residents and businesses will give us their views during this consultation so that we can make sure that their feedback on planning decisions continues to be heard.'**

Anyone looking for further information should contact a member of the BDBC Planning Policy Team on 01256 844844.



## ST SWITHUN'S NATELY SCURES

Please join us for  
Patronal Evensong

followed by  
Pimms and  
Nibbles

**Sunday 16  
July 5pm**

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welcome



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**PLEASE CALL ON GOVERNMENT TO UNLEASH  
THE POTENTIAL OF ROOFTOP SOLAR**



The  
countryside  
charity

Expert research for CPRE has shown that at least 60% of the solar energy we need can be delivered through installations on new builds, commercial buildings and car parks. We're calling on the Government to set a new and ambitious target for generating electricity from rooftops across the country.

We know that when we speak with one voice the Government will act.

Please sign our petition:

'To the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, Grant Shapps MP: Commit to a target for at least 60% of the solar energy required by 2035 to be delivered through rooftop solar.'



Support our call for a  
a rooftop revolution

Sign the petition

## DIARY DATES

**Lowde Fest is back** Sat 01 July  
11am - 11pm Hazeley Bottom Farm,  
RG27 8LU. A fantastic line up of live  
music, great food and drink, and our  
fun fair. With camping alongside the  
event you can leave the car and have  
the perfect party in a field!

**Wellington International Horse  
Trials & Country Fair** Saturday 26th  
- Monday 28 August. Join us for  
another weekend all three disciplines  
(dressage, showjumping and cross  
country) available to watch each day.  
Highfield Farm, Heckfield, RG27 0LJ.  
Gates open 9am - 6pm.

# Mapledurwell & Up Nately



[www.mapledurwellvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.mapledurwellvillagehall.co.uk)

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Mapledurwell & Up  
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## PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORT FROM COLIN ROBERTSON

### Allotments

The allotments have been fully occupied throughout the year with a short waiting list. The Parish Council agreed to fund material costs for a new plot where space has been identified. Labour to clear the site has been provided free of charge by the Community Service Payback Team.

With thanks to the Payback Team, they also made a general tidy up of the wider allotment site, doing a great job despite wet weather at the time. (The blue portulaco on site again attracted some comment!)

Looking forward we will add some fruit trees – as recommended by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIoWWT) – starting small with two Quince trees.

### THANKS TO

- Colin Trussler for continuing to cut the grass paths
- Rod Warner for being our unofficial plumber mending the stand pipes
- Ward Councillors Onnalee, Kate and Sven for a grant towards some new water butts.

### Allotment apiary

The bees had a good inaugural year, sadly some losses over the winter and with the late snow.

### Chalk stream

A 20-year lease has been signed with Corpus Christi College enabling us to

continue with a longer term plan to maintain and improve the area for wildlife and environment (as per advice and guidance management plan from HIoWWT).

The focus continues on removing non-native Monkey Flower, developing the central island area after the last planting in Autumn 2021, and putting in an addition 200 plants funded with thanks to Elaine Still, our Hampshire County Councillor, for grant funding from her devolved budget.

## UP NATELY NEWS

We were very sad to learn of the death of John Wauchope and send condolences to Juliet and all the family.

A warm welcome to Will and Charlotte Sumner and their daughters Florence, four, and two-year-old Martha who will be moving into Eastrop Farm House at the end of term. We hope you will be very happy here!

**Up Nately Village Coffee morning...** Come and join us for coffee, chats and giggles at The Laurels, 10-12, and meet other villagers, children are welcome. For more information and directions call Moyra on 01256 763894. See you there.

## PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/01446/FUL (Validated 06 June) Sheraton, Tunworth Road. Erection of a replacement dwelling.

23/01271/HSE (Pending 17 May)  
2 Blaegrove Cottages, Blaegrove Lane.  
Proposed extension to garage.

23/01236/FUL (Pending 15 May) Brockwell (Paddock and Stable) Andwell Lane. Erection of three dwellings and landscaping.

23/01042/FUL (Pending 18 May) WAT Stacy and Partners. Priory Farm. Andwell.  
Demolition of two storage buildings/ structures and the erection of two new barns.

23/00962/TDC (Pending 10 May) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Application for Technical Details Consent relating to the design, access, landscape, services and scale of the barn in accordance with Permission in Principal ref 20/00009/PIP for conversion of agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling.

23/00833/FUL (Pending 11 April) Addison's Farm House, Tunworth Road. Replace broken front gates, gate posts, and wooden fencing to widen vehicle access and provide separate access; repair and replacement stock fencing and wooden gates (part retrospective).

23/00725/FUL (Pending 21 March) Swan Hill Nursery, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Conversion of two storey tractor shed and storage building to residential annex to main house. Addition of a stairwell on the side of the existing building for access to upper floor.

22/03417/FUL (Pending 28 Dec) The Egg Yard, Greywell Rd, Mapledurwell. Erection of three dwellings with associated parking using approved access.

22/03307/HSE and 22/03308/LBC (Refused 08 June, ref Development Control decision 07 June) Blaegrove Cottage, Blaegrove Lane, Up Nately. Single storey rear extension.

22/02416/FUL (Pending, 26 Aug) Riverview House, London Road. Extensions including an additional floor and a three storey rear extension to provide nine additional one-bedroom flats. [Total 17 x one-bed flats.]

22/02210/RET (Pending, 05 Aug) Priory Farmhouse. Variation of Condition 2 of 15/04301/FUL to allow continued use as Class E children's nursery to 31/08/2032.

21/00827/FUL (Pending 20 April 2021) Land opposite Hillside, Heather Lane. Change of use to dog walking area and off road parking; gate, fence and shed.

## PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00178/23/TCA (Approved 15 June) Yew Tree Cottage, Tunworth Road. Beech tree: reduce crown back from the fabric of the property to leave no more than a 2-3m gap while maintaining shape.

T/00168/23/TCA (Approved 15 June) Mapledurwell House, Tunworth Road. T1 Laburnum: Fell dead tree adjacent to road.

T/00167/23/TCA (Approved 15 June) Lumarden, Tunworth Road. T1 & T2: Walnuts – Crown lift to 2.5-3m above ground level. T2 Reduce back from building to allow clearance of 1.5-2m. T3: Beech – Remove deadwood. Reduce one large low bough by approximately 5m overhanging neighbours property back to previously reduced point.

## FROM HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

**Cost of living support** HCC has £14.2 million of additional funding to help households struggling with the cost of food and energy prices. The funding extends Government's Household Support Fund (HSF) until the end of March 2024. Details of how to seek support can be found at the [connect4communities](https://www.connect4communities.gov.uk) website.

**Fostering** HCC is encouraging residents to consider fostering an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child – to be a positive and enabling presence to support them to access education, stability in everyday life and to become settled into a new culture and country. Please see [www.hants.gov.uk/uasc](https://www.hants.gov.uk/uasc).

Alternatively, to join the Council's **Innovation Volunteers Service**, which supports children, young people and families to overcome challenges. Details can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/innovationvolunteers](https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/innovationvolunteers)

**Rural verge cutting** Hampshire Highways' seasonal grass cutting programme is underway. This can be an emotive subject for many, especially in the nesting season. The department works closely with the conservation charity, Plantlife UK, to ensure that their work promotes biodiversity; in particular, they try to avoid cutting grass at ecologically important times, and particularly at sensitive sites. For safety reasons there are some locations where roadside grass still needs to be mown to maintain visibility and sight lines, for example at junctions and on approaches to roundabouts.

See [www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/grasscutting](https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/grasscutting)



[www.plantlife.org.uk/let-it-bloom-june-no-mow-may-is-over-whats-next/](https://www.plantlife.org.uk/let-it-bloom-june-no-mow-may-is-over-whats-next/)

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON BUDGET PROPOSALS

[www.hants.gov.uk/budgetconsultation](https://www.hants.gov.uk/budgetconsultation)

The County Council is asking residents' views on ways to help the Authority prepare its budgets over the next two years to April 2025. County faces difficult decisions in the face of rising costs, higher demand for local services and years of underfunding by central Government

Council Leader, Councillor Rob Humby, said that: 'Hampshire County Council has a strong reputation for making the most of taxpayers' money.... Despite all our efficiency measures and having no alternative but to increase Council Tax to the maximum we're allowed this year – it still won't be enough in years to come. There will still be a £132 million gap in our budget by 2025/2026, and by law we must set a balanced budget. This means some really difficult decisions will need to be made.

'We're now consulting on ideas as to how we can balance the books and would like to hear people's views for how we can continue to make the most of the public's money.'

**The budget consultation presents a range of options which might involve**

- **Introducing and increasing charges for some services**
- **Lobbying central Government for legislative change**
- **Generating additional income**
- **Using the County Council's reserves**
- **Reducing and changing services**
- **Increasing Council Tax**
- **Changing local government arrangements in Hampshire**

**It also invites feedback about the potential impacts of these options, and alternative proposals for how the required savings can be made.**

Councillor Humby added: 'We would like to hear from as many people in Hampshire as possible – from residents, businesses, schools, universities, community and voluntary groups, and our partners, to help us understand and consider the potential impact of any changes proposed. The views submitted through this consultation will be collated and used to shape savings proposals that will be considered in the autumn. No prior decisions have been made regarding the proposals. Decisions relating to specific services will be subject to further, more detailed, consultation.'

Please take part via the online response form on the consultation webpage where there is also a full information pack on the proposals.

[www.hants.gov.uk/budgetconsultation](https://www.hants.gov.uk/budgetconsultation)

**The consultation closes on 11.59pm on 23 July 2023**



## NO MOW MAY IS OVER, WHAT'S NEXT?

By not mowing through May you have rekindled your wildflowers and thrown a much-needed lifeline to your pollinators. Now you have an opportunity to design your wildflower landscape. Grassland wildlife comes in different flavours and you could incorporate these different elements into your plan.

You might need to keep paths and recreation areas mown short but perhaps you could frame these functional areas with a flowering lawn mown once every four to eight weeks. This allows common, low-growing wild flowers to regrow and reflower throughout the summer while you maintain a shorter, neater height. Picture a carpet of red and white clovers, golden trefoils, puddles of blue selfheal and the white froth of yarrow. You will find that even in the fiercest droughts, the wildflowers will stay green and keep flowering.

Let it grow... If you are feeling bolder you might trial leaving some of your open space unmown for longer. By mowing only twice a year outside of April to July you could recreate the effect of a traditional hay meadow. It holds more value for wildlife as when left undisturbed for longer, wildflowers and grasses can support the lifecycles of invertebrates that depend upon them.

# Newnham & Nately Scures

**Nancy Barbara Leslie Bell**  
**16th October 1930 -**  
**18th May 2023**

It was my privilege to be asked to take the funeral of Nancy Bell on June 14th... a private cremation in the morning and a service of thanksgiving at St Nicholas' Newnham in the afternoon.

The church was packed with Nancy's family and friends, at least 150 all dressed in bright colours as she had requested, and decorated with wild flowers from the lanes around the village.

Nancy had kept a *Commonplace Book*, a place where she jotted down pieces of poetry or prose, Bible passages and prayers, thoughts and ideas which she particularly liked, as well as pieces of her beautiful calligraphy. Some of these she had highlighted as being appropriate for her funeral and so both services were a cornucopia of words and music that reflected the gracious, generous and gentle lady of faith that Nancy was.

Revd Matt Bianci read the tribute which Nigel had written with help from his family. Hearing about her younger life, I certainly wish that I had known Nancy as a feisty young



*Celebrating being 90*

mother travelling around the world with her four young daughters and as a busy career woman making a difference to people's lives with her skills as a physiotherapist. But I have many happy memories of her at worship in all the churches of the United Parish and was grateful for her support of my ministry there.

The church service was followed by a reception at Manor Farm Barn celebrating Nancy's life, stories from which will be printed in the next *Villager*

Revd Jane Leese

**CORONATION LUNCH ON SUNDAY 7TH MAY**



Our thanks to Alan Richmond, and to Carolyn Peck and her many helpers, for a most enjoyable Coronation Lunch on 7th May. Thanks also to Geoff and Sarah Hawkes for the use of their barn which provided a wonderful setting. Including the grant of £500 from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council a sum of £1,835 was raised for St Nicholas' church.

## NEWNHAM COMMUNITY'S

JUNE winners are  
£100 – Joanna Bell  
£50 – Jill Homer  
£25 – Sarah Laird



Congratulations to the winners and thanks to Sara Allenby for drawing the numbers. Carolyn Bell

## PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/01161/HSE and 23/01162/LBC (Validated 12 May) Nightingale Cottage, Heather Row, Nately Scures. Demolition of south entrance porch, changes to fenestrations, new porch with access ramp in revised position. Alterations to conservatory and replace glass roof with tiled roof. Internal and external alterations.

23/00992/HSE (Validated 18 April) Elm Cottage, Ridge Lane, Newnham. Oak framed orangery to rear of dwelling

23/00835/FUL (Validated 31 March) Land adjacent to Mulberry House, Scures Hill. A two-storey detached house with integral garage and loft rooms. New access gates off existing shared private road with new driveway, fencing and landscaping.

23/00347/PIP Land at the Barracks. Permission in principle for a minimum of one and max of four residential dwellings. To be decided by Development Control.

22/02097/FUL (Pending, 09 Sept) Nately Scures House, Scures Hill. New detached house, garage and access.

16/03282/RET (Pending, 15 Sep 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane. Change of use from agricultural to mixed agricultural to include farm open days etc 100 days a year, associated parking.

## TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00181/23/TCA (Approved 21 June) Railway Cottage, Newnham Road. Amended application. Oaks T1 and T2 – Crown lift up to four metres from ground level, removing only secondary and tertiary growth/branches. Oaks T3 and T4 – Prune branches to give 1.5 metres clearance from overhead cables.

T/00112/23/TCA (Approved 28 April) New House, Church Path, Newnham. T3 Silver Birch close to the house. Fell.

## RED VELVET SPRUCES UP ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH

Our 900-year-old church had been looking a little sad and tired in parts of late. Most apparent was a need to replace the old worn mouse-eaten carpeting – particularly up to the pulpit, around the prayer desk and the font. So we applied for a grant



from our local Basingstoke & Deane Ward Councillors to replace it and were awarded £400.

Hart Carpets, among others, were requested to quote for the work... and what was so special about Hart was that although they knew £400 would not achieve the quality and overall effect we were imagining, they told us they would meet our imaginations at their own cost. So they have gone above and beyond the work they quoted for, and used a carpet quality we could not afford, Ulster Carpet Red Velvet 80/20, and fitted it not only in those areas specified but others too.

Do go and have a look – the VCC thinks Hart Carpets have really spruced up the church and brought back brightness and cheer, making it a happier more welcoming place. Even the stair rods have been cleaned up... by the fitter's father!

Thank you to our Ward Councillors, Onnalee, Kate and Sven, and a really big thank you to Hart Carpets.



Founder member Joan Musselwhite (seated), newest member Pat Bambury and President Jane Leese cut the cake

## BASINGSTOKE LADIES' PROBUS CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Basingstoke Ladies' Probus recently enjoyed a celebration of the Club's 30th anniversary, at their monthly lunch meeting at Basingstoke College of Technology restaurant. A cake, made and decorated by Probus member Pam Luck, was cut by founder member Joan Musselwhite and the club's newest member Pat Bambury.

President Jane Leese proposed a toast to the Club and spoke of her hopes for the future of the group now that it was recovering from the interruption of Covid lockdowns.

Probus is a club for retired or semi-retired professional and business women. The inaugural meeting was held on July 16th, 1993, when Eva Wells gathered a group of 11 ladies in her home, offering stimulation, interest and friendship to retired ladies. It now meets once a month for a speaker and lunch at BCoT. If you are interested in finding out more, contact the secretary by email [pam.luck59@gmail.com](mailto:pam.luck59@gmail.com) or phone 07890 152846.

## IRON BULL COFFEE MORNINGS

As a direct outcome of the Coronation Party held on Monday 8th May we held our first Wednesday Coffee Morning at The Iron Bull (7th June) and 42 people enjoyed home made cake and biscuits, teas bought at a reduced price from the Pub and a lot of conversation and chatter. Everyone said how enjoyable it was and good to meet new people.

## LETTER TO POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER DONNA JONES

Despite promises of more police officers and more visible policing, any positive impact of this is not feeding through to our Parishes; we are continuing to experience an increase in rural crime. If anyone has been directly affected please send details to Parish Council Chairman Paul Gaskell at [pgask99@gmail.com](mailto:pgask99@gmail.com). Paul will collate and report all issues in continued discussions with Hampshire PCC Donna Jones.

In the meantime, please be vigilant, and continue to report any crime, or suspicious incident.

Online – search Hampshire Constabulary reporting, this will take you to [www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/)  
 101 For non-emergency reporting  
 999 For when a crime or incident is happening now and immediate attendance is required.

Basingstoke's best kept secret

## THE RESTAURANT AT BCoT

*Known as 'Basingstoke's Best Kept Secret', The Restaurant at BCoT offers quality dining at pocket friendly prices.*

The Restaurant is run by BCoT's Hospitality and Catering students, giving them the opportunity to learn, practice and master skills in a state-of-the-art, industry standard kitchen. Preparing, cooking and serving fine dining food is an integral part of their course and it allows them to prepare for the exciting and challenging industry they have chosen to join. Many of our former students now own or manage renowned restaurants and return to the college to share their experiences of the industry, and to offer nuggets of wisdom for our students to use when they have qualified.

The Restaurant offers a range of specialty events and themed menus to inspire our customers and develop our students. Recent events include wine tasting, mixology evening, Burns Night and a Medieval Banquet. We also host 'Guest Chef' evenings which offer a taste of the Chef's favourite recipes and flavours.

Worting Rd, Basingstoke RG21 8TN  
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## BASINGSTOKE & DEANE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND 2023/24

[www.basingstoke.gov.uk/infrastructurefund](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/infrastructurefund)

### A new grant scheme for summer 2023

Community and voluntary sector organisations can apply for grants of between £5K and £50K to make physical improvements to their community premises.



### Who can apply?

- Constituted voluntary or community organisations
- Registered charities
- Constituted groups or clubs
- Community Interest Companies (CIC)
- Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO)
- Not-for-profit companies
- Parish or Town Councils

Churches can apply where they manage or share a facility that is primarily used for community activities rather than for the advancement of religion or use by the usual church congregation.

Applications can be made for contributions towards larger projects but only where the additional funding required is already secured.

If you require a hard copy please contact [cif@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cif@basingstoke.gov.uk) or call 01256 844844 and ask to speak to the Community Funding Officer.

### What types of projects could be supported?

This scheme is not designed to fund large new build projects but to enable existing facilities to be enhanced, improved, modernised and retrofitted to enable them to better meet the needs of their communities.

### This is a two-stage process

Stage one – submit brief project proposal form following which we will contact you to confirm whether your proposal is eligible to move to a full application.

Stage two – full application.

### Deadline for proposals – midnight on 30 July 2023

Eligible proposals invited by Friday 18 August to submit full application. Deadline for full proposals - midnight on 01 October. Likely decision date – 06 November 2023

# Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community'

[www.united-parish.org.uk](http://www.united-parish.org.uk)

<https://www.moretolife.church>

## From the Parish Registers

Funeral: John Wauchope at St Mary's Herriard on June 2nd, followed by Burial at St Stephen's Up Nately.

Interment of ashes: Sally Irvine at St Mary's Mapledurwel on June 14th.

Funeral: Nancy Bell at Basingstoke Crematorium on June 14th, followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St Nicholas' Newnham.



## North Hants Downs Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union is working with the Church of England to ensure we are all equipped to recognise and respond to domestic abuse. They have developed a baseline survey which will allow us to further understand our current culture, behaviour, skills, and knowledge in terms of recognising and responding to domestic abuse. You can find this survey at

[www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/I5YH0B/](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/I5YH0B/) and it should take only about 15 minutes to complete.

In our own diocese, members came together at St Lawrence' in Winchester for a Festival service on 20th June. On 10th July, members will meet at St John's Church in Hedge End for our Information Day, and we are looking forward to hearing about the work of Mothers' Union in Kinkiizi in Uganda.

Further ahead, we are looking forward to welcoming our Worldwide President, Sheran Harper, to Winchester Diocese to celebrate Mary Summer Day on Wednesday 9th August. And later that month we will be running our usual stall at RAF Families Day on Friday 18th August. We need a huge number of cakes for this event, so please bake a cake for us (please don't use nuts or fresh cream). The RAF families really appreciate the free refreshments we provide and we are very grateful for your support for this event.

If you want to find out more about Mothers' Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on [sue@the-murphys.me.uk](mailto:sue@the-murphys.me.uk) or 01252 845011.



## From the Ministry Team

As the skies clear this summer, I'm reminded of a vivid childhood memory. As a family we spent many holidays in

the Scottish Highlands and I can remember very late one night rowing back across a loch after visiting friends, and in the pitch dark we all sat back in the boat and looked up.

The night sky was completely clear, full of dazzling stars and the Milky Way, and it felt like we were looking up at one of the most beautiful parts of God's creation, looking into heaven and seeing God's majesty, creativity, and fatherly love for us in making something so amazing for us to enjoy.

I'm often reminded of this memory as I start to say the Lord's Prayer. Jesus had been praying with his disciples (see Luke's gospel, chapter 11 for the full story) and they asked him how to pray. Jesus said: 'When you pray, say 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...'

I find Jesus' words so encouraging for two reasons. First, he says 'when you pray'. It's not an 'in case you feel like praying' but more of an assumption that we will be praying due to it being such a natural thing to do - to talk with God, our heavenly Father - in fact, it could be construed even as a command to pray.

And secondly, Jesus tells us to start by saying 'Our Father in heaven', so that when we pray we take a moment to rejoice in who God is, and what he's done for us - creating such a beautiful world for us to enjoy; dying for us on the cross that we might be forgiven and restored from everything we've ever done wrong, and sustaining us and providing for our needs each and every day. As we fix

our eyes on God and become more 'God-centred', so we become less self-centred, less anxious and fearful, and we discover a new and lasting peace in our lives.

We had an exciting moment in Odiham in June, when we launched a new weekly prayer meeting, to pray for the whole community of Odiham and North Warnborough, and also to pray for All Saints' Church and its role within the community.

We've started to do this inside church every Monday morning at 9am, for just 45 minutes, as this makes it our first priority for the week. It provides an opportunity for quiet and worship to start the week focused on God, as well as to ask God for his blessing and provision for our church and community, and to listen to Him for his guidance.

All are welcome to join us at this meeting, and you're welcome to come for a cup of coffee (and slice of toast and jam...) from 8.45am. If you can only come for a part of the time, that's fine! The format is peaceful, worshipful and interactive, but there's no requirement for anyone to pray aloud if they'd prefer not to.

Our vision for this prayer meeting is that within 10 years we'll see OVER 200 people meeting together to pray regularly, and that this will become the beating heart of our community. Of course, prayer is taking place in numerous ways and places across our benefice of 12 local churches, but we hope what we're doing in Odiham will be a good addition.

Prayer is so important for each of our lives, and so exciting as we get to talk with God personally as our loving father. Please do join us on Monday mornings - you'll be really welcome.

With every blessing,  
Chris, Revd Chris Dudgeon  
Vicar, All Saints' Church, Odiham  
[chris@moretolife.church](mailto:chris@moretolife.church)

## CHURCH SERVICES JULY INTO AUGUST

<b>Sunday 2nd July</b>	<b>9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion</b> <b>11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Worship</b>
<b>Sunday 9th July</b>	<b>9am St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said)</b> <b>10am St Nicholas' Newnham, 1662 Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 16th July</b>	<b>9am St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion</b> <b>11am St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service</b> <b>5pm St Swithun's Nately Scures, Patronal Evensong</b>
<b>Sunday 23rd July</b>	<b>10am St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion</b> <b>11am St Stephen's Up Nately, Patronal Morning Worship</b>
<b>Sunday 30th July</b>	<b>9.30am All Saints' Odiham, Benefice CW Holy Communion</b> <b>11am All Saints' Odiham, Benefice Informal Service</b>
<b>Sunday 6th August</b>	<b>9am St Mary's Mapledurwell CW Holy Communion</b> <b>11am St Mary's Greywell Morning Worship</b>



Helen Chatfield  
Youth Pastor  
More to Life network of Churches  
North Hampshire Downs Benefice

## KIDZONE

Hi everyone!

I'm sure that each one of us has been in a situation where we have seen something which we know is wrong. Perhaps we have watched someone deliberately drop litter, or the person at the next table in a café has been using language which we have found offensive.

Perhaps you had enough courage to tell them what you thought. But sadly, most of us just get angry on the inside and do nothing about it. We are proud of people who have enough courage to stand up for someone who is being hurt or bullied, or stand up to someone who is doing the wrong thing, but most of us wouldn't be brave enough to get involved ourselves.

There is a story in the Bible about exactly this. A man had been beaten up and left for dead. Two different people decided to walk on by and not get involved, but finally the man's enemy walked past and decided he had to do the right thing, despite the fact people might not like it. He got off his donkey, bandaged the man's wounds, took him to the local hotel and looked after him. When he had to leave, he paid for him to stay as long as he needed. He used his time, energy and even money to look after him, to stand up for what he knew was right. I wonder if you recognise the story – it's called 'The Good Samaritan'.

A man called Thomas Jefferson, an American president in the 19th century, said:

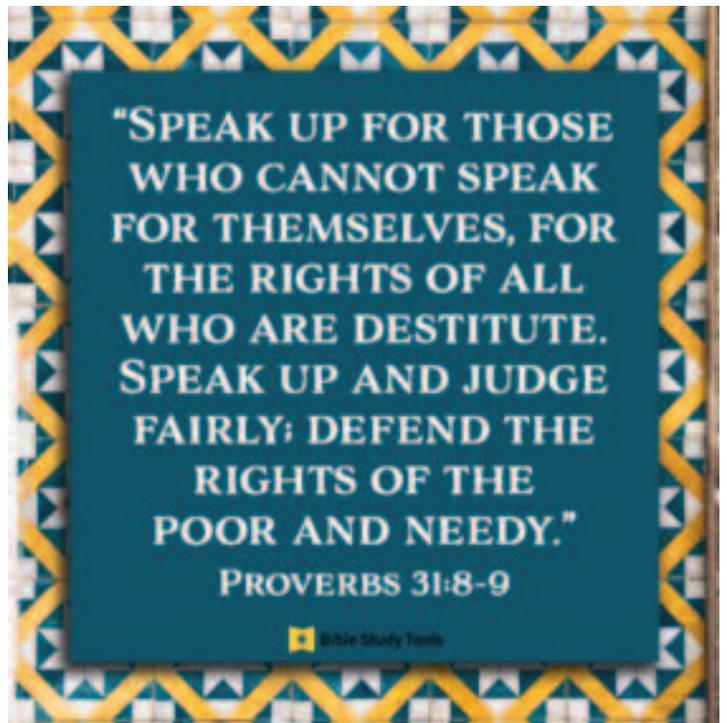
*'In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.'*

What do you think he meant?

He's saying that there are times when it is OK to go with the flow; maybe there is a song everyone else likes, so we like it, or some clothes that everyone else is wearing, so we want one too...

However there will be times when we need to stand firm to what we know is true and right. Can you think of any examples, when you've had to be really brave and stand up for the right thing? It can be hard and a challenging thing to do. It can make us stand out like a sore thumb and open us up to unkind words. But sometimes it's just the right thing to do.

The Bible has a special book called *Proverbs* – it's about in the middle – and in it God gives us lots of advice. This verse above is one of my favourite in this book



We are given the special job to look after the people who cannot look after themselves. Sometimes that means we have to be brave. Sometimes it's not an easy job. Sometimes it would be a lot easier just to walk on the other side. But just imagine what a difference it would make in the world if everyone followed this advice!

If you fancy thinking a little bit more about how you can be a good Samaritan, why don't you scan this QR code (or follow this link ([forefront.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Good-Samaritan-Board-Game-1.pdf](http://forefront.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Good-Samaritan-Board-Game-1.pdf)) and print off a game to play with your family?

God Bless and see you next time!  
Helen C



Please see the poster on the back page for this year's Summer Camp



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## TAKE TIME FOR SOMETHING NEW

We would like to invite you to our Open Day, to discover the various activities u3a offers its members.

### OPEN DAY

**Thursday 10 August 2-4pm  
Elizabeth Hall, Hook**

Our Open Day gives all our groups (at the last count 57) the opportunity to show what they get up to. The groups, which are all run by members for members, will each have their own space. In addition, it is a social gathering giving everybody a chance to meet up, share gossip, tea/coffee and cake.

If you are interested in exploring the possibilities our vibrant community offers its members, you are most welcome to drop in and meet us and see if there is something to tempt you in our new year which begins in September.

Meanwhile, our groups are winding down for their summer break with the exception of our new enterprise, Social Croquet, which is unusual in being a seasonal group. When the email went out to members asking if anyone was interested in 'Sunshine and Croquet', 60 people said they would like to wield a mallet! Where to put them all?

Odiham and Greywell Cricket Club came to the rescue. They marked three croquet courts along one side of their pitch (nowhere near the square!) and there are now weekly sessions up there, Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon. The sunshine has been lovely and with the bar open as well, the members have had great fun with the emphasis being on 'social' croquet not association level croquet!



**Expect songs... Expect games... Expect crafts...**

**Expect silly costumes...**

**But most of all, expect bucket loads of rootin' tootin' laughter!**

**All of this, to teach us about the wonders of God, and how we can learn from him each and every day.**

**Years R - 6 (limited creche places available for younger siblings)**

**Monday 7th - Thursday 10th August**

**1pm - 4pm**

**Church Meadow, Upton Grey**

**(£20 for 4 days)**

We would like to say a big thank you to the Cricket Club for their community support.

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