

Cuddesdon & Denton Newsletter



May 2026

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Church Services at All Saints, Cuddesdon

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP), 1st and 3rd Sundays

9.30am Parish Communion, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays

10.00am Benefice Communion (alternating between Garsington,
Cuddesdon and Horspath), 5th Sundays



Private Prayer

St Mary's Garsington: Tuesday & Fridays, 9.30am – dusk

Monday, Saturday and Sunday, 10.30am – dusk

All Saints' Cuddesdon & St Giles' Horspath: Daily 10.00am – dusk



To book Weddings and Baptisms

And for other queries, please call: 07856 456363

or email: gchbenefice@gmail.com



CUDDESDON CHURCH FETE

Saturday, 9th May at 2.00pm
on Ripon College Grounds

Cry Havoc Morris Dancers, City of Oxford Silver Band,
Dog Show, BBQ & Bar, Teas, White Elephant, Toys, Cakes, Books, Plants, Bottle
Tombola, Coconut Shy, Beat the Keeper, Roundabout, Skittles and many other
side shows.

Adults £2 Children free
Free Parking

Grand Draw at 4.30pm

Top 3 prizes: Four tickets to see Matilda the Musical,
Bat & Ball Champagne Sunday Lunch for four,
Waterperry Gardens Annual Season Ticket for two.

Tickets available before the fete from Ripon College or from Fete Committee members.



FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Dear Parishioners

I hope you've all been enjoying the spring weather which has included a classic British mix of warm sunshine, rain, hail and sometimes high winds. We've certainly experienced four seasons in one day a few times in recent weeks.

Many apologies for the postponement of the Annual Parish Meeting due to us, like many parishes, being caught out by all the extra holidays around Easter. This meant that we were late getting the meeting agenda up on the parish notice board. Rest assured that it has been rearranged for 5th May and the agenda is already up.

Though it has taken some time, we are finally getting the board repaired and my thanks to Paul Harvey for volunteering to patch it up for us. Hopefully he'll have some sunshine to help him in the coming weeks.

The start of this month is busy with another bank holiday swiftly followed by the Parish Council and Annual Parish meetings and then the village fete on Saturday 9th May.

On the Fete Committee we are excited that the new principal of Ripon College, Revd Dr Harriet Harris, has agreed to open the fete and we'll again be welcoming the City of Oxford Silver Band and morris dancers, Cry Havoc.

While there will be some new faces helping the old hands on a few of the stalls, my own attention has been on how to run the pillow fight game after the sad demise of one the two trees that have propped up the slippery pole since I can remember. Aside from this first world conundrum, as well as having to order fresh balls to shy at the coconuts, I am looking forward to seeing everyone for the annual jamboree that brings us all together. We never quite know if there'll be rain or shine at the start of May but the best of luck to our army of helpers on the day.

A belated thank you to everyone who helped with the litter pick before Easter. We certainly made a great pile on Cuddesdon Green. It's slightly depressing to see litter appearing so quickly afterwards but I hope everyone agrees that it's a worthwhile endeavour.

As always, everyone is welcome to join us at the Parish Council meetings. The next one is on 5th May at 7.30pm, shortened to accommodate the rearranged Annual Parish meeting that will follow at 8pm.

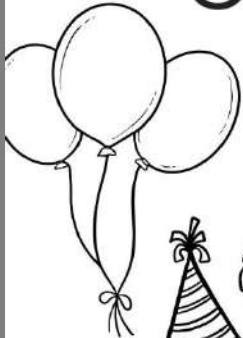
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Best wishes

Chris



CUDDESDON & DENTON VILLAGE HALL FOR HIRE



Our Village Hall is available to hire 7 days a week for all kinds of events, whether you are celebrating a birthday, holding a workshop or remembering a loved one.

What can I book? Parties, pop-ups, classes, workshops, memorials, wakes, markets, coffee mornings, parent groups, games nights...you name it! Unless it is dangerous or politically divisive, you can (probably) hold it in our hall.

How much does it cost? £12.50 per hour

Capacity: up to 150 for a standing event, 100 seated theatre-style, 80 if seated around tables.

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Jazz Night!

Saturday 13th June

Cuddesdon Village Hall

With the
Alyn Shipton Quartet

£15 per ticket

Bar

Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm

In aid of Cuddesdon Village Hall

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Free Parking at Ripon College Car Park





Friends of ALL SAINTS' Church, Cuddesdon

Village Update – Spring 2026

A Message from the Friends

Thank you to everyone who supported the Friends of All Saints' Church over the past year. From social events to fundraising, your involvement continues to make a real difference in preserving our church and strengthening our village community.

£8,500
raised as
of end 2025

Highlights from Recent Months



It's been a busy and enjoyable time in Cuddesdon, with a number of well-supported events bringing people together:



- A popular wine tasting evening raised valuable funds for the lychgate restoration.



- The Harvest Supper, shared with the Village Hall, was a joyful community occasion and raised funds for both organisations.



- A festive wreath-making workshop brought creativity (and beautiful front doors!) to the village while raising over **£500** • Friends also took part in the village fete, and hosted a farewell gathering for Bishop Humphery and Emma Southern.



Lychgate Restoration Update

Work to restore the historic lychgate is progressing, although slightly delayed due to permissions and heritage requirements. Planning and fundraising continue, and we are grateful for the generous donations and ongoing support that will help bring this important project to completion.

Upcoming Events



Cuddesdon Open Gardens
5th July 2026



Cuddesdon Barn Dance
5th September 2026

Get Involved

There is no membership fee to join the Friends — everyone is welcome. To find out more or support our work, please speak to a committee member or keep an eye on village notices.

FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

Last month I wrote about Holy Week and the journey Christians take with Jesus in the days leading up to Easter. Now we find ourselves in the joyful season of Easter itself. As I recently said to a friend, Christians really do know how to celebrate — Christmas lasts until Candlemas (early February), and Easter lasts for seven whole Sundays, followed by the feast of Pentecost. There is much to rejoice in.

It was wonderful to see the church a little fuller on Easter Sunday. Like many churches, our regular congregation has become smaller over the past couple of years, and we are finding it harder to fill roles on the Parochial Church Council and to offer as much outreach, pastoral care and community support as we would like. We remain a warm, friendly and welcoming congregation — simply a small one — and we would love to see more people join us. If you'd like to know more about All Saints', about Christianity, or about our services and events, please do get in touch at therevdtomwallis@gmail.com

The annual Cuddesdon Village Fete will take place on Saturday 9th May at 2pm. With both the church and College communities smaller than they once were, we would be especially grateful for help from the village and wider community. There is always plenty of practical work involved in setting up and taking down the stalls, gazebos and games. Any help is hugely appreciated — and of course, we'd also simply love you to come along and enjoy the afternoon.

I'm always keen to hear your thoughts about All Saints' — our worship, our community life, and what you might like to see from us. At present, we offer a Book of Common Prayer Communion at 8am on the first and third Sundays, and Parish Communion at 9.30am on the first four Sundays of each month. We also have a midweek Communion at 6pm on Wednesdays, preceded by our Julian Group (30 minutes of silent contemplative prayer) at 5pm. On most second Sundays, we hold an informal "Forest Church" style gathering at Ripon College, with stories, prayers and refreshments around a fire. Everyone is warmly welcome at all of these.

Is there anything else you would like us to offer — pet services, Bible study, a prayer group, or perhaps services focused on wholeness and healing? Please do let me know.

On Easter Sunday I mentioned that I had hoped to end my sermon with a poem by E. E. Cummings, but time got the better of us. I'd like to share it here instead, as it captures something of the joy and renewal of Easter and the Resurrection. It celebrates the sense of awakening, wonder and new life that feels so fitting for this season:

i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any-lifted from the no
of all nothing-human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake
and now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

With every blessing
The Revd Tom

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SERVICES IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH AND THE BENEFICE

May 2026

3rd May

8.00am

9:30am

The 5th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (BCP)

Parish Communion

10th May

9:30am

3.00pm

The 6th Sunday of Easter

Parish Communion

Benefice Story-Time Church in the Forest Church at Ripon College Cuddesdon (share stories about Jesus, around a campfire, with marshmallows, refreshments and conversation)

17th May

8.00am

9:30am

The Sunday after Ascension

Holy Communion (BCP)

Parish Communion

24th May

9:30am

The Feast of Pentecost

Parish Communion

31st May

10.00am

Trinity Sunday

Benefice Communion

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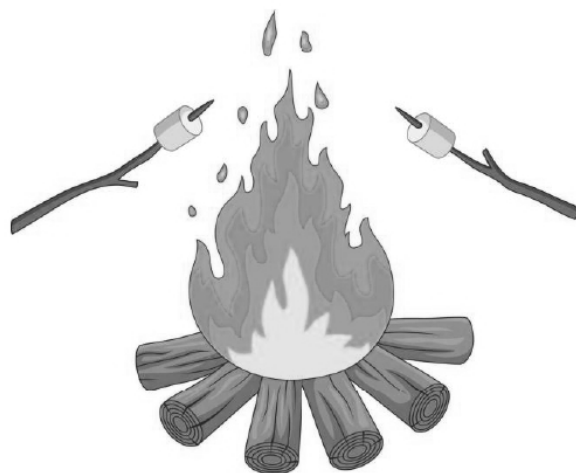
Story-time Church

on Sunday 10th May 2026

3pm start

**Meet in the Forest Church area of Ripon College
Cuddesdon – from the main college car park,
look for the wooden gate heading towards the
allotments.**

All are welcome for:



**Stories and conversations round the campfire
Hot Chocolate, Marshmallows and other
refreshments**

CUDDESDON COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 12th May from 10.30am to 12.00pm.

As always everyone is welcome.

Come along and meet up with friends. We extend a warm welcome to new members.

Entry is £1 to include coffee, biscuits and homemade cake. We always have an excellent raffle.

We are happy to provide transport to and from the Coffee Morning for anyone having difficulties with the journey. Contact Marion on 01865 872037 or Lynda via email lyndaware@aol.com to make arrangements.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Jean, Marion, Lynda, Melanie and Paul.

BIN COLLECTIONS

5th May Tuesday	Grey
11th May Monday	Green and Brown
18th May Monday	Grey
26th May Tuesday	Green and Brown

EVENTS THIS MONTH

5th May	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
	8.00pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
6th May	6.00pm	WI	Wheatley Farm Shop
9th May	2.00pm	Village Fete	Ripon College
12th May	10.30am	Coffee morning	Village Hall

CUDDESDON AND DENTON WI

We would be delighted to see former members, current members and new members, so do come along, bring a friend and enjoy getting to know everyone.

Visitors, including gentlemen, are very welcome to individual meetings at a charge of £5 per meeting. Refreshments are served.

We usually meet in the Village Hall at 6.45pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

The next meetings will be:

Wednesday 6th May Meeting at Wheatley Farm Shop at 6pm. Please bring chairs, any containers or baskets you wish to use, cash or cards. Containers, plants etc will be available for purchase

Wednesday 3rd June Peter Hague returns to give us one of his excellent talks, this time on Famous Jewels.



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Medical Records and Test Results: Guidance on how to access this information.

Pharmacy First Service (PFS), whereby pharmacies can treat directly seven common health conditions.

Measles – what to look for and treatment.

Easy read newsletters about how the NHS is helping people with a learning disability and autism.

Expansion of RSV vaccine to those aged 80 and over.

Online Resources for Clinical Help via self-referrals

Faster access to help for joint and back pain

Group Consultation Clinics: Successful group clinics for menopause and hypertension.

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We are always looking to recruit New Members to our Senior Citizens Club social meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 2.00 pm in the Sports and Social Club, Garsington for tea/coffee & biscuits, with Bingo, Raffle and a Bring and Buy sale for your enjoyment.

Once a month during the summer and autumn we run coach trips to various, mainly seaside, towns to which non-members are more than welcome for a subsidised price of £25 per person. Please bring a small, wrapped gift for the coach draw.

Destinations for our seasonal trips for 2026 have been agreed and bookings confirmed from the last Wednesday of May to September and Late November 2026. Please be advised that we are using smaller coaches, so book your seats early with Barbara to avoid disappointment. The destination for May is Bognor and in June we head to Poole and the red squirrels on Brownsea Island. July will be Portsmouth and Southsea with two drop off points.

We welcome members from Garsington and surrounding villages to our bimonthly meetings which are held at Garsington Sports and Social club with ample free parking available so do please tell your friends.

You are cordially invited to come along with your friends to a free introductory meeting where you can join in the fun and find out more details.

Geraldstyles51@btinternet.com

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