

Cuddesdon & Denton *Newsletter*



April 2024

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Services at All Saints' Church April 2024



31st March
9:30am

Easter Day
Parish Communion (with crème eggs)

7th April
10am

The Second Sunday of Easter
There will be no 8am Communion Service today.
Benefice Service in St Mary's Garsington (no service in
All Saints' Church)

14th April
9:30am

The Third Sunday of Easter
Parish Communion

21st April
8am
9:30am

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion (BCP)
Parish Communion

28th April
9:30am

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Parish Communion

5th May
8am
9:30am

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion (BCP)
Parish Communion

Church is open daily for Private Prayer.

From the Vicar

Dear friends,

I'd like to begin by wishing you a very Happy Easter. I hope that you enjoy the long Bank Holiday weekend, and that children, teachers and other staff enjoy the school holidays.

The build-up to Easter, and Easter itself, is one of my favourite times of the church year. In Holy Week, Christians remember the last week of Jesus' life, including the Last Supper with his friends, his crucifixion, death and burial. Then, at Easter, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection – his rising from the tomb – which gives us hope that, for us too, death will not be the end. Hope that we, too, will share in Jesus' resurrection, and will enjoy life after death. For many of us, that means a heavenly home, where we will enjoy eternal, abundant life, with Jesus and, perhaps, reunited with our loved ones – with husbands, wives, partners, children, parents, grandparents, neighbours, friends.

One of the most quoted verses from the Bible is found in John's Gospel, Chapter 3, verse 16, 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'

In school, recently, I was asked, "Why didn't God save Jesus from the cross?" I replied that I don't know for certain, but maybe Jesus had to die on the cross, so that we would know just how much God loves us. God loves us so much that he suffered and died, on the cross, for us, to save us. Without Jesus' death on the cross, we wouldn't know just how much God loves us. Without Jesus' death and resurrection, we might not believe that Jesus really was the Son of God. If Jesus hadn't died on the cross, but had gone on to live a long life, maybe there would have been no resurrection. And if there was no resurrection, then there might be no life after death, and no heaven. Christians believe that Jesus' death and resurrection saves us from sin and death, and restores our relationship with the God who loves us so much that he suffered, and died, and rose again, for us. For me, being a Christian – being a follower or disciple of Jesus – is about being loved unconditionally by a God who made me in God's image, for relationship, and for joy, and for abundant life, in this world and the next. It is about a love that will not let me go. A God who searches for me and finds me when I am lost, or when I wander from the right path.

During Lent, I have been reading the daily 'Come and See' reflections written by Bishop Steven Croft, our Diocesan Bishop, encouraging us to "walk the way of love." Each day, we reflect on the greatest commandment:

"... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." ... "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' *Mark 28-31 (NRSVA)*

During this season of Easter, let's all try to spread a little love, joy and peace.

God bless – and happy Easter.

The Revd Karen x

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. Refreshments are served.

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

The next meeting will be:

April 3rd Peter Hague will be talking about his work as a TV and Film extra.

1st May: Hanging Baskets with Carol Parker of Wheatley Farm Shop. Come to see a variety of hanging baskets with a chance to buy suitable plants.

Pauline Hessey

CUDDESDON PICTURE PALACE

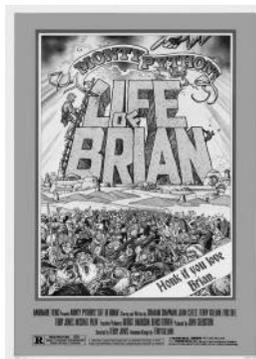
Wednesday 10 April 2024

LIFE OF BRIAN 1974 (15)

Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Michael Palin.

Director Terry Jones.

Born on the original Christmas in the stable next door to Jesus Christ, Brian of Nazareth spends his life being mistaken for the messiah.



The film starts at 8pm in Cuddesdon and Denton Village Hall.

Film Club yearly membership £5, concessions £3, family £15, visitors for one night £1.

Mark Chapman, John Cook. Email: jande.cook24@gmail.com

CUDDESDON COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will take place on Tuesday, 9th April at 10.30-12.00 in the Village Hall.

Do come along and meet up with friends. We would love to welcome new members especially anyone new to the village.

Entry £1 to include coffee and biscuits and we always have an excellent raffle.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Jean, Marion and Lynda

CUDDSDON CHURCH FETE

Help needed..

Raffle Prizes: If you have anything that would be a good raffle prize, please do let Therese Luke or Lorna Robertson know.

In late April, we will start to collect other items – be that jams, produce, cakes, toys, bric-a-brac or gifts, or bring on the day.

Cakes & Produce - Marion West

Bric-a-brac, gifts and toys - Susan Thompson

Join the Committee or Help on the Day: If you are able to get involved and help with preparations by joining the committee or could spare an hour or two to help run a stall on the day, please contact Mark Chapman or Marion West.

Therese Luke

SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCH.

The Senior Citizens Lunch will be held on **Thursday 2nd May** in the College Dining Hall at 12.00 noon for 12.30pm.

To reserve a place and receive a menu please contact either Marion West (872037), Waveney Luke (874440) or Linda Bobby (874372).

Menus to be returned by **Friday 19th April.**

Many thanks and take care

Marion West

VILLAGE LITTER PICK



Thank you to all those that turned up on Sunday for the litter pick. It was a great team effort!

Chris Luke



CUDDESDON CHURCH

FETE

Saturday, 11th May 2024

Opened at 2pm by Mark & Linda Chapman

Theme: Paris Olympics

Cry Havoc Morris Dancers Oxford Silver Band

Dog Show Cream Teas BBQ Licenced Bar

White Elephant, Toys, Gifts & Plant stalls & many other attractions

Free parking

Adults £2 Children free

Grand Draw

£1 a ticket/book for £5

First prize: Four Tickets to Matilda, The Musical

Other prizes include: Tour of The Oxford Gin Distillery,
Waterperry Gardens Season Ticket, Sunday lunch for 2 at The Manor Bar (Garsington), a
Round of Golf at Studley Wood, Breakfast for 2 at Mill View garden centre,
Crick's butchers voucher and many more great prizes to come!

SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCH COMMITTEE

You may know that the Senior Citizens' Lunch is funded by the August Bank Holiday Coffee Morning, always known as John Paxton's Coffee Morning and held in 2023 in his memory.

For thirty six years Marion, Waveney and Linda have been involved in the organisation of the Coffee Morning and Lunch, but they now feel the time is right for them to step down. They very much hope this does not mean that these events will come to an end, but new people are needed with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. It would be very sad to lose these important village events. If anyone is interested in taking this over or helping with these events, please contact one of us.

Marion West (872037), Waveney Luke (874440), Linda Bobby (874372)



Morland House Surgery

Morland Close, Wheatley OX33 1DP

The usual surgery opening hours are Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm
Saturday mornings (excluding Bank Holiday weekends) 8am to 10.30am,
for *prebooked* consultations only

Enhanced access hours are offered outside these times, please speak to one of the reception team on 01865 872448 for more information.

When the surgery is closed, please contact the Out of Hours service by phoning 111

The NHS launched the **Pharmacy First Service (PFS)** on 31st January (see [NHS Pharmacy First Service \(PFS\) | NHSBSA](#)). Appointments can be booked directly with participating pharmacies for the treatment of 7 common health conditions namely sinusitis, sore throat, earache, infected insect bite, impetigo, shingles, uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women.

Pharmacists can offer advice to patients and supply NHS medicines where clinically appropriate. This will help reduce the pressure on Morland House Surgery. As an example, appointments with Wheatley Pharmacy can be booked (often the same day) by phoning 01865 874047 or via the website www.wheatleypharmacy.com/book

Group Consultation Clinics – We are excited to offer group clinics for certain health conditions, currently menopause and diabetes. The benefits are many including a more thorough examination of your condition, having your questions answered, sharing issues with others going through the same issues, and spending longer with a GP.

For a wealth of information and guidance on managing a vast number of health conditions, symptoms, and treatment, please visit www.morland-house.co.uk
Also on the website are details of the new rules relating to accessing your medical records - see <https://tinyurl.com/3879mz6p>



FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

We would like to invite you to join Friends of All Saints' Church Cuddesdon (FOASC).

FOASC has recently been set up to promote a sense of community and responsibility for our beautiful church. We wish to ensure that All Saints' remains a place to be enjoyed by, and at the heart of, the parish.

By becoming a Friend of All Saints' you will be invited to social events and receive regular updates on fund-raising and the work being undertaken.

There is no obligatory membership fee but all donations are gratefully received. Our first project is the lychgate, which is in urgent need of restoration.



If you would like to join Friends, please complete the white form in the Friends leaflet and post or hand deliver it to All Saints' Church. Leaflets can be found in the church and from any of the committee members listed below. Alternatively, contact us by email at treasurer.foasc@outlook.com

We do hope you will join us.

Anne Stern, Philip Spinks, Colin Hessey,
Gillie Ruscombe-King, Lynda Ware

**All Saints' Church Lychgate,
Past, Present and Future**



An entertaining, and surprisingly global talk by The Revd Canon Professor Mark Chapman.

Friday April 26th

Meet at the Lychgate at 6.15 for 6.30pm when Mark will start his informative talk before moving into the church for wine and cheese and more fascinating history.

This is the first event organised by the Friends of All Saints Church and all proceeds will go towards raising funds for the restoration and renovation of the beautiful Lychgate at the entrance to the church. Please do ask any member of the committee of FOASC for further information

A donation of £5.00 per person is suggested.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Anne Stern, Lynda Ware, Caroline Flockton, Philip Spinks, Gillie Ruscombe-King

Cuddesdon and Denton Community Orchard



The other weekend you may have seen two trailer loads of trees driving through the village on their way from an allotment on Port Meadow to temporary storage in Roger Buswell's barn. They were a gift of 15 trees by a friend of Ron Stern to help start an orchard here in our community.

Community orchards are an increasingly popular way for village groups to come together to grow fruit and help protect our biodiversity. People can learn how to prune the trees; picnic in the orchard and enjoy the autumn apple day.

Richard and Susan Farrant, who own the patch of rough grass below the Recreation Ground, have generously offered it on a long lease to the Parish Council to establish an orchard for the whole community. The Parish Council have accepted in principle and established a sub-committee to manage it. The members are Roger Buswell, Nicko and Gillie King, Richard Palmer, Salt Sellar, Ron Stern and Richard Zakss.

We're waiting for the details of the lease to be finalised and for the ground to dry out enough to plant the trees. We're now making funding applications for grants to plant another 45 trees; improve the access and provide tables and benches.

You'll still be able to use the foot-paths through the site. The trees will be protected from deer individually so there will be no need for a fence around the site. Because of the drop down from the recreation ground, the trees won't be visible from the road side of the recreation ground. And, once the trees start producing fruit the apples, pears etc will be free to the village.

There will be many ways to get involved – planting, pruning, picking and picnicking – and we'll invite you through the parish newsletter. If you have a special apple tree you'd like to see in the orchard, let Ron know and he will graft a scion from your tree to make a new one for the orchard.

Ron Stern & Nicko King

PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Farrant and Susan Jupp have very kindly agreed to lease the uncultivated part of their field just below the recreation ground to the Parish Council, and this will be made into a Village Orchard.

The lease for the land is for 50 years and will be for nothing, which is normally called a peppercorn rent, although Richard has suggested it should be an apple rent. It is amazingly generous of Richard and Susan to let us use this land at no charge.

There is an enthusiastic group of villagers, led by Ron Stern, who have masterminded this project and they will be managing the Orchard. It may well be that some trees will be planted soon, even before the lease is formally agreed.

Tim Bearder, our county councillor, has been successful in getting us a bus service for the village, which will run to Oxford. The number 49 bus will start in Cuddesdon, going through Denton and Garsington, and then on to Oxford.

It will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays, taking 50 minutes to get to Oxford. It will leave Cuddesdon at 1000 and return from Oxford at 1305, giving the opportunity to be in Oxford for a couple of hours. The service starts on 18th April and its route goes via Templar's Square.

The service will be operated by an accessible minibus from Oxfordshire County Council's internal fleet.

At the Parish Council's request, the District Council has broadened the footpath in the High Street opposite the Village Hall by digging back the encroaching verge. For several years we have been asking the County Council to improve the surface of this footpath because it is uneven and not safe, but no rectification work has yet been done.

The District Council has approved the planning application for conversion of the Tithe Barn at Dove House (P23/S4142/S73 and P23/S4119/LB).

Mike Mount
Parish Clerk



Issues around the environment are never far away as there are so many important issues to pay attention to. As I write this month it's The Big Plastic Count. I'm joining lots of people across the country counting the single use plastic that I use this week. It will be interesting to see the data for this year to see how we are doing in moving away from single use plastics. It does take time to change our habits and indeed the manufacture of products. Since the introduction of the Resources and Waste Strategy for England in 2018 significant progress has been made to address plastic pollution, including a ban on microbeads and restricting the supply of plastic straws, plastic drink stirrers, plastic-stemmed cotton buds, plastic plates, trays, bowls, cutlery, balloon sticks and certain types of polystyrene cups and food containers.

Just as the need to reduce our plastic has become more widely known so too are concerns on the testing on animals of chemicals used as ingredients in cosmetics. The Government has recognised the public concern around this and has recently introduced measures to ensure that no new licences will be granted for animal testing of chemicals that are exclusively intended to be used as ingredients in cosmetics products. This is more good news.

Another concern raised with me recently is for our hedgerows which are an important part of our landscape. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is moving forward on several fronts on this. There are schemes to encourage farmers to maintain and restore existing hedgerows, while also planting more. Defra is also supporting farmers in assessing the condition of hedgerows, and to manage them in a way that will work for wildlife and improve biodiversity. However, it's not all about business. There are also plans in progress for domestic hedgerow regulations which will, among other things protect nesting birds in the season.

Another area which I know is of interest to constituents is the growing dependence on new technology and the risk of alienation that this can lead to for some people. We live in an increasingly online world and it is not going to change. This means that digital skills are important - from the basics that people need to make the most of online connectivity, to the skills needed in every job, to the high-level skills for the growing number of specialist jobs in the economy. The Government is committed to helping those who need support to acquire basic digital skills and is also working to remove barriers. This is all part of its broader strategy to reduce digital exclusion and very welcome.

As always I am interested to know the issues that concern constituents. The best way to contact me is via email: john.howell.mp@parliament.uk.

Alyn Shipton's Quartet with New Orleans
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Jazz Night

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Sunday 12th May

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Spaces limited



A great place to grow

Happy Spring from The Maple Tree!

Have you visited our lovely Children's Centre recently? All sessions are drop-in, except our popular Maple Chefs, which is bookable via Eventbrite.

Mondays: Messy Monday at 10:00-11:30am and Twinnies at 2:00-4:00pm

Tuesdays: Once Upon a Rhyme-Time at 10:00-11:30am

Wednesdays: Little Explorers at 10:00-11:30am and Maple Chefs at 1:00-3:00pm (Spaces are limited, so book in advance – bit.ly/mapletreeeb)

Thursdays: Baby and Bump Cafe at 9:30-11:30am and The Maple Tree at Forest Hill Village Hall at 11:00am-12:00pm.

Fridays: Little Chatterboxes at 10:00-11:30am

Family Fun at 10:00-11:30am, 3rd Saturday every month

Check out our Website and Facebook page for more details and look out for our next Paediatric First Aid training.

As we start our new financial year on April the first, we have the challenge of raising nearly £100,000.00 to keep The Maple Tree running for the next year. One of the ways to support our charity is to become A Friend of the Maple Tree, offering monthly financial support. Another way is to volunteer at one of the sessions above. We need support on Mondays and Wednesday, both mornings and afternoons. Are you able to help? (Charity number:1174117)

We are here to help if you need advice or support:
01865 236700 or 07849 466249.

Email: info@mapletree.org.uk

Website: www.mapletree.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheMapleTreeWheatley

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Laura Spencer
The Maple Tree Centre Manager

Wheatley Library



New initiatives occurring in the library over the next few months.

We have a new Digital Helper session on alternate Thursday afternoons 2:30-3:30p.m. for anyone who needs help with a specific computer or online query. Please contact us to book a Digital Helper session or speak to a member of staff in the library for further details.

A new Storytime session will begin soon on alternate Saturday mornings for children ages 4 – 7, so keep an eye out for specific dates and times that will be posted in the library and on our website at bit.ly/WheatleyLibrary.

Here's a reminder of our regular events:

- Rhymetime: free & every Friday, 10:30 a.m. for kids up to 5 yrs old
- Digital Helper: free & alternate Thursdays, 2:30 – 3:30p.m.
- Jigsaw Puzzle Swap: first Saturday of each month, 9:30 – 12:30 p.m.
- Art Group: 1st & 3rd Monday afternoon, 4 – 6 p.m.
- Fibre Group: 1st & 3rd Monday afternoon, 2 – 4 p.m.

For news and event updates, follow the 'Friends of Wheatley Library' Facebook page. Our Wheatley Friends Group would benefit from additional members so if you'd like to join, please visit wheatleylibrary.org or send a Facebook message.

We recently recruited several fantastic new volunteers to work in the library so please keep your eye out for those new faces, who we are very happy to have on board!

For library queries, please email wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk or call 01865 875267.

Hope to see you soon!

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CUDDESDON – THE BALDONS/KINGS COPSE – OXFORD SERVICE 49 TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

	Tu	Th
CUDDESDON, Parkside	10:00	10:00
Cuddesdon, The Green	10:01	10:01
Denton, Castle Farm	10:05	10:05
Garsington, Denton Lane	10:10	10:10
Toot Baldon, Mole Inn	10:17	...
Marsh Baldon, Seven Stars	10:20	...
Kings Copse Caravan Park	...	10:15
Cowley, Tesco Store	...	10:20
Cowley, Templars Square	10:35	10:25
OXFORD, Carfax	10:50	10:40

	Tu	Th
OXFORD, Turl Street T1	13:05	13:05
Cowley, Templars Square	13:20	13:20
Cowley, Tesco Store	...	13:25
Kings Copse Caravan Park	...	13:30
Marsh Baldon, Seven Stars	13:35	...
Toot Baldon, Mole Inn	13:38	...
Garsington, Denton Lane	13:45	13:35
Denton, Castle Farm	13:50	13:40
Cuddesdon, The Green	13:54	13:44
CUDDESDON, Parkside	13:55	13:45

NO SERVICE ON BANK HOLIDAYS

From a Churchwarden – reprint with correct pictures



These two remarkable images are included in a small exhibition of prints that we shall display in the chancel of our church during the weeks of Lent and leading up to Easter. Both these pictures divide into two scenes, an upper scene and a lower scene. The upper scenes are heavenly, elevated, gracious, out of this world. The lower scenes are troubling, full of gesture and human suffering.

In the print on the left an execution is taking place. The woman standing on the steps has just been stabbed with a sword. It is visible in her breast. The two men near her have her wrists tied separately with ropes. She is surrounded by soldiers and there is a crowd and some horses behind her. Helmeted soldiers on the right and left edges of the print are looking elsewhere perhaps for further orders or wanting to escape what has happened but most people in the scene have their eyes on this wounded woman. The young man with a basket and tools at the base of the steps is crouching and looking up at her. Only the dog is distinctively and perhaps instinctively looking across the scene at something other in the way that dogs do. He ignores the wounded woman waiting to die.

In the print on the right the lower scene is full of gestures and anguish. A woman kneels in supplication, her right arm pointing to a boy who is suffering a convulsion, his muscles tightly stretched, his arms flaying and his mouth open. He is having

an epileptic fit and is being supported by his father. His mother is praying for help from Jesus who is not prominent in the scene but is leaning forward, his hand on his heart, head bent forward, paying close attention to the suffering boy and his parents, listening to what they say. The disciples are all around pointing and gesticulating, the man sitting in the foreground has a book and some scrolls with him. Has his medical advice been superseded by the loving attention of Jesus?

Above, in the print on the left, angels are bringing garlands and flowers to St Justina of Padua (for that is who she is, killed on the order of a visiting Emperor for refusing to pray to the god Mars). Above are angels making music, a scene of gracious harmony while the Virgin Mary and St John intercede for all humanity before Jesus who holds a sceptre and a globe which signify his lordship over the world. The timelessness, the eternity of divine love is intersecting with the cruelty and waste of the world.

Above, in the print on the right, Jesus is transfigured, transformed so that 'his face shone as the sun and his clothes became white as the light'. He is rising from the ground, in a way that anticipates his resurrection and his ascension into heaven. And, at that moment of extraordinary change when the man they loved was recognised as divine, Peter, James and John, overwhelmed and shielding their eyes from his brilliance, see him greeted by the great prophets of the Old Testament, Moses and Elijah.

Heaven and earth come together in these prints, the spiritual and the physical are experienced together. Agostino Carracci (adapting in 1557 a painting by Veronese to create one of the greatest engravings of the early modern period) presents the martyrdom of St Justina in the context of transcendence and eternal love. Sir Nicholas Dorigny (engraving in 1705 after a painting by Raphael) merges events that follow each other in St Matthew's Gospel, chapter 17; so the healing of the epileptic boy is synchronised with the transfiguration. Both prints in very different ways allow us from our material, time-bound world to touch the eternal, outside time.

Recognition or even experience of the intersection between the spiritual and the mundane gives deeper meaning to our brief lives. In *Four Quartets*, Eliot writes:

... to apprehend
The point of intersection of the timeless
With time, is an occupation for the saint.

We can all give it a go. Come and see the prints in the flesh. Enjoy the spring and have a happy Easter.
Robert Wilson



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