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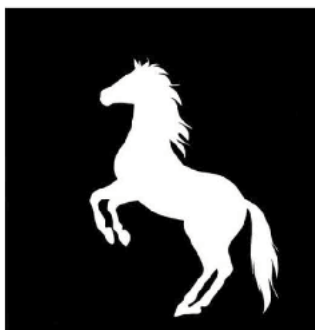
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Tuesdays	weekly		9am-12	Post Office	Village Hall
Tuesdays	weekly		10am - 12	Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Wednesday	1	July	7pm-9pm	Ridgeway Ladies	
Thursday	2	July	6pm	White Horse Cricket v RWE	Cricket Pitch
Sunday	5	July	10am - 12	Parish Communion	St Peter ad Vincula
Tuesday	7	July	7pm-9pm	Phil's Shed	Village Hall
Saturday	11	July	1pm	White Horse Cricket v Marl 2	Cricket Pitch
Saturday	11	July	4pm-12 tickets	Country Festival	The Crown
Tuesday	14	July	7pm	Village Hall Annual Meeting	Village Hall
Thursday	16	July	6pm	White Horse Cricket v Swindon	Cricket Pitch
Saturday	18	July	5.30--11.30	Lumo Disco	The Crown
Sunday	19	July	10am	Morning Prayer	St Peter ad Vincula
Saturday	25	July	1pm	White Horse Cricket v Coastal Cobras	Cricket Pitch
Sunday	26	July	4pm-6pm	Ritzy Tea	Old Rectory, WB
Sunday	2	August	10am	Parish Communion	St Peter ad Vincula
Sunday	23	August	11am-1pm	Farmers' Market	Village Hall
Saturday	29	August	6pm-12	Anniversary Party	The Crown
Saturday	19	Sept	save the date	Hackpen Beer & Gin Festival	Village Hall
Saturday	14	Nov	save the date	Wine Tasting	Village Hall
Sunday	22	Nov	11am-1pm	Farmers' Market	Village Hall
Saturday	5	Dec	save the date	Christmas Party	Village Hall

WASTE AND RECYCLING DATES

Thursday	2	July	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	3	July	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	13	July	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	14	July	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	16	July	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	17	July	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	27	July	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	28	July	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	30	July	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	31	July	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes

Dear All,

With my tropical past I love the hot sunny weather that we're getting now, and the storm last night was spectacular. I know it can be a bit much for some though, I do hope you can all find somewhere to shelter in the shade and find a bit of breeze.

The community has a few bits and bobs on over the summer, various cricket matches should be a lovely way to sit outside and enjoy the good weather whilst it lasts, and the Crown has a Country Festival on 11th (buy your tickets from the Crown in advance), and a disco on the 18th.

The Rizty Tea Party in Winterbourne is on 26th July.

Tickets have also now gone on sale for the Hackpen Festival. This year it is going to have locally (Wiltshire) produced beer, gin and wine. Please buy your tickets early, this will allow the Village Hall to arrange the right number of

glasses to be printed, the right amount of food, etc.

The Church Roof Fund seems to be getting on well. If you can, please do donate to this great cause, especially as they have some match funding for the next £10,000 of donations.

Finally, are you up for helping out with the Local News. We are interested in recruiting some advertising sellers. Do you think you could do this? If so please get in touch with me using the details below.

In the mean time, I would be very grateful if anyone in the community felt able to sponsor the Local News. Sponsors can have their name on the cover if they wish. Suggested sponsorship is £25 a year, but other amounts would be very welcome.

*All the best for a lovely July.
Liz*

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VILLAGE HALL JULY NEWS



Hackpen Festival 2026

Beer, gin & wine from Wiltshire

Saturday 19th September 3pm – 11pm

This year we're celebrating the best of Wiltshire and our local area. You'll be amazed by what's produced close to home.

- Local beer & cider - over 20 varieties
- Local gin and wine - a great selection.
- Local food - delicious things provided by The Winterbourne
- Local music - we've booked 24/7, a local band you all know and love to get the hall hopping later in the evening and Lucy Anna from Bristol, an acoustic singer-songwriter with a fabulous voice to start the afternoon off with relaxed vibes.

Tickets on sale now!

Adults £15

Accompanied under 18s free.

Each adult ticket includes an engraved glass (either beer or gin) and two drinks tokens. Tokens can be used for any type of drink, including soft drinks, and food.

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New Projector & Screen

Having visited another village hall to assess the quality of their work & equipment, we've chosen Audio Visual Direct as our contractor. The projector will be in front of the stage lighting gantry and concealed above the ceiling, so it doesn't obscure stage lighting when it's not being used.

The screen will be mounted on the wall above the proscenium arch. Both will be motorised. There will be a port to connect laptops to the projector and audio system. Finally, a hearing loop is included to assist those with hearing aids.

The work will be completed over a week, during 3rd - 10th August, we're coordinating with hirers to minimise disruption, especially Pilates classes.

Annual Community Meeting Tuesday 14th July 7pm

At our Annual Community Meeting, come and hear about how the Village Hall's financial year has gone and our plans for next year.

We'll be welcoming our volunteers and opening the free bar too, so do join us in the Main Hall.

June 300 Club Winners

£50	137	Kate Nye
£25	76	Richard Parmenter
£20	19	Nick Moakes
£20	155	Steve Cutler
£10	212	Adam Gilmore

July Hirings

Monday 6th Parish Council meeting 7:30pm-10pm

Tuesday 7th Farmers' Market committee meeting 7:30pm-9pm

Tuesday 7th Phil's Shed 7pm-9:30pm Main Hall (venue not confirmed)

Wednesday 8th Ridgeway Ladies 7:30pm-9:30pm

Saturday 11th Baptism Celebration midday-6pm

Monday 13th BHVH Trustee Meeting 7pm-9pm

Tuesday 14th BHVH Annual Community Meeting 7pm onwards

Sunday 9th Resident's party 2pm-5pm

Please leave the whole of the car park available, especially the Baptism Celebration on the 11th, where there are likely to be quite a few cars.



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Help us raise the roof — together we can reach our goal



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Dear all - as you can see from our Donation Thermometer, we have had a fantastic month for contributions since we started our mission earlier this year. We already have an incredible £22,000 in the bank with another £8,000 committed (a formal commitment plus Gift-Aid currently being processed) which brings our running total to £30,000. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed, I am humbled by the donations and the supportive messages. What an amazing Community!

UPDATE: I have just had a most generous offer from a member of our community. To add to our £30,000, for every £1,000 raised, the donor will contribute an additional £1,000 up to the value of £10,000. This means that when we raise another £10,000, the donor would match this to bring our total to an incredible £50,000. We are already doing so well; to get to £50,000 would be amazing. Please do all you can to support this initiative.

The most common question I am being asked is

‘Why don’t the Church pay for the roof?’. This is a very good question:

The Church of England diocese (in our case Salisbury) is the spiritual and administrative body responsible for the religious life of the geographic area, covering its parishes, clergy, and congregations under the leadership of the bishop. It takes no responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the building infrastructure. Our building infrastructure trust, on the other hand, is a separate legal entity set up purely to manage the practical side of maintaining and funding St Peter ad Vincula — dealing with repairs, maintenance, and property matters. Put simply, the Diocese looks after people and faith, while the trust looks after bricks and mortar (and the roof of course).

I hope this answers the query for many and if anyone has any other questions or concerns, please reach out to me or any of the Trustees.

Also, please remember that any donation made by a UK Taxpayer can be increased by 25% through Gift-Aid. So, by completing a very simple

form (available from bhcbtinfo@gmail.com), the Trust can claim that additional money which goes straight into the fund.

One date for your diary is August 29th. Erin and Iain from the Crown are hosting an event with all proceeds towards the Roof Fund. Please come along and support us and in doing so of course, you will also be supporting our village pub.

As always, please send any queries to bhcbtinfo@gmail.com or call 07395 842056.

Selkley Shutters



The photograph was taken at the Royal Wootton Bassett carnival day in May.

It's called the Dance of the Jester

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Peter Barry, Clerk
Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council



Broad Hinton Farmers' Markets 2026

 **Sunday 24th May**
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Sunday 22nd November

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 19th May 2026

Emerging from the Broad Hinton village hall into the night on the evening of 19th May, I paused to reflect not only on the meeting, but also on the phenomenon of village life and the enduring sense of community it fosters.

Turning to Mr. Google and the inevitable AI response, there were a couple of replies: a report in 1986 by a Dr. David Macmillan defined a sense of community as a “feeling of belonging”, “mattering to one another”, and a shared “faith” that members’ needs will be met.

As for the analysis of village life, the response was that it “centres on a tight knit, slower-paced existence” and rather than “relying on digital or anonymous connections, residents share bonds on a human scale”.

In the age we live in, and certainly in the post-Covid era when many habits changed, we have come to rely on the internet for emails and village Facebook for more immediate community news. But such a means of communication can still lead to a sense of remoteness and disconnect. Also, I am not so sure that we live a ‘slower-paced’ existence. In fact, it seems that the many additional forms of fast communication that have arisen or become the norm in recent years, make life anything but slow!

We receive the Local News, either in magazine format, or online. We read about forthcoming events and various reports or announcements and then life carries on with personal chores or commitments. But I am guilty of never thinking beyond those events I read about. Unless I am directly involved, such as offering to bake a cake or serve teas, I seldom think about who might be organising a particular activity or an event. It just happens!

So as I reflected further about the meeting we had just attended, I was struck by the significance of holding a face-to-face and consequently, more interactive meeting.

The Parish Council had decided on a new approach; rather than meeting behind closed doors, they chose to hold an open public forum where villagers not only heard the relevant reports read out to them, but also had an opportunity to listen to talks from various representatives of clubs, societies, pubs, the churches and local village school, about their activities. There were 12 brief, but very informative presentations given to us. Our own Winterbourne Bassett Community Pub was represented, and it was helpful that our local Councillor, Alison Bucknell was also in attendance.

To be made verbally aware of all that contributes to the lifeblood of communities, and as in our case, between three villages, was illuminating, as well as the revelation of the huge commitments made by individuals who spoke on behalf of their work or respective groups, and the Parish Council.

Listening to Any Questions on Radio 4 last Friday, Richard Holden MP observed how “much voluntary work goes on under the surface of our communities”.

Beyond the groups represented at our Parish evening are those who go out into the ‘field’ to collect funds for the Royal British Legion by selling poppies or to support Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Others volunteer to do door-to-door delivery once a month of the Local News or other important notices. This all takes time and effort. Putting on a local village pantomime also calls for commitment on all those who participate, as well as their families.

From the talks given, it was evident that local businesses like the pubs, the village school and our churches have their struggles, particularly in the current economic and political climate. Likewise, those voluntary groups, such as the Broad Hinton Youth Club, who spoke about their activities, expressed the hope that in time, younger people might come forward, for the continuation of such groups.

The evening of the Annual Parish Meeting

provided a valuable opportunity to connect more closely with its work and to appreciate all that so many people strive to offer our villages and communities through their generous commitment of time and service.

Thank you Parish Council; we are just a microcosm of our wider society, but I think central government could take a leaf out of your book when it comes to management and finance!

And thank you to all those who, on behalf of their groups, pubs, school or churches, spoke so well and gave us greater insight.

Deborah Young
Whyr Farm
Winterbourne Bassett



In June we marked Volunteers Week, and it was an important opportunity to recognise the contribution made by those who give their time to support policing and community safety across Wiltshire and Swindon.

Volunteers play a practical and valuable role within both Wiltshire Police and my office. From Special Constables, Police Support Volunteers to Independent Custody Visitors, Animal Welfare Scheme volunteers and community-based roles, they provide additional capacity and insight that strengthens the service we deliver.

Some support operational policing, others bring professional expertise or assist with engagement and scrutiny. Independent volunteers help ensure transparency and accountability, while others work more directly with communities, helping us stay connected to local priorities and concerns.

Within the OPCC, volunteers are also an important part of how we engage with the public and maintain independent oversight.

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Their involvement helps ensure that different perspectives are heard and that our work reflects the needs of the communities we serve.

Volunteering is a significant commitment, often alongside work, study or family responsibilities. It is not something people have to do—it is something they choose to do. That choice, and the time given as a result, makes a clear difference.

Volunteers' Week is a chance to acknowledge that contribution. The support volunteers provide is valued, and it is an important part of the wider policing picture in Wiltshire.

We will continue to ensure that volunteering opportunities are accessible, well supported, and aligned with the needs of our communities. To everyone currently volunteering across Wiltshire Police and the OPCC—thank you for your continued contribution.

You can watch videos on each volunteering role and find out more on my website.

The Ridgeway Ladies

On Wednesday June 3rd the ladies set off for their annual summer outing.

After approximately 2 hours we arrived at our destination...The Royal Mint in Wales. After a quick drink and a security check the guided tour began. Peter, our tour guide, gave us a brief history of the Royal Mint (including relocation to Wales from Tower Hill in London), the processes involved in producing a coin, the diversity of operations at the Mint (including the precious metal recovery facility and jewellery making) and led us through an area where we were able to view the factory floor! Some members took the opportunity to press their own coins..... a potential family heirloom!!!! Then a look around the museum where some attempted to 'pick up' a gold bullion bar before having lunch.

Two o'clock – all back on the coach and off to Tredegar House. Fortunately when we arrived the rain had stopped and we were able to have a leisurely stroll around the beautiful gardens and a look around the house. A lovely property and well worth a return visit.

It was then back on the coach and back to Broad Hinton. A most enjoyable day.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 1st July when we will be having our summer party.

West Overton Coffee Morning

A big thank you to all who attended or helped at the coffee morning on 13 June and to those who baked for it and those who provided plants and other items for sale.

We raised just under £180 which will go towards keeping West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett Churches open.

Coffee Morning



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The first Coffee Morning was in the summer of 2009 and to date £51,942 has been raised and shared between the Church and the Village Hall. The mobile Post Office is also open from 9 to 12 on Tuesdays in the Meeting Room.

Andy & Jo McCombe
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Update on Marlborough Deanery's partnership with Morobo Diocese

Bishop Data has written of "the challenges facing us in the Diocese, like insecurity, murder, looting, poverty, sickness etc." In the face of these challenges, to which the government appears to have no solution, the church has an increasingly important role to play. Outreach programmes have resulted in many people giving their lives to Jesus, and the Bishop was grateful for the money we sent to provide Bibles for new converts in the military.

We have committed the Deanery to providing money to fund the next four years' work and planting on the farm. The rains have come just in time to save the latest crop of maize, and the bee hives have yielded a good harvest of honey, which has generated some useful income for the church.

As ever, there is much that can be done to support the church in Morobo. One particular request is for musical instruments to enhance the worship, especially for young people. Bishop Data mentions "keyboard, microphones, speakers, mixture, trumpets, shakers, guitars, drums, percussion." If anyone feels able to contribute either instruments or money for the purchase of them, please get in touch with us at the Deanery Sub-Committee via ctg100@hotmail.com.

Morobo is holding its Diocesan Synod in January 2027. We have been invited to to send representatives to this – an exciting opportunity to witness at first hand the life and mission of our brothers and sisters there.

The Rector's Letter

Merlin spoke to Arthur and said:

*Now take this oak leaf in your hand
And lean against the tree,
And feel your own roots delving deep,
Where hidden springs and waters seep,
And let your branching thoughts still keep,
A place for mystery.
So Arthur held the oak leaf close
And leant against the tree,
And soon he felt a change begin,
As though he grew grey bark for skin,
A strong new life sprung deep within,
A whole new way to be.*

*He shared the long life of the oak
So strong for change and chance.
Older by far and deeper than,
The busy little lives of men,
He breathed in sunlight drank in rain,
A living link in that great chain,
Of life itself wamed by the sun.
Where all advance and all return
In one lone joyous dance.*

Malcolm Guite

There is a thirst for God but many do not know where to begin.

Lots of people are seeking answers to spiritual questions. Who is there to help them? These days it is very often the blind leading the blind. In this age where everyone thinks their opinion is as good or better than anyone else's, there is so much nonsense out there on the internet. Lots of uninformed, baseless opinions – a cacophony of superficial wish fulfilment.

Our desire for God is hard-wired into who we are as human beings.

And if God is dismissed, we will find something or someone else to worship. Many have come to realise that conspiracy theories, or theories about alien intervention or living in a simulation are basically substitute theologies. If we are not offered intelligent teaching or guidance in spiritual or metaphysical truths, we make up our own or latch on to any wild theories or ideas that float around the internet. People will search for something God-like. That pilgrim impulse never goes completely away.

Certainly here at Avebury, apart from those interested simply in Avebury as an ancient British monument, this village has continuous pilgrims coming through. Some are Christian or Christ-curious. Many others want to touch the stones and sense something 'other'.

There are those who believe they sense the power and memory in this land. The trace of what our ancestors used to do here, left behind for us to continue to experience. And I respect that impulse. I know what that impulse feels like.

But as someone who has been touched by the mysteries and call of Christianity, and who has been called to feast at the table of Jesus, the Word made flesh, I'd suggest that the pilgrim call to worship at these local stones only takes us half-way to our destination. Though I don't see it as a false path or a misguided path, so much as part of a journey of exploration that some people are taking.

Like our ancestors who lived here, who obviously felt a strong connection with the sky and planets above and shaped the earth to reflect that with the henge and stones, people today want to sense the grandeur and the seriousness of that endeavour of thousands of years ago.

They want to connect with that combination of magnificence and community.

I have many friends who connect with God through nature. They swim in the rivers and light fires in the woods and sleep out under the stars. Developing a deep connection with nature is the beginning of a spiritual path. Trees and plants and animals are all living beings albeit after a different order. All living things have a certain level of consciousness and everything that is conscious has the ability to engage in relationship with us and with each other. And ultimately behind all being and behind us is the living Spirit of God's Presence.

God often speaks to me through God's creation. My main retreat place for many years was Lindisfarne in Northumbria. A semi-island cut off from the mainland twice a day. I used to go to connect with the ancient Celtic saints but soon learnt that it was actually the landscape itself that spoke to me of God's Presence. I'm sure this was true of those original saints too. A presence that only a poem can express.

Every blessing
Jonathan – the Rector

Lindisfarne

Arriving as the tide's about to close,
The swirling gates sweep slothly ones away,
I am embraced, now home, to all betrothed,
To sea, to wind, to sun's bright spark on wave.

For God is depth of ocean, dragging tides.
The scent of burning coals by Seraph sent,
Both soul and body worship as they writhe,
As Love it burns away our poor intent.

Her perfume is what opens me to her,
The smell of smoky fires and briny air,
Those Celtic Saints to whom I came to learn,
Could not reveal to me, what I sought there.

No God for me, once prayed, will make all fine,
I'll seek the God who calls in smoke and brine.

Jonathan Poston

Upper Kennet Churches- Home Visits & Home Communion

Please contact the Church Office if you would like one of our Pastoral Team to come and visit you or if you cannot get to church and would like Home Communion.
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St James' Church, Sniffon

Churchyard Mowing



Broad Hinton Church Mowing Rota 2026

For many years now, Mark Wightman has co-ordinated the church mowing rota along with the many other roles that he carried out in the village and beyond.

Mark, gently persuaded both ladies and gentlemen to volunteer their services to keep the church yard in pristine condition over the summer months.

Whether for special services such as weddings and funerals or for regular church services as well as for those visitors who came to see the church and visit graves of relatives or friends.

The Parochial Church Council(PCC) have asked me to step into Mark's shoes to address this and I will be sending out a rota shortly to hopefully keep this going.

The point of this article is to see if there are any new 'volunteers' who would be prepared to offer their services.

The rota is based on a 2-weekly cycle with 2 people covering the fortnight, either doing it together to lighten the load or each taking the responsibility for a week within the cycle.

The church has a petrol mower stored in a cabinet near the back of the church and accessible by a code, a supply of petrol will also be stored in this cabinet.

So, no having to transport a mower to the churchyard. On average it takes about 2 to 2½ hours to mow the required area so not looking for a huge amount of time.

If you would be prepared to give it a go, that would be fantastic, please let me know.

Thanking you in anticipation, Des Clarke (731606 or 07821644697)



CAN YOU HELP?

We need some extra help, again about two or three times a year, to sweep, dust or polish and tidy the church.

We also need some occasional help with Church, perhaps two or three times a year. You don't need to be an expert flower arranger, just some flowers in a vase will be fine. It'll make you smile.

If you can offer help, please contact **Marjorie Sykes on 07762 109430/ 731471, or Gill Crabtree – 07774 424125/ 731627**

FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS – VOLUNTEER NEEDED

There is a Food Bank Contribution point in the church porch, donations are left there and delivered to the Trussell Trust when enough items are donated.

For many years, Mark Wightman took these supplies to the local depot.

We are looking for a volunteer to take these donations to the food bank,

around 4 times a year.

If you can help, please contact:

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Thank you everyone for your donations, and please keep them coming!



Morning Prayer 8.30-9am daily



Join us by zoom for half an hour to start the day in an atmosphere of quiet prayer and reflection with others, from the comfort of your own armchair. We are a small group who value this wonderful opportunity to gather ourselves for the day, to focus on what lies ahead and to enjoy silence together.

For more details, the service sheet and the

zoom link, contact

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Can you give yourself 25 minutes a fortnight?

Just to relax, turn off, and forget the trials and stresses of life, and everyday pressures, and to enjoy a time of peace, calm and silent reflection.

Every fortnight on a Wednesday evening at East Kennett Church from 6.00 to 6.25pm we hold a Taize meditation service: a chance to just sit quietly and relax and enjoy the silence and the peace by candlelight, with a background of occasional singing - often accompanied by guitar playing, plus a few words of wisdom and brief prayers – but mainly peace and calm.

No complicated service to follow, just peace and relaxation.

Put these dates in your diary and drop in to join us when you feel like it:

Wednesday 8th July 2026,
Wednesday 22nd July &
Wednesday 5th August 2026.

Graham Kitchen, Jo Snape and Lindie White



Flower and Cleaning Rotas

Flowers

Cleaning

Readings for July 2026

Sunday 5 July – Green

Trinity 5

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-end

Psalm 45.10-end or *Canticle*:

Song of Solomon 2.8-13

Romans 7.15-25a

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

Sunday 12 July – Green

Trinity 6

Genesis 25.19-end

Psalm 119.105-112

Romans 8.1-11

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Sunday 19 July – Green

Trinity 7

Genesis 28.10-19a

Psalm 139.1-11, 23-24 [or 139.1-11]

Romans 8.12-25

Matthew 13.24-30, 34-6-43

Sunday 26 July – Green

Trinity 8

Genesis 29.15-28

Psalm 105.1-11, 45b [or 105.11] or 128

Romans 8.26-end

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Sunday 2 August – Green

Trinity 9

Genesis 32.22-31

Psalm 17.1-7, 16 [or 17.1-7]

Romans 9.1-15

Matthew 14.13-21

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Wednesday 1 July				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
5 July Trinity 5	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion
Wednesday 8 July			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Morning Service			
12 July Trinity 6		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service	<u>4 pm</u> Muddy church	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion			
Wednesday 15 July				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
19 July Trinity 7			<u>8 am</u> Holy Communion		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 22 July			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
26 July Trinity 8		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion					
Wednesday 29 July				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
2 August Trinity 9	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion

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Theodore Angus Gough Beckwith
Scout Meadow Wethered

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24th May 2026
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