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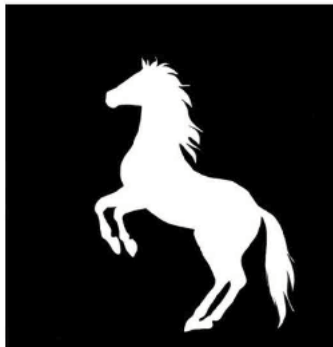
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Tuesdays	weekly		10am - 12	Coffee Morning	Village Hall
Sunday	2	August	10am	Parish Communion	St Peter ad Vincula
Saturday	8	August	2pm-4pm	Visting Bell Ringers	St Peter ad Vincula
Sunday	16	August	6pm	Evening Prayer	St Peter ad Vincula
Sunday	23	August	11am-1pm	Farmers' Market	Village Hall
Monday	24	August	2.45 -4pm	Visiting Bell Ringers	St Peter ad Vincula
Saturday	29	August	6pm-midnight	Anniversary Party	The Crown
Wednesday	2	Sept	7.30pm	Ridgeway Ladies	Village Hall
Saturday	12	Sept	10.30-4pm	Heritage Open Day	St Peter ad Vincula
Saturday	19	Sept	3pm- 11pm	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

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
Monday	10	August	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	11	August	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	13	August	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	14	August	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Monday	24	August	General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes
Tuesday	25	August	Household Waste	Black Bin
Thursday	27	August	Garden Waste	Green Bin
Friday	28	August	WB General Recycling	Blue Bin & Black Boxes

Dear All,

After such a long period of dry weather and the harvest nearly finished, there is a feeling of autumn about the place, even if schools have only just finished. Let's hope for rain for the gardens and sun for the holidaymakers – rain overnight would be perfect!

The calendar looks pretty thin over the rest of the summer, with just a few highlights to shout about. The Farmers' Market is on 23rd August. The team are interested to hear if you would support more markets, see pages 8 and 9. Don't forget to order your bread!

The Crown has a party to celebrate their 1 year at the pub, on the 29th August, (see page 10) and proceeds go to our Church Roof – what a great way to have fun and support the cause all in one.

The Beer and Gin Festival in September is selling tickets, do get yours as early as you can so that the team can plan food and glasses etc. See pages 5 and 7 for more information.

Save the date for the Heritage day at the Church on 12th September.

New information just in is that the Council are going to trial a booking system for our recycling centres – boo hoo! Gone will be the days of just clearing stuff out and getting rid of it on the day more's the pity. See page 15.

See the calendar and page 15 for extra church bell ringing. If, like me you find this tricky, these are the times to avoid.

And finally, my own very best wishes to Helen Miller who retires after many years of working at the village school supporting our youngest through their first years. Hip Hip Hooray and many thanks Helen, you will be much missed by all at school. Here's to more time on the golf course.

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VILLAGE HALL AUGUST NEWS



Hackpen Festival 2026. *Beer, gin & wine from Wiltshire*
Saturday 19th September 3pm – 11pm
Lots of news on our festival this month...

Tickets & Glasses

We need to order glasses much sooner than you might think. Please buy your tickets now so you're sure to get your choice of beer glass or gin glass.

www.broadhinton.org.uk/hackpen-festival

<https://broad-hinton.lemonbooking.com/page/events>

tickets@broadhinton.org.uk

07885 519221 (Sarah Kromer)

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Transport

If you have friends or family coming from outside our three villages, it's easy for them to leave the car at home.

The number 49 bus runs up and down the A4361, stopping at Broad Hinton. Some of them stop right outside the village hall. The timetables are available at <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey>

Wiltshire Connect - coming from Wootton Bassett or Marlborough directions, the service runs in both areas, more details <https://www.connectingwiltshire.co.uk/.../wiltshire-connect/>

Uber Wiltshire on-demand service <https://www.uber.com/gb/en/>

Veezu can be pre-booked from Swindon <https://www.veezu.co.uk/swindon>

Music

We have some great musicians lined up for you.

In the afternoon, Lucy Anna from Bristol, an acoustic singer-songwriter to start us off with relaxed vibes. Fabulous voice, have a listen <https://www.lastminutemusicians.com/members/lucyanna.html>

We've booked 24/7, a local band you all know and love to get things jumping later in the evening, you can listen to them here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jfwqgn4WQbo>

Annual Community Meeting and Report

Quite a few people from the community attended our Annual Community Meeting (ACM) to hear Nick Moakes update everyone on what we've been up to this year and Kate Nye help everyone understand our financial situation.

Highlights from this year include:

We redefined our vision and objectives

The hall made a surplus of £13k and we have reinvested this via lower hiring fees for community hirers

We plan improvements to the hall, such as a new projector

We have had help from many volunteers, and started running social events to thank them

You can view the presentation from ACM and read our full Annual Report here <https://broadhinton.org.uk/governance/2025-2026-report/>

A reminder of our trustee team, chat with us at any time or email us

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Adam Gilmore - Parish Council rep trustee adam.gilmore@broadhinton.org.uk

If you're unsure of who to contact, our general email is villagehall@broadhinton.org.uk

July 300 Club Winners

£50	91	Paula Doyle
£25	39	James Gates
£20	298	Nick Moakes
£20	109	Steve Cutler
£10	207	Des Clarke

August Hirings

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th New projector being fitted full days

Sunday 24th Farmers' Market 10am-1:30 (open to the public 11am-1pm)

Please ensure there is room for the projector contractors to park freely and for the Farmers' Market, please keep the car park completely free, as stall holders will require parking when they set up.



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Hackpen Festival 2026

Beer, gin & wine from Wiltshire

Saturday 19th September
Broad Hinton Village Hall

Transport - leave the car at home.

49 bus runs up and down the A4361

Wiltshire Connect runs in many areas



Uber Wiltshire



Pre-book Veezu

Afternoon - Lucy Anna - fabulous voice,
relaxed vibes

Later - 24/7, to get the hall jumping

We need to order glasses much
sooner than you think. Please buy
tickets now so you're sure to get
your choice of beer or gin glass.

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broadhinton.org.uk/hackpen-festival

Farmers' Market Update

Hope you enjoyed all your purchases at Broad Hinton Farmers' Market at the end of May... we're back again on Sunday 23rd August, 11am-1pm, Broad Hinton Village Hall.

Thanks for your patience as we took over running the bakery stall. Next time we will have more olive sourdoughs and those savoury buns you love! The apprentice bakers did a great job producing all the bakes so bosses Pete and Magda could have a little break from their ever-booming business. Not so much a micro bakery as it was when they came to our first event less than two years ago but still the same "real" bread, no additives needed, made from scratch under one roof. This great local independent bakery will continue supplying our markets.



Registering as a food business and getting market stall insurance means we've had to become Broad Hinton Farmers' Market Association. "White Horse Community Shop & Café Steering Group" is put out to grass, though it does remain very much central to our objects to support all activities across our community involving shopping or "café", and local products or businesses.



We've had requests for bi-monthly or monthly markets and we're consulting our visiting traders on that. Having the bakery stall more often is certainly something we can do, so we'd appreciate your thoughts on what you/your household would patronise to help gauge what is worth giving a try. Offers to volunteer at an event every now and then will also help.

Drop me a line at email: claire@legresley.me.uk or speak to us at the next market. Tell us how much more often you'd visit if you could, which stalls you'd shop at more frequently, how much you'd buy each time, whether you'd spend more overall or spread it out, is Saturday morning better...that sort of thing. Thanks in advance.

The next Farmers' Market is on Sunday 23rd August, 11am-1pm at the Village Hall. Pre-ordering baked goods is available until about a week beforehand – get that olive bread bagged! Contact Adam Gilmore for details adam.gilmore@outlook.com or 07969 290124.

Claire Le Gresley, Broad Hinton Farmers' Market Association



FARMERS' MARKET

Sunday 23rd August
Broad Hinton Village Hall
11am - 1pm

**Free
Entry**

Local Produce & Plants

The Bakery Stall

real bread, artisan sourdough from Pete's
 Pre-ordering option from Adam
 07969 290124 adam.gilmore@outlook.com

Best of Wessex local tipples

Pipp & Co. doughnuts

Grove Farm Butchery

organic meats, wild venison

D & P Salter

preserves, pickles, plants, cakes

Sugar Garden Boutique sweets

Harts Hill Honey local bee products

Amy Levin Chocolatier

English Village Flowers

Home & Crafts

Refill Station

plastic-free household

Cards by Crazy Cat

Treebitz

Recycled Forestry Homewares

Sewing Allsorts

Eco-friendly sewn items

**Free
Café**



**Broad Hinton
Farmers' Market**

**Towards a new
community-owned
café & shop
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Church Roof update

The total for the Church Roof Fund Appeal now stands at an amazing £27,650. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to date, this is a fantastic start.

This month, we have engaged the Church Architect to provide drawings, data and a detailed plan of action to support our grant applications. Once complete, we will be able to get accurate quotes from specialist roofers. Only then can we approach grant organisations to support our project.

Unfortunately, the issues with the existing roof continue to grow. Hot and dry weather can be as damaging as stormy Winter weather! The photos show that we now have another problem which will require urgent attention and this will unfortunately mean additional costs. This kind of 'one off' issue will continue to occur until we can get the roof replaced and each time we need a roofing expert, the cost is usually in the thousands rather than the hundreds.

We will continue to maintain the current roof as best we can but we really need to focus our attention on fund-raising for a replacement. Alongside personal donations, we will continue to look at ways to fund raise. We have an event at the Crown on August 29th and we are also working on some other interesting fund-raising activities in 2027. If anyone has any ideas how we can add to these activities, please contact us (details below).

As always, I ask that you consider how you can help and please send any queries to bhcbtinfo@gmail.com or call 07395 842056.

With thanks from Chris and the Team



St Peter ad Vincula

Saturday 12th September

10.30 to 16.00

**Ever wondered what Broad Hinton, or your house looked like
in times past?**

**Or what village life was
like in a previous age?**

**As part of Heritage Open Day Event and the Wiltshire Ride
and Stride event, we will have on display
historical village memorabilia and are opening the bell tower at
St Peter's for tours.**

No need to book, just come along.

Refreshments available.

Wiltshire Ride and Stride

This is an annual national sponsored event, organised locally by County Historic Churches Trusts. Wiltshire Ride & Stride (or its predecessor the Great Cycle Ride) has been going since 1984 and has raised over £1.7 million for the county's churches. 50% of the money raised goes to the participant's chosen church and the other half to the County Historic Churches Trust.

Participants may be cyclists, walkers, horse-riders or drivers of mobility scooters. They can be of any age, but under-13s must be accompanied by an adult.

Visit as many churches as you like, planning your own route.

Seek sponsorship from friends, relations and colleagues, so much per church visited or a lump sum.

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St James' Church, Snailton

Parish Council News

Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council

Chairman's Briefing

Summer is now upon us, and I hope everyone is looking forward to some time to relax and enjoy all that our wonderful parish has to offer. We have welcoming churches that remain very cool all day and our pubs and La Strada have plenty of cold drinks in stock! It has been a busy few months for the Parish Council. We are delighted to see the introduction of the new 50 mph speed limit on the A4361, helping to make journeys safer for residents and visitors alike. Our Neighbourhood Development Plan is progressing well and will go to referendum in early autumn, giving everyone a chance to have their say on the future of our community. We have also completed vital repairs to one of our bus stops. Finally, during this period of hot weather, please do take care of yourselves and keep an eye on neighbours who may need a little extra support. Wishing you and your families a happy and enjoyable summer.

Adrian Smith, Chair



New 50 mile per hour signs on the A4361

Headline News

- **New 50 mile an hour signs have gone up on the main road, after long work by the Parish Council to make it happen.**
- **Our Neighbourhood Plan Referendum is likely to be in September. Make sure you are registered to vote.**
- **New roof has gone on the bus shelter on the main road.**

Local Hero

Councillor Candace Gaisford recently got to work to organise the repair of the bus shelter roof at La Strada, and when complete she got out her brushes and secateurs and gave it a bit of a spruce up. It looks a great deal better now, Many thanks Candace.



Recycling Centre Changes

Planning a trip to one of the following Household Recycling Centres?

- Melksham
- Stanton St Quintin
- Devizes
- Lower Compton
- Salisbury
- Purton

You'll need a booking from Monday 14 September

Find out more by visiting www.wiltshire.gov.uk/bookhrc

Booking system opens Tuesday 8 September

Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire Council is introducing a pilot booking system at six Household Recycling Centres (HRCs), with bookings opening on 8 September and visits by appointment beginning on 14 September.

The pilot will operate at

- Devizes
- Lower Compton
- Melksham
- Purton
- Salisbury
- Stanton St Quintin

Initially, residents will be able to book a 30-minute slot up to one week in advance, with some same-day appointments available. Slot lengths will be regularly reviewed to help ensure maximum capacity is available at sites.

The pilot aims to reduce queuing, improve the customer experience, and minimise disruption for nearby communities and businesses. Existing opening hours, permit requirements and accepted waste types will remain unchanged.

The system will be promoted more widely later in the summer.

Residents are encouraged to use the online booking system wherever possible. Those who are unable to access or use the online service can contact Wiltshire Council's Rubbish and Recycling line for assistance with making a booking.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/bookhrc>

Bell Ringing



Two Visits by Ringers

Each year we are visited by ringers from the Calne Branch of the Salisbury Guild of Ringers, of which Broad Hinton tower is a 'member'. This year, their visit is on Saturday 8th August. Ringing by accomplished ringers will take place between 2pm and 4pm.

On Monday 24th August a band of accomplished ringers from Cambridgeshire will be ringing between 2.45pm and 4pm including a 45-minute quarter peal.

Selkley Shutters



This picture is called Marrakech Grove



And this is one of my own, taken from the Wettles, Liz

The Ridgeway Ladies

On Wednesday July 1st the ladies met in the village hall for their annual summer party. The hall had been beautifully set up by Marilyn and several willing volunteers.

Ian and Heather (Ian Bowyer Catering) had prepared an amazing meal which was served by Charle and Heather. A truly scrumptious meal.....many thanks to Ian and Heather.

There were three 'Afternoon tea summer food hampers', assembled by Trish, which were raffled and won by June, Alison and Brenda (three very happy ladies).

Great company, excellent conversation and fantastic food...what more could one ask for? A most enjoyable evening was had by all.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday September 2nd at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when Nicholas Baxter will be giving a talk entitled 'The Boy Ghost of Bowood'.

Phil's Shed

The Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month between 7pm and 9pm.

Meeting places vary, to find out where the next meeting is check out the Phil's Shed Facebook page.

Coffee Morning



**BROAD HINTON
VILLAGE HALL
COFFEE MORNINGS
EVERY TUESDAY FROM
10am to 12 Noon**

A mug of real coffee and a piece of homemade cake will only cost you £3!! if you come along to the Village Hall Coffee Mornings on Tuesdays between 10am and noon. Pop in for a mid-morning break if you work from home or stay for longer and have a chat.

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
Geoff & Marilyn Martin

MAKE SURE YOU'RE COUNTED

REGISTER TO VOTE

New to the villages? If you've recently moved to a new address, you need to register again — even if you were already registered elsewhere. Nearly 18 and not on the register? Make sure your name is added so that you can vote straight away.

We will be voting on our Neighbourhood Development Plan in the near future. Make sure you are on the register so that you can have your say. You can also register for a postal vote.

Why register

- Have your say in local and national elections
- Being on the register can help with credit checks, loans and mortgages
- It only takes about 5 minutes, and you only need to do it once (unless you move again)

Who can register

- Aged 16 or over (you can't vote until 18, but can register earlier)
- A British, Irish or qualifying Commonwealth citizen
- Some EU citizens resident in the UK — check gov.uk if unsure

How to register — 3 easy steps

1. Go to **www.gov.uk/register-to-vote** on your phone, tablet or computer
2. Fill in your name, address and date of birth — have your National Insurance number to hand (found on payslips, tax letters or benefit letters)
3. Submit the form — you'll usually hear back within a few days
- 4.

No internet access? Paper forms are available from Wiltshire Council, or call Electoral Services on 0300 456 0112 and they will post one to you.

Local Electoral Services — Wiltshire Council

Phone: 0300 456 0112 Email: elections@wiltshire.gov.uk
Electoral Services, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

Registering doesn't commit you to voting — but you can't vote unless you're registered.

Mission Report

1 JAN — 30 JUNE 2026



595
TOTAL
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330
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265
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34 incidents were attended by multiple resources (e.g. both the helicopter and critical care car or both critical care cars attended). For illustrative purposes this counts as one mission in that location.

Mission breakdown



147 Cardiac emergencies



153 Medical conditions



89 Road traffic collisions



76 Falls



21 Sporting incidents



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Hundreds of people safeguarded since launch of South West crackdown on drugs

An ongoing commitment by Wiltshire Police and other South West forces to collectively disrupt drug activity in the region has successfully resulted in the seizure of drugs worth more than £3million, over 1,580 arrests and hundreds of vulnerable people being safeguarded over the last four and a half years.

Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables from the five South West forces - Avon and Somerset, Devon and Cornwall, Dorset, Gloucestershire, and Wiltshire – pledged in October 2021 to harness the collective power of regional policing to make it a hostile environment for those who deal drugs and engage in antisocial drug taking activity.

Operation Scorpion was launched the following year with the first phase of week long coordinated activity taking place in March 2022. Since then, iterations have taken place every four months across all force areas at a regional and local level, with each one targeting a different drugs supply issue. The overarching theme is creating a “Ring of Steel” around the South West to prevent drugs from entering the region.

Multiple partners, including Crimestoppers, British Transport Police, the Regional Organised Crime Unit and Ministry of Defence Police have joined operations. Across the region, forces combined intelligence from communities, numberplate recognition technology and stop and search tactics as part of this intensification. Last month the 15th Operation Scorpion – led by Devon & Cornwall Police – took place from June 22 to 28. The landmark iteration once again achieved great results, further adding to the successful outcomes previously achieved.

Across Wiltshire, the overall figures for the past 15 Operation Scorpions are:

Arrests - 311

Welfare - 114 people safeguarded

Seized drugs - £684,900

Seized weapons – 69

Across the South West, the overall figures are:

Arrests - over 1,580

Warrants – over 142

Disruptions – over 2,210

Welfare - over 1,380 people safeguarded

Seized Drugs - over 160kg of seized drugs valued over £3m

Cash Seized - over £1.1m

Seized weapons - over 200

Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson said: “Operation Scorpion demonstrates the real impact that can be achieved when police forces, partners and communities work together across regional boundaries. These results show not only a determined effort to disrupt organised drug crime, but also a commitment to protecting vulnerable people who are so often exploited by those involved in the drugs trade.

“By creating a hostile environment for offenders and continuing to target those who profit from harming our communities, we are making the South West a safer place to live, work and visit. I would like to thank all the officers, staff and partner agencies involved for their continued dedication in keeping our communities safe.”

Deputy Chief Constable Mark Cooper said, “Operation Scorpion continues to deliver strong results through partnership working, disrupting drug networks and protecting communities across the South West. During the weeks of action, officers intensify enforcement activity, carry out targeted operations at transport hubs and known hotspots, and take action against properties linked to drug crime.

“Safeguarding remains central to the operation, with additional child protection and cuckooing visits, awareness work in schools and businesses, and close collaboration with partners to identify and support vulnerable people. County Lines exploitation can have devastating, lifelong consequences for children, and tackling it requires a collective effort.

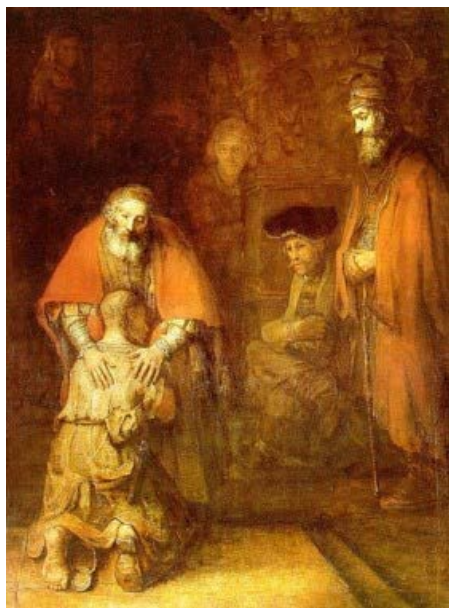
“Police cannot fight this issue alone. The support of our communities, businesses, local authorities, charities and wider partners is vital in helping us identify those at risk, disrupt criminal activity and protect the most vulnerable. Together, we can reduce harm, tackle organised crime and make our communities safer for everyone.”

In the past, Operation Scorpion often ran the same week as County Lines intensification week for operational and resource purposes. Further weeks of intensification will continue this year and beyond.

Officers and staff of all the police forces and agencies involved in Operation Scorpion work tirelessly to investigate drug related crime, bring criminals to justice and safeguard vulnerable people exploited and harmed by these crimes all year round and on a daily basis.

Drug crime can be reported via the police by calling 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

The Rector's Letter



The Return of the Prodigal Son – Rembrandt
 - Being received back by his Father after his wanderings -

I'm currently reading through Homer's great poem *The Odyssey* in anticipation of seeing Christopher Nolan's new movie. For an 8th century Greek poet it is very readable - certainly in the Fagles translation I'm reading. I find the whole idea of the story fascinating. For this isn't about the hero going out on his/her heroic journey. It focusses on the bit once the battle is over, the final part of any journey – the return home. When we go on a journey the return home usually has a sense of being naturally drawn back to where we live. We expect the return home from our adventures to be the easier part. Yet the *Nostos* or 'homecoming' for Odysseus has more challenges than ever as he tries to get home. And once home he has to battle to get his house in order for it has descended into chaos since he left. Fortunately, our own homecomings are less likely to be as dramatic as Odysseus, who had to kill off all the false suitors who were bothering his wife!

There is something about heading towards the Autumn of our days with the wisdom of a lifetime of experience, rediscovering everything anew. A bringing home of all we have learnt.

As T.S. Eliot famously wrote in the last of his *Four Quartets*:

We shall not cease from exploration
 And the end of all our exploring
 Will be to arrive where we started
 And know the place for the first time.

When the last of earth left to discover
 Is that which was the beginning;

If we are fortunate enough to live a long life and to move reflectively towards death, we can have a sense of gratitude for all our life adventures and we start to get a profound sense of our return. Our homecoming is a recognition that we go back to God with the treasures of all our experiences. And all this will be shared with God who, like a loving parent, will sit with us by a celestial fireplace and relish the tale of every moment we have lived with the warm, fond delight of shared remembrance.

Yet in the meantime, before we reach that final gateway, we can hold the wisdom of our life experiences as a lifeline to others. If we can let go of the bitterness of any regrets, we can find ourselves more reflective, more magnanimous and more loving to those around us. We have finally learned to accept human foolishness, and to delight in seeing others enacting the story of their own, unique life adventure. The greatest show on earth is watching a child grow into adulthood and begin to take up their own story and play the lead in their own narrative. We have a natural impulse to want to guide and help.

We have the great homecoming at the end of our lives but in our daily lives we also relish those little daily *nostos* homecomings. They are a great gift! What greater satisfaction is there than settling into home after a busy day and falling into a welcoming bed to soothe our battle-weary bodies zzz ... - until the morning alarm, of course, like a clarion call, that shakes us awake and announces a new daily adventure demanding our presence.

Wishing you many happy homecomings.

Every blessing
 Jonathan – the Rector



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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.

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

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Readings for August 2026

Sunday 5 July – Green

Trinity 5

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

Psalms 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

Psalms 119.105-112

Romans 8.1-11

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Sunday 19 July – Green

Trinity 7

Genesis 28.10-19a

Psalms 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

Psalms 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

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

Romans 9.1-15

Matthew 14.13-21

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2 August Trinity 9	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion
Wednesday 5 August			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
9 August Trinity 10		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion			
Wednesday 12 August				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
16 August Trinity 11			<u>8 am</u> Morning Prayer		<u>9.30 am</u> Parish Communion		<u>6 pm</u> Evening Prayer
Wednesday 19 August			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
23 August Trinity 12		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion					
Wednesday 26 August				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
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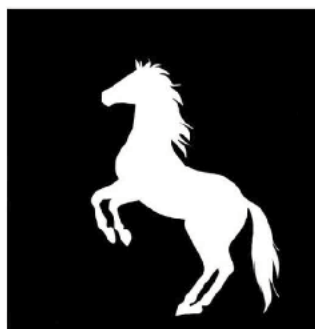
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