

## NEWS



Adults and children alike had a satisfying time making bird boxes at the Akeman family picnic and games afternoon with a Touch of Wild Worship. The birds will be happy with their new homes too!

Congratulations to **Wendlebury** on attaining the **SILVER Eco-Church** level! Eco church awards are a good way of showing we care about God's creation and are doing something about looking after it. This Fairtrade display in Wendlebury is all part of that process.

Kirtlington and Wendlebury have both been certified as Fairtrade Places of Worship.



**Ride and Stride 14<sup>th</sup> Sep.** Any offers to your warden. This is a good fundraising opportunity for our churches.

### Visit to Christ Church Cathedral, Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Sep:

The college is one of our patrons and this invitation is specifically for such parishes. Visit includes tea in the Great Hall, a talk by the Sub-Dean, a service in the Cathedral and dinner in the Hall. £15 pp. If you would like to come contact Julie Andrews, [enquiries.akeman@gmail.com](mailto:enquiries.akeman@gmail.com) Spaces limited.

## OTHER SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

**CHESTERTON CRAFT FAIR AND ST MARY'S CHURCH FÊTE**  
**SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2024, 12-3pm**  
**CHESTERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**2 Geminus Road, Chesterton OX26 1BJ**

Craft stalls: soaps, woodcraft, glass, cards, crocheted goods, jewellery, tea-towels, original art and more  
Fête stalls: local produce, bottle and chocolate tombola, raffle, children's games  
**NEW FOR THIS YEAR: Blacksmith demonstration**  
Refreshments: Hot Dog Stall, Cold Drinks, Ice Cream, Tea & Cakes

Donations of items for raffle and produce stalls would be very welcome—please contact Jill (07926 497300) or Sue (07780 997518)

All proceeds to St Mary's Church, Chesterton  
**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## SPECIAL SEPTEMBER SERVICES:

### Juggling John

in action at a special

**Akeman Benefice**

**all-age open-air service**

with the Bletchington Silver Band  
outside Bletchington Village Hall  
(inside if wet)

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 10.30 am**

Stilt-walking,  
magic,  
fire-eating



10 am: Refreshments, and Juggling John on stilts

### Joint Creation-tide service:

On Wednesday 11 September at 1830 there will be an online service with our friends from the Diocese of Växjö in Sweden with a focus on the environment and our care of creation. We will be joined by Bishops Steven and Olivia from our diocese, and by Bishop Fredrik from Växjö. A Zoom invitation will be sent out nearer the time.

Please let Gareth know if you would like to join.

## Fair Harvest

Our churches are celebrating harvest over the next few weeks. This is a good time to think about how we can be good guardians of our world, and one way of doing that is by buying products with a Fairtrade label, which ensures that both the land and those who work on it are well cared for. Several of our churches will have Fairtrade items on sale at harvest. Bring cash and stock up to make this Fair Harvest 2024!



FAIRTRADE

## Community Walks

Bicester and Islip Deanery's community walk on Sunday 8 September, starts and finishes at St Olave's Church, Fritwell, going via Somerton. The longer version, 6.7 miles, starts at 1330, the shorter option starts at 1500. Followed by refreshments and a short service. All welcome.

Also on 8<sup>th</sup>, a walk shared by the congregations of Shipton on Cherwell with Thrupp and Hampton Gay. Meet at Thrupp Bridge (near Annie's) at 1430. Walk ends at Hampton Gay for Evensong at 1600 followed by tea. All very welcome.

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# September 2024

## Services

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Sep

0800 Chesterton  
1030 Bletchingdon

### Trinity 14

Holy Communion\* (said)  
Benefice Service at Village Hall Plaza

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Sep

0930 Kirtlington  
1100 Chesterton  
1100 Weston  
1600 Hampton Gay  
1800 Kirtlington

### Trinity 15

Holy Communion\* (said)  
Holy Communion  
Morning Worship  
Evensong\*  
Evensong\*

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sep

0930 Bletchingdon  
0930 Middleton Stoney  
0930 Wendlebury  
1100 Chesterton  
1100 Kirtlington  
1100 Weston

### Trinity 16

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Morning Worship  
Café Church at Community Centre  
Morning Worship  
Holy Communion

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep

1015 Weston  
1100 Weston  
1600 Bletchingdon  
1600 Kirtlington

### Trinity 17

Holy Communion  
Harvest Service + lunch in Village Hall  
Harvest Service + tea in church  
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### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Sep

1030 Chesterton  
1630 Wendlebury  
1700 Middleton Stoney

### Trinity 18

Holy Communion  
Harvest Service + supper in Village Hall  
Harvest Songs of Praise with ACCC

ACCC is the Akeman Church Community Choir

\*Indicates Prayer Book service

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