

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE BENEFICE

Congratulations to **Wendlebury Church** on the completion of its refurbishment



The new servery, kitchenette and loo



The Wendlebury Community Choir Summer Concert

Middleton Stoney reports: the Bishop of Oxford, Dr Steven Croft, came to celebrate a Eucharist for the rededication of the Church. The Church has received bountiful gifts which have been used to relocate the organ and install a servery. The toilet area has been expertly installed and skilfully camouflaged. Many villagers have worked very hard to achieve this wonderful result.

The service was preceded on the Friday evening with a concert of Wine, Words and Music where 13 villagers re-enacted the history of the village from the 11th century to the present day.



Libby Hawknass-Smith starts working as chaplain in Bletchington and Kirtlington Schools for the new term in June.

**Swedish Visit:** From 12-17 June Gareth will be leading a party from this benefice and deanery to our link parish of Mönsterås och Fliseryd in Sweden.

## EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN FLAMING JUNE (?)

Please pray for Bletchington School's Prayer Spaces on **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June**. This is the first prayer space in the school for several years.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 3pm. Special Deanery Pentecost Service at Caversfield.** which includes FIRE-EATING (participation not compulsory!) At Home Farm, Banbury Road, Caversfield, OX27 8TG. Families are encouraged to go to this instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 service this month, which has been cancelled. All ages are very welcome! Plenty of parking available.

The fund-raising for Be Space has nearly reached its £1,000 target. You can still sponsor the marathon reading-session on [justgiving.com/page/paulandjoannasreadathon](http://justgiving.com/page/paulandjoannasreadathon) Or come and enjoy being read to in Kirtlington Church between 10am and 4pm on **Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>**. Some classics and some newer children's literature. Refreshment breaks on the hour.

**On 25 June** at 1930 the Deanery Synod will meet at Somerton Church. The speaker will be Professor Helen King, a prominent and distinguished member of General Synod. All are welcome.

**On 22<sup>nd</sup> June** there will be a service of Renewal of Marriage in Middleton Stoney. Get in touch with Gareth if you would like to be mentioned by name.

**On 29<sup>th</sup> June** there will be the annual Open-Air Service (weather permitting!) with the Bletchington Silver Band. On the Village Hall Plaza at 1000 (or inside if wet).

### The Green Corner

To encourage and inspire local churches in their **Eco Church journey** and their care of creation, St Edburg's Church Bicester will be hosting a special Eco Church event on 21<sup>st</sup> June. Local environmental groups including Wild Oxfordshire and a Fairtrade supplier will be there to offer advice and support.

To join in register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1263818568359?aff=oddttdtcreator>

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## Services

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

0800	Chesterton	Holy Communion*
0930	Bletchington	Morning Worship
0930	Middleton Stoney	Breakfast Church
0930	Wendlebury	Holy Communion
1100	Chesterton	Young Families Service
1100	Kirtlington	Holy Communion
1100	Weston	Morning Worship
1600	Hampton Gay	Evensong*

### Easter 7

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

0930	Kirtlington	Morning Worship
1100	Chesterton	Holy Communion
1500	Special Pentecost Event at Caversfield	

### Pentecost

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

0930	Bletchington	Holy Communion
0930	Middleton Stoney	Holy Communion
0930	Wendlebury	Morning Worship
1045	Kirtlington	Lamb Ale service
1100	Chesterton	Morning Worship
1100	Weston	Holy Communion

### Trinity

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

0930	Kirtlington	Holy Communion
1100	Middleton Stoney	Marriage Renewal Service

### Trinity 1

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June

0930	Chesterton	Holy Communion
1000	Bletchington Open Air Service by Village Hall with Silver Band	

### Trinity 2

\*Indicates Prayer Book service

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