

## LAST MONTH'S BENEFICE EVENTS



Churchwardens gathering smartly to be officially admitted to office (again!) at St Edburg's.

### Chesterton Sale and Plant Fair

Huge thanks to everyone who came and supported the Produce & Plant Sale with Mini Craft Fair on 13 June in St Mary's Church, Chesterton, which raised over £650 for church funds. There was a real 'buzz' in the air as people came from near and far to browse the excellent selection of craft and produce stalls, and then



relax with a hot drink and a slice of delicious cake, of which there was an abundance! We couldn't have done it without the help of those who gave up their time to run the stalls and bake cakes, and the generous people who donated plants and produce. What a great team effort!

### Caring for God's Acre



About 15 people joined in the Bug Hunt at Wendlebury and c. 50 species were identified!

In Kirtlington, the local Wildlife and Conservation Society teamed up with the church to put on a weekend of activities in the churchyard: a family nature and creative afternoon and an informal service.



### Some written feedback from pupils at Prayer Spaces in Chesterton School:

"I found helpfull the bit where we washed away our mistakes so they would be forgotten forever... I also found the playdoh helpful because it's nice to celebrate other peoples successes"

"I really enjoyed apreshating what I have and looking at what other do and don't have"

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TAKE NOTE!

In Kirtlington: ↓ and →

Rise and Shine's term will end on July 15<sup>th</sup> with an end-of-term party, 9.15 - 10.45

### Cantores Consort

*in concert*

**Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

*in St Mary's Church*

*For the Church & the Community Shop and Café*

*A cappella sacred and secular music, from Byrd to the Beatles*

*Tickets £20, to include bubbly and canapés, from:*

[info@kirtlingtonshop.org.uk](mailto:info@kirtlingtonshop.org.uk)  
or Ann Mowat 01869 350525  
or on the door



In Chesterton: ↓

**CHESTERTON CRAFT FAIR AND ST MARY'S CHURCH FÊTE**  
 WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
**SATURDAY 1st AUGUST**  
**12 noon - 3 pm**  
 CHESTERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE  
 2 Geminus Road, Chesterton OX26 1BJ  
 Craft Stalls, Fête Stalls, Tombola, Raffle, Children's Games, Refreshments  
 Donations of items for raffle and produce stall would be very welcome — please contact Jill: 07926 497300 or Sue: 07780 997518  
 Donations of chocolate or bottles for tombola — please contact Hilary: 07808 249549  
 We look forward to seeing you there!  
 All proceeds to St Mary's Church, Chesterton

Everywhere: ↓

Akeman Benefice presents...

## Hymns

## Pimm's



Celebrate the summer with well-known hymns and a refreshing glass of Pimm's!

Hymns & Pimm's services:

- July 19 - 1700 at Kirtlington
- July 26 - 1700 at Chesterton
- August 16 - 1700 at Wendlebury
- August 23 - 1700 at Bletchington
- August 30 - 1700 at Middleton Stony

## JULY's GREEN CORNER

A Rocha suggests aiming for a plastic-reduced July. With laundry, for example, using refillable washing liquid, buying washing powder in bulk, and using natural fibres can...

### (JULY's GREEN CORNER continued... )

...help keep your clothes clean and fresh while reducing plastic waste.

For further practical ideas look at:

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/plastic-free-laundry/>

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# July 2026

## Services

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

0800 Chesterton  
0930 Bletchington  
0930 Middleton Stoney  
0930 Wendlebury  
1100 Chesterton  
1100 Kirtlington  
1100 Weston  
1600 Hampton Gay

### Trinity 5

Holy Communion\*  
Morning Worship  
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Holy Communion  
Family Service  
Holy Communion  
Morning Worship  
Evensong\*

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

0930 Kirtlington  
1100 Chesterton  
1800 Middleton Stoney

### Trinity 6

Breakfast Church  
Holy Communion  
Evening Worship (with ACCC)

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July

0930 Bletchington  
0930 Middleton Stoney  
0930 Wendlebury  
1100 Chesterton  
1100 Weston  
1500 Bletchington  
1700 Kirtlington

### Trinity 7

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Breakfast Church  
Café Church  
Holy Communion  
Family Service  
Hymns and Pimm's

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July

1000 Hampton Gay  
1700 Chesterton

### Trinity 8

Benefice Communion  
Hymns and Pimm's

\*Indicates Prayer Book service