

LAST MONTH'S BENEFICE EVENTS

Scything training sessions in Chesterton and Wendlebury cleared a lot of ground and made use of the new benefice scythes. Seeds will be shared.



£958 was raised for Chesterton Church by the craft fair and church fete.

The Fulford Tapestry drew over 80 people to look and learn and try their hand at dyeing wools. The exhibition made £380 and engendered lots of goodwill.



Bletchington Church also had a Bank Holiday **Open Bell Day** to ask questions, meet bellringers and enjoy refreshments.

SEPTEMBER'S GREEN CORNER

From 1 September to 4 October, the Season of Creation is an annual, ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for creation. This year's theme is 'Peace with Creation'. Find out more on the A Rocha website, <https://arocha.org.uk/the-season-of-creation-2025-peace-with-creation/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TAKE NOTE!

Wed 9th September: **Rise and Shine** café celebrates its 5th birthday at the start of term. Wednesdays, in Kirtlington Church 9.15 - 10.45

Fri 25 September: **Sirinu** concert of mediaeval music in Bletchington Church at 7.30.
Tickets £15 to include a drink, from Bletchington.akeman@gmail.com

Wed 30th September: **Christ Church** evening of hospitality and worship, with tea, talk, choral Eucharist, drinks reception and dinner in the Great Hall. £17.50 plus possible coach cost.
Contact Julie on enquiries.akeman@gmail.com

Harvest Meals (for the services see the front page)

18th Sep KIRTLINGTON Village Hall 6.30pm contact

enquiries.akeman@gmail.com. Pay by donation

MIDDLETON STONEY Village Hall 7.30pm, £15, contact Catherine Fulljames 01869 343237

20th Sep WESTON Bring and Share lunch after 11am service, Village Hall 12.15

BLETCHINGTON after 4pm service, church 5pm, all contributions welcome

WENDLEBURY after 4pm service, Village Hall 5pm, tickets £10/£5 contact Charles 01869 323536

2nd Oct CHESTERTON Bruern Abbey School 6.30pm tickets £12/£7 from Jill 07926 497300



SAVE THE DATE: 30th Anniversary of the Benefice!

We will be celebrating this milestone in our collective life on Sunday 1st November with an **Anniversary Service** in Kirtlington at 11 am followed by **celebratory lunch** in the Village Hall. More info to follow.

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Services

Sunday 6th September

0800 Chesterton
0930 Bletchington
0930 Middleton Stoney
0930 Wendlebury
1100 Chesterton
1100 Kirtlington
1600 Hampton Gay
1700 Weston

Trinity 14

Holy Communion*
Morning Worship
Morning Worship
Holy Communion
Family Service
Holy Communion
Evensong*
Hymns and Pimm's

Sunday 13th September

0930 Kirtlington
1100 Chesterton
1800 Chesterton

Trinity 15

Morning Worship
Holy Communion
Evensong with ACCC*

Sunday 20th September

0930 Middleton Stoney
1100 Chesterton
1100 Weston
1600 Bletchington
1600 Wendlebury
1800 Kirtlington

Harvest

Harvest Holy Communion
Harvest Café Church
Harvest Service
Harvest Family Service **NOTE different TIME**
Harvest Service
Harvest Evensong*

Sunday 27th September

1000 Bletchington

Trinity 17

Benefice Communion

*Indicates Prayer Book service