

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Holy and eternal God, your name is precious.

May heaven and earth be as one, held in love and peace.

May all our daily needs be met.

In our straying and wrongdoing, pour upon us your forgiveness,
And enlarge our hearts to bring forgiveness to those who cause
us pain and hurt.

Lead us always to walk in the light of your love and away from all
that tempts us.

For you are the God of all creation,

Throughout this and every age.

The Revd. Janet Fletcher

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

ASHBOCKING

It is lovely to be enjoying some warmer weather at last. Let us hope it's not a flash in the pan! June is going to be a special month as we are looking forward to the visit of **Bishop Mike on the 12th**, when he will be leading our 11 o'clock service to celebrate the Queens' birthday. Everyone is welcome and we are hoping that the church will be full for the occasion. He will then be going on to Otley to their Big Lunch to give a blessing at their 12 o'clock service on the playing fields. The Ashbocking congregation are invited to join in with the lunch (bring your own), fun and games and Community Tea. See the Otley entry for more details.

We are fortunate to have acquired a PA system. This is thanks to Nigel Crowley and Otley PCC who had their redundant one to offer. We are extremely grateful and have used it already with great success. So thank you very much!

On now to our big fund raising event. This is our **Family Quiz Night** on June 25th at 6pm. It is being held in Ashbocking Church, maximum of five per team and is intended as a fun night to raise

money for a toilet, kitchenette and possibly the purchase of some car parking space. This is a big ask but we have to start somewhere! There is an award winning quiz master who promises it won't be too hard and there will be spot prizes for the children. At 6pm we kick off with the BBQ outside, offering sausages, hot dogs and bacon rolls followed a finger food type sweet. This is included in the cost of the ticket. £10 adults and £5 children under 16, or £25 for a family of four which is 2 adults and 2 children. Under 2's go free.

There will be a bar serving alcoholic and soft drinks and this will be available throughout the evening.

We have some super raffle prizes and a name the bear competition. We hope you will join us and there will be ticket sales from door to door shortly, but if you wish to secure a place for your team in advance you can contact John Pollard on 01473-890836. Coffee morning for June is on the 3rd at Jan and John Bates house, 4 Ashley Grange Ashbocking IP6 9JH from 10am. Parking is next door at Hawthorns. All welcome. Come and buy your raffle tickets in advance, bring and buy also available.

Church cleaning for our 12th of June service is Adine Schrankel, but I am sure she would be grateful for a few extra hands to prepare the church for our special guest.

Linda Ellis is in charge of Church Flowers so please let her know if you can help with an arrangement.

Our house groups are continuing very successfully and are open to anyone who wishes to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith and the Bible. If you would like further details please contact Catherine Beaumont or Linda and John Pollard.

Linda Pollard (01473 890836)

“GOING DEEPER” HOMEGROUP

We meet at Manor Farm to study the Bible, pray, and encourage each other to “go deeper” in our faith in Jesus together.

We meet every **1st & 3rd Wednesday at 10.00am till 12.00**

For more details call Jan or Jon Bates on 01473 892605

CLOPTON

Peter Bellfield died on April 23rd after a long illness. He had served for many years as both a District and Local Councillor. He regularly attended all the local Parish Council meetings and was always available to help or give advice to anyone who needed it. He was also a great support to Juliet and her work with McMillan. We send our deepest sympathy to his two sons, Robert and Edward, and their families.

June is going to be a busy month in Clopton and we hope that lots of people will join us at all or some of the events.

Wednesday 1st June The Hobbies Group meet from 10am until noon in the hall. It is great fun and good to share ideas and perhaps start something new or just sit and chat.

Saturday 11th June. There will be a concert in the church by Illuminati. This will start at 7pm and further details will be available on posters etc. shortly. They are a brilliant choir and we are delighted to welcome them to Clopton.

Sunday 12th June There will be a village picnic in the churchyard starting at 5.30pm (in the church if wet!) Bring your own picnic, teas, coffee and soft drinks will be provided. This will be followed at 6.30 by a **Songs of Praise** service to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. It would be great to fill the church, both with people and singing, so please come and join us. Rev Clare Sanders will lead the service.

Wednesday 15th June Our monthly Coffee Morning, this month is hosted by June Hughes. It runs from 10am until noon in the village hall and gives people a chance to meet neighbours and friends.

Sunday 19th June The Fete committee have been planning this year's fete for months and it promises to be even better than last year! It takes place at the village hall and on the field between noon and 5pm. It's also Father's Day so with stalls of all shapes and sizes, bouncy castle, food vans, teas, a beer tent and live music with Charlie Law and Aartwork, make it a fun, family afternoon out. This year's fete is supporting the Blue Cross so dogs on leads are especially welcome. If you are able to give any prizes, bottles of wine or any new/good quality items for the tombola and other stalls, please contact Penny [01473 737454](tel:01473737454) or Della [01473 737805](tel:01473737805) or email cloptonfete@gmail.com And freshly made cakes for the day will be greatly appreciated too, thank you.

Saturday 25th June The annual Strawberry Tea will be held at Thamaniya, Shop Road from 2.30pm onwards. Come and relax, enjoy strawberries and cream and a selection of delicious cakes.

Doris Main

Church cleaning
Church flowers

Beryl Birchmore
Sue Emerson

OTLEY

The Annual Parochial Church meeting took place in church after an evening service in April. Nigel Crowley was re-elected as the only churchwarden, Penny Clark as secretary, and Richard Treloar has kindly taken over as treasurer after the retirement of Tessa Brown. Other members of the PCC were re-elected en bloc. Richard presented the accounts which are in a healthy state, and we have paid our parochial share to the diocese in full.

Nigel presented the churchwarden's report and spoke of the special services which had been held during the year - the

Christmas services, harvest festival in the barn, the one to mark forty years of Scouting in Otley, and the dedication of the refurbished west window. He also referred to the continuing work with the schoolchildren and the youth group, the donations to FIND, the coffee mornings and the meetings of the men's group. He concluded by thanking the many people who help in the smooth running of the church, and Clare thanked him for his own hard work.

The major event this month will be the Big Lunch at the playing field on Sunday 12th June to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. This starts at 12 noon with the service of thanksgiving, followed by the picnic lunch (provided by yourselves) at 1.00pm and ending with tea at 4.00 pm. We are looking forward to this being a great and memorable community occasion.

The next coffee morning will be held on Thursday 23rd June at Southview, Chapel Road, the home of Anne and Geoff Robinson, and this will be an opportunity to look at their lovely garden.

Rose Rogerson

Village diary

- 2nd June** Friendship Club - coffee morning at 10
Newlands at 10am
- 12th June** The Queen's 90th Birthday - the Big Lunch
- 16th June** Friendship Club - Otley College play 2.30pm
- 25th June** Progressive Dinner - St Mary's PCC
- 30th June** Friendship Club - outing to Blickling Hall, departs
at 9.00 am
- 2nd July** Village Fete and OtleyFest - Community Council

Church flowers: Vanessa Ling/Valerie Pitchers

Church Cleaning: Brian and Karin Upson

Sidepersons:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 5th June | 11 am Family Service | Ruthie Bullock |
| 19th June | 9.30am Holy Communion | Karin Upson |
| 26th June | 6.30pm Evening Prayer | Betty and Philip David |

Otley Village Fete and Otleyfest

Otley's traditional summer event will take place on Saturday 2nd July on the playing field. Volunteers to set up will be welcome from 9.30am and the White Hart will provide a "pop-up pub" serving lunch from midday onwards, when the bar will open. The fete itself will start at 2pm with activities and stalls organised by village organisations, as well as the popular dog-show in the central ring, raffle, tombola, teas, ice-creams etc. There will be games and tug-of-war at about 4pm, before the stalls are packed away in readiness for a barbecue and live music in the early evening. Help during the day (manning the bar and stalls) and with clearing away will be much appreciated. Proceeds will go to the village hall and village organisations. Tins, bottles, sweets, cosmetics etc. will be very welcome for the draw or tombola and we shall be calling on 28th or 29th June to collect them. Alternatively, please take them to the shop. Anyone wishing to perform in the evening should contact Nathan Cant (07464 599327), Vanessa Ling (890787 or 892195) or James Hall 785251). Please contact any of us with queries or offers of help and to let us know what your village organisation will provide.

Otley celebrates 90 glorious years

Penny Sunnaway & Martin Wright are organising **competitions** including creating a posy for the Queen, decorating a cake fit for a queen, making a model palace or veggie pet for HM & a portrait of the Queen & further details are on the Otley Village Stores website. The competition entries will be judged & on view in the village hall on 12th June

Plans are well under way to build on the success of the village's Diamond Jubilee celebration & a strong team are planning **a giant village party on Sunday 12th June**. The day will begin at Noon with an **open air service** at the playing field to celebrate the Queen's life. This will be followed by a **Big Lunch** when residents can relax together with their own picnics, drink, rugs, chairs &

gazebos. There will be a display of **Otley Photos** over the last 90 years & Sally Whiffing will be delighted to borrow any pictures people are willing to lend to this. There will also be a **treasure hunt & a “How old is the Queen?”** competition. During the afternoon there will be a lot of **traditional games & races** for all ages including an egg & spoon race, tug of war & sack race. Then at 4 pm we will have a street party style **afternoon tea** outside the village hall which will be provided by village organisations & funded by a raffle.

All Otley residents will receive an invitation to help with catering, the response slip needs to be returned to Otley shop. If you'd like to help or have any questions please contact the Rev'd Jane Hall (785251 or email allthealls@tiscali.co.uk)

Progressive Dinner

There will be a progressive dinner on Saturday June 25th in aid of the church. If you haven't taken part before, you eat 3 courses at 3 different houses, meeting different people at each course, then everyone meets up for coffee in one house.

If you'd like to join in please call Vanessa on 01473 890787 or Ruth on 01473 890543, preferably by June 12th. It costs £20 per couple and you'd be asked to provide a course, (although we do have limited spaces for non-cookers too!). It's a fun evening, and a great way to meet people in the village.

Otley Bell ringers

Residents in Church Road may have been surprised to hear the Otley bells ringing on a Thursday in April: the occasion was the Queen's 90th birthday. Even though the focus of the celebrations is set to be the official birthday on 11th June, the Otley ringers decided that her actual birthday should not go unremarked. And so it was that a band of ringers assembled on Thursday 21st April, to ring the bells in celebration. The ringing concluded at 6 o'clock with 'Queen's' - a particular sequence of bells which seemed

perfect for the occasion - and we all wished Her Majesty a very happy birthday. Now we can start our planning for June!

The ringers were:- Jim Wightman, Audrey and Chris Barker, Jane Woods, Eric Brown, Tess Styles, Colin and Rosemary Spreadbury, Tig and Phil Sweet.

TOPS

A farce – by definition – exploits improbable situations which are usually accepted quite easily by an audience. The plot of '*Wild Goose Chase*' however, was so implausible as to make the suspension of disbelief quite hard for the audience and probably as difficult for the cast. Thank goodness, then, that it was so ably enacted with some inspired performances by cast members. Vanessa Ling (Ada) and Richard Brooks (Capone, ably assisted by Martin McKenna as the mute Wedgewood) gave solid and amusing portrayals of the drippy maid and the menacing hoodlum.

This might be expected from the old guard of TOPs but the performance was so truly enriched by the faultless performances of some new young players. Confident and assured in their roles, Maddy Ling (Patricia) perfectly disclosed the only sane member of the family but 'ready for romance' young thing and William Hunt (PC Hilary) the bereft of ambition -but nice guy really -Constable. Georgie Wright (Jenny) played her smaller role with conviction and credibility. The star performance (for me) was given by Rob Gilbert (Chester Dreadnought). To reappear on stage as a very convincing woman in one of his many attempts to evade the notice of the hoodlums was a masterpiece of acting and showed consummate skill. Well done, Rob. Hayley Gavin (Miss Partridge) played what seemed to me to be a superfluous role, unnecessary to the plot and providing very few comic opportunities. Thank goodness the part was played by Hayley who adopted the character completely and managed to give a creditable performance.

It was good to see yet more new faces in TOPs. Tony and Jill Ford played Lord and Lady Elwood and seemed to enjoy their roles. I hope to see them in future productions. What a masterly finish to the play when Chris Barker in a cameo appears as the postman to turn the tables on the batty Lord Elwood. Hilarious!

My thanks to the Director (Nathan Cant) and all who helped to provide a marvellous evening of entertainment.

Graham Hudson



“Would you like an adventure now, or shall we have our tea first?” (*Peter Pan*, J. M. Barrie). It is fair to say that nine times out of ten the children at Otley Under Fives would choose to have the adventure first! Whether they are acting out role plays using the

dressings up clothes inside; playing in the outdoor Wendy house; clambering aboard the pirate ship; or playing stuck in the mud. Imaginative play and creativity is encouraged, incorporating arts and crafts to create ‘props’ and practising numbers in a fun way.

Last month saw the children focus on dental health, hosting a visit from a local dental nurse who explained the importance of looking after your teeth. The children were shown a model of a person’s mouth and how to use the ‘giant’ toothbrush to clean all of the teeth. The children were then able to pretend to be dentists, using toy dental mirrors to check each other’s teeth. Gleaming smiles all round!

When it comes to ‘tea’ the children have fresh fruit and vegetables for snacks, the option of a hot meal prepared on site at Otley Primary School and the delights they have made with their own hands when baking with the play leaders (as well as the mud pies created in the mud garden – though it should be emphasised that the eating of these is strongly discouraged!)

For more information about Otley Under Fives, to arrange a visit and free trial session or to talk to a member of the team please call 07789 468853, visit our Facebook page or our website: www.otleyunderfives.co.uk

Otley Primary School

A Union Jack now flies proudly outside Otley County Primary school following a donation from Cllr Tony Fryatt's Enabling Communities Budget for the purchase of a flag pole and three flags and standards, and with thanks to Diggerworks who installed the pole during the February half term. Being in the front of the school means the flags can be seen by passers-by and used for the benefit of the community as well as enhancing the children's enjoyment of year round ceremonial celebrations. Earlier this year the children took part in the 'fly the flag' tributes as part of Commonwealth Day celebrations (this flag being donated by Otley Parish Council) and we also raised the flag of England on St George's Day. The Union Jack and Otley Primary School standard are available to use throughout the remainder of the year and we will certainly be flying the flags in June for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations!

Vanessa Osbourne

Otley Church Preservation Trust

It does not seem possible that it is 15 years since I took over the Treasurer's role on OCPT from Col Mason in November 2000. The time has just flown by. In November 2015 I decided that the time was right for me to stand down and hand over to someone else. Izzy Lincoln was duly elected to take over, so I know that the accounts are in very capable hands. I am remaining as a trustee until the end of this year.

I have found my time on the OCPT committee both enjoyable and rewarding, but more importantly I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the trustees I have worked with, both past and present, for their time, understanding and patience in working with me. It has been an absolute pleasure. There is one other person I would

also like to thank, my dear husband who has always been in the background to support me.

The Trust continues and will continue to raise money towards the ongoing programme of preserving the ancient structure of St Mary's Church. If anyone would like to have a savings box to put their loose change into, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the trust. You would be surprised how quickly loose change adds up.

Thank you, Mary Hunt (Out-going Treasurer OCPT)

Plans for an improved broadband service in Otley

The churches in the Carlford benefice have been approached by several broadband providers with a view to installing an aerial on suitable church towers. The providers claim that they will be able to provide a superior broadband service than that currently offered by BT Openreach.

The company most likely to proceed with this proposal is County Broadband Ltd.

In order to explain the benefits, availability and cost of their service, County Broadband have arranged a public meeting in Otley Village Hall on Wednesday, 15 June at 7.30 pm.

It should be emphasised that Otley PCC have agreed to offer the church tower as a site for an aerial, in order to facilitate County Broadband to provide a service to the village community. The church is not involved in promoting, or acting as a representative for them, or any other service provider.

Nigel Crowley

Otley and District Gardening Club

On the Early May Bank Holiday Monday a group of some 30 club members and friends joined the club's Spring local garden evening visit, to Larks' Hill, Tuddenham St Martin.



Despite managing to pick the only day in a fortnight when there was any rain, which turned out to be a very heavy downpour, our enthusiastic exploring of the eight acre garden enjoying views over the Fynn Valley was not too dampened. This was largely because we were able to take shelter from the worst of the weather in the recently-constructed tea-room, and enjoy a good old natter over a cup of tea and some excellent cakes.

After our summer break the club reconvenes for our first 2016-17 season meeting at 7:30 on Monday 5th September at Otley Village Hall, where we shall hear Rodney Tibbs telling us about Cambridge College Fellows' Gardens. We meet once a month on the 1st Monday, and aim to have speakers on a varied selection of gardening topics. This year we have also organised a late summer coach outing on 24 September to the Beth Chatto Gardens at Elmstead near Colchester. There are still one or two spaces available on the coach.

For further details on our club and any of the above items please contact Alan Trevelyan on 01473 890563 or atrevelyan62@gmail.com, or Isabel Lincoln on 01473 890826.

SWILLAND

We would like to welcome Victoria and Robert and their two small children to Swilland. They have recently moved into Apple Tree Cottage.

Our next coffee morning is on Saturday 4th June at the home of Ann Kent, Red Court, starting at 11 a.m. Do come and join us.

Otley is celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday on 12th June. People will be welcome from outside Otley. If you would like to go please let Jane Hall know (785251). More details elsewhere in the magazine.

Ann Kent

Flower rota

3rd June

Jackie Williams

10th – 17th June

Margo Barker

24th June – 3rd July

Ann Kent

RAINFALL – APRIL

There isn't much that one can say about April other than I am glad it is now over. It has been consistently wet and consistently cold for the time of year, but this has been ideal weather for the blackthorn to remain in bloom for the whole of the month. There is an old saying that when the blackthorn is in bloom then we will have a blackthorn winter and I have never known this not to happen. Although I have just said that it was a cold April at the end of the month just before the blackthorn bloom disappeared we had a very cold snap which was of course the blackthorn winter so the old saying once again came true.

The rainfall for the month was 2.30 inches and the total for the year so far for the year has been 10.35 inches which is somewhat above the average.

Russell Ling

Debenham Group Practice

Over the last several months, two of our salaried GP's have left the practice and as a consequence of the well-publicised shortage of GP's in Suffolk, in order to maintain our high level of patient care, we have been heavily reliant on locum GP's and whilst we have been able to access experienced quality locums in the past, with the crisis in recruitment and retention we cannot guarantee this going forward.

While we have been extremely fortunate to recently recruit an experienced fulltime GP Partner, Dr Philip Stewart, this only partly replaces the number of GP sessions previously provided by two of our salaried GP's.

In acknowledging that we have not been able to fully replace the number of GP sessions provided by the practice throughout the week across our three sites, we have had to review our weekly schedule accordingly. We do not wish to have to cancel surgeries at short notice or put our current staff under undue pressure, but in recognition of the need to maintain a daily service at all three sites, it has been necessary to make some changes to the opening times at both Otley and Grundisburgh and we apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

The revised opening times of our three surgeries will be displayed at all the surgeries and on our website.

These changes will come into effect on **Tuesday 31 May 2016**. We will be closely monitoring our service provision going forward in order to ensure we continue to provide the highest possible level of care to our patients. Thank you in anticipation of your understanding.

Dr David Egan - Senior Partner, Debenham Group Practice

Otley Hall retreat Day Programme

We provide a space for spiritual refreshment both for people who have been on the spiritual journey for some time and for those exploring spirituality for the first time.

Wednesday 27th April

Malcolm Guite – 'Parable and Paradox'. Poetry and reflections on the saying of Jesus.

Tuesday 24th May

Jane Hall – The Secret Garden. Reflecting on the classic story of a place of salvation where companionship and hope grow strong. (Day of Deep Silence)

Monday 6th June

Andrew Dotchin - 'Worry Beads'. A day exploring ways of enriching your prayer life using different forms of the rosary. During the day

participants will have the opportunity to make their own set of prayer beads to take home with them. £28pp.

Tuesday 14th June

Ann Lewin - Consider the birds, using poetry. Author of Watching for the Kingfisher – Poems and Prayers.

Thursday 23rd June

Lorna Webber – An introduction to Thomas Merton.

All days cost just £23pp including all refreshments and lunch and run from 10am-4pm apart from Monday 6th June £28pp. Contact [01473 890264](tel:01473890264) or events@otleyhall.co.uk for further information. Full programme available on our website www.otleyhall.co.uk

SMILE LINES

Economy

The wife of a banker asked him why he seemed a bit down. He replied: "I'm a walking economy! My hairline is in recession, my stomach is a victim of inflation, and both of these together are putting me into a deep depression."

Understand

Sometimes I think I understand everything - but then I regain consciousness.

Sweets

I gave my four-year-old grand-daughter money for sweets and the church collection plate. Later, seeing her enormous pile of sweets, I got suspicious and asked if she hadn't also given some money to God in church that morning. "No," she replied sweetly, "He wasn't there."



THE SAINT & THE MONSTER

St Columba, whose feast day is 9th June, was born in Ireland and came to Scotland to be a 'pilgrim for Christ'. He founded a monastery on the island of Iona in 563. The monastery at Iona became a centre of learning and many missionaries were trained there. Columba carried the message of God's love throughout Scotland and monks from his monastery carried the message into England.

St Columba wrote a number of hymns and is said to have transcribed, or written out by hand, some 300 books in his lifetime.

And what has he got to do with a monster? Well, it wasn't the Loch Ness monster but a monster that was living in the River Ness. St Columba is said to have driven away this monster who was attacking a swimmer, with the sign of the cross and the words "Thou shalt go no further, nor touch the man; go back with all speed."

MONSTER MUNCHIES

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