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Services for October 2026

	4 October I Trinity 18	11 October II Trinity 19	18 October III Trinity 20 (Luke the Evangelist)	25 October IV Last after Trinity	1 November I ALL SAINTS
Badby	11:00 Holy Communion CW [CP]	11:00 Morning Worship Harvest [Lay SR]	10:00 United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Everdon [+EC]	11:00 Morning Worship [Lay SR]	11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]
Newnham		16:00 Harvest Festival [Lay SR]		11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]	
Charwelton	18:00 Harvest Festival (Church) [CP]				09:30 Holy Communion BCP (Church) [GS]
Fawsley		11:00 Holy Communion BCP [+EC]			
Preston Capes		09:30 Holy Communion Harvest CW [+EC]		10:00 Morning Prayer CW [Lay GH]	
Everdon		09:30 Morning Worship [Lay SR]		09:30 Holy Communion CW [GS]	

OTHER SERVICES

Tuesday 20 October

6.30 pm

Badby

ESOW

SUNDAY READINGS

Principal Service CW

- for other services see Lectionary

Date	Feast	OT Reading	NT Reading	Gospel
4 Oct	Trinity 18	Isa. 5, 1-7	Phil 3, 4b-14	Matt 21, 33-end
11 Oct	Trinity 19	Isa. 25, 1-9	Phil. 4, 1-9	Matt. 22, 1-14
18 Oct	St. Luke (Trinity 20)	Isa. 35, 3-6	2 Tim. 4, 5-17	Luke 10, 1-9
25 Oct	Last after Trinity	Lev. 19, 1-2 & 15-18	1 Thess. 2, 1-8	Matt. 22, 34-end
1 Nov	ALL SAINTS	Rev. 7, 9-end	1 John, 3, 1-3	Matt. 5, 1-12

Harvest Festivals

Badby	11 Oct	11.00 am
Newnham	11 Oct	4.00 pm
Charwelton	4 Oct	6.00 pm
Preston Capes	11 Oct	9.30 am
Everdon	11 Oct	9.30 am

FROM THE REGISTERS

IN MEMORIAM

at Newnham
on 21st. September
Diana Margaret Cox
[by Rev. Stephen Burrow]



*Grant her peace,
and let light perpetual shine upon her*

EDITORIAL

You may have heard already that I shall be retiring as Editor of The Link after next January's edition.

Having held the post since the autumn of 1997 when Revd. Stephen Adams moved on (nearly 30 years ago) I have recently felt that the time has come for me to step down (to spend more time with my family, as politicians are wont to say). There will be more about that nearer the time, but suffice it to say at the present that I have thoroughly enjoyed doing this job and I shall miss it greatly, but I think it is only right and sensible, that I should step down with decent notice rather than suddenly disappearing!

A question for you. I don't expect any answers but perhaps it is something we should consider.

The Church of England has announced plans to give away £100,000,000 in slavery reparations, with the money coming from a fund held by the Church Commissioners and previously known as "Queen Anne's Bounty". This was founded in 1704 and was designed to supplement the meagre income of poor clergy. Over the years it grew substantially, partly due to investments in the South Sea Company's slavery trade, and it was later amalgamated into the Church Commissioners Endowment Fund. The current proposals are that it should now be paid out as "reparations" for the involvement in the slave trade.

However I am not at all clear to whom it will be paid, nor how any such payment will benefit anyone who has actually suffered from slavery. At a time when the church is struggling to pay our clergy a decent stipend and parishes are finding it difficult to meet their parish shares, do you feel that this money might be better used for its original purpose?

Our garden birds continue to thrive, and there is continual activity outside the kitchen window from dawn to dusk with birds flying between the kitchen garden hedge and the feeders.

There are however two major snags, both concerning the mortality rate!

The first is that the sparrow hawk too has discovered this source of free food and we frequently see him (her?) flying off bearing a goldfinch or a sparrow.

The second is the fact that a significant number of the small birds do not recognise either a window, or their own reflection in it, and not infrequently fly into it at high speed, which doesn't do a lot for their cerebral function!

As you probably already know, the cost of producing The Link has been borne entirely by the income produced by our very generous advertisers, and we are very grateful to them for their support. They all appreciate the fact that they know that a copy of the Link is delivered each month without fail to every house in the Benefice - some 901 copies each month since Everdon joined us.

However, with the advent of Everdon the cost of printing has now become more than the advertising revenue produces. So if you know of anyone who might be persuaded to take an advertising space (and our current advertisers tell us that doing so produces good results) please let Penny Cory know at knightleybenefice@gmail.com

Forty years or so ago we happened to be on holiday in northern France with our young children when one day we suddenly thought "Let's go and see the Bayeux Tapestry." So we rocked up at the museum, wandered in, strolled round at our leisure, took photographs, and wandered out again. No crowds, no queuing, no hassle!

David

PASTORAL LETTER

St Francis of Assisi

Earlier this year, for the first time in 800 years, the mortal remains of St Francis were publicly displayed for veneration at the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi, Italy. Nearly half a million pilgrims registered to visit for this rare event. I didn't go. In truth, I'm not particularly drawn to that kind of devotion, though I have a great affection for St Francis and for Assisi, and I look forward to celebrating his feast on 4th October.

St Francis has often been cited as a saint for our own day because of his special sense of kinship with the environment: he called the animals and the natural world his brothers and sisters (you might like to look up his *Canticle of the Creatures*). He also famously gave up a rich-man's lifestyle and deliberately embraced social outcasts, which contrasts with the rampant consumerism that affects us all.

A less well known, but equally important aspect of Francis' ministry was his willingness to cross the divides that separate people from each other. During the Fifth Crusade he crossed enemy lines to meet with

the Muslim Sultan Malik al-Kamil in a gesture of peace and respect.

Perhaps this is why the wonderful prayer-poem *Make me a channel of your peace* has often been ascribed to him. Although this is a false attribution – the poem originated in France in the early 20th century – it is a beautiful and timely text for us to take to heart. This October, and always, may we be messengers and ministers of love, healing, hope, light, joy, pardon and consolation.

With every blessing,



*The Rt Revd Alex Hughes
Bishop of Brixworth*



BENEFICE PAGE

EVENING SERVICE OF THE WORD

This short lay-led service is held once a month on the Tuesday evening following the third Sunday at St Mary's Badby from 6.30pm to 7pm. The next gatherings will be on 20 October and 17 November.



BADBY AND DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY

Saturday 17th Oct: Donizetti's La Fille du Régiment (2007)

The next in our Supper at the Opera series. First performed in 1840, it's a fun French opéra-comique about a tomboy unable to transform into a snooty duchess, but who finds true love anyway. It's famous for the tenor showpiece "Ah! mes amis quel jour de fête ...", which has been called the 'Mount Everest' for tenors because it requires eight consecutive high Cs. [132 mins, French with English subtitles, Exempt certificate]

Friday 30th Oct: Hamnet (2026)

Historical tragedy directed by Chloé Zhao, who co-wrote the screenplay with Maggie O'Farrell, based on her 2020 novel of the same. It dramatises the family life of William Shakespeare and his wife Agnes Hathaway as they cope with the death of their 11-year-old son Hamnet. It stars Jessie Buckley and Paul Mescal, supported by Emily Watson. [120 mins, 12 certificate]

BADBY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Badby Horticultural Society would like to thank everyone for their magnificent contributions to the Horticultural Show this year which, despite the tent blowing down, was a great success.

Thanks to Zac for lending his room at the Maltsters.

Save the dates ..

Bulb Bash II Sunday 1st November - 11am . Calling any volunteers for a really fun event planting more bulbs around the village and creating a spectacular display for next spring .. followed by hot dogs in the Maltsters - if you would like to volunteer please can you email sophiefitzhugh@yahoo.co.uk

For your diaries ... Valentines Wine Tasting will be taking place on Friday 12th February 2027



BOOKS LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME

One of the benefice parishioners has some books looking for a new home: A dozen or so hard-back and paper-back books from the author Ken Follett. Much loved, but now relocating to a smaller home. No charge – just someone who would enjoy them.

In the first instance please contact David Pound.



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BADBY

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	Reader	Sidesman	Coffee
4 Oct	P. Wakeford J. Jordan	F. Williams C. Richards	K. Purnell
11 Oct	J. Hall C. Richards	J. Jordan J. Hall	F. Williams
25 Oct	C. Richards C. Wakeford	C. Richards G. Nelson	C. Richards
1 Nov	G. Nelson P. Wakeford	P. Wakeford G. Nelson	C. Wakeford

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w/b 12 Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner, Helen

Morris

w/b 19 Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper

w/b 26 Jo Hind, Judy Jordan, Gill Nelson.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

St. Mary's Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 11 October at 11am. Please give food as generously as you can. It will go to the food bank for it to give out. The recipients will be grateful for everything they get, but please bear in mind that some of them don't have cookers. Bring your offerings to church and leave them inside the door anytime up to and including 11 October.

BADBY FAYRE 2026

Badby Fayre on Sunday 13 September was a great success. The weather was with us, and we attracted a lot of visitors. Many thanks for supporting it and spending your money! Well over £1,700 has been raised and credited to St. Mary's Restoration account.

CHURCH BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Two new members were welcomed at the recent meeting of the Maintenance and Assets Working Group. This month's schedule will include the routine inspection of the roofs from the tower and rainwater gully clearing. Soon will come the high level brushing down of internal walls then the day after, when the dust has settled, filling 'Henry' and friends then a final dusting! Anyone who would like to occasionally help with such asks or garden tidying, removing ivy, or joining the monthly cleaning team rota will always be welcome. Please contact a churchwarden in the first instance.

T 4 U

Good village company on Friday 2 October from 2.30 - 4.30pm in the village hall.

Tea, coffee and home-made cakes. Donations given to St Mary's Church Restoration Fund Do come and enjoy.

BADBY & FARTHINGSTONE CRICKET CLUB

Another month of enjoyable cricket as the season sadly comes to an end with the club's final match on Sunday 20 September.

A good win at Crick was followed by the now traditional defeat at Pattishall and a narrow final over loss to the Open University, avenging their defeat against us in August.

It is with some sadness to repeat that this is Peter Collins' final season at the club. Throughout his time in Badby Peter has played, captained and prepared more pitches than he has probably had hot dinners, in addition to many off the field activities, too many to mention here - a colossal effort. Peter, we don't know what we are going to do without you. Thank you so much for all your efforts and enjoy your retirement – you've more than earned it.

BADBY & FAWSLEY WI

On Thursday 8 October, local resident Pat Butler will be telling us all about The Back to Back Homes of Birmingham – a slice of history from the 1840s to the 1970s. To arrange a free taster visit or for further information about this thriving and friendly WI, please contact Jan Cooper on jancooper2012@me.com or Jackie Peel on jackiepeel22@gmail.com.

COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning will be in St. Mary's on Tuesday 20 October from 10.30am to 12 noon. All are welcome.

MONTHLY CHURCH DRAW

The winners in the August church draw were: 1st: Carole Pullin, 2nd: Elizabeth Hall, 3rd: William Brodie.

In addition, the annual bonus prizes were drawn and the winners were: 1st: Mark Robinson, 2nd: Elizabeth Hall, 3rd: June and Andrew Witcomb.

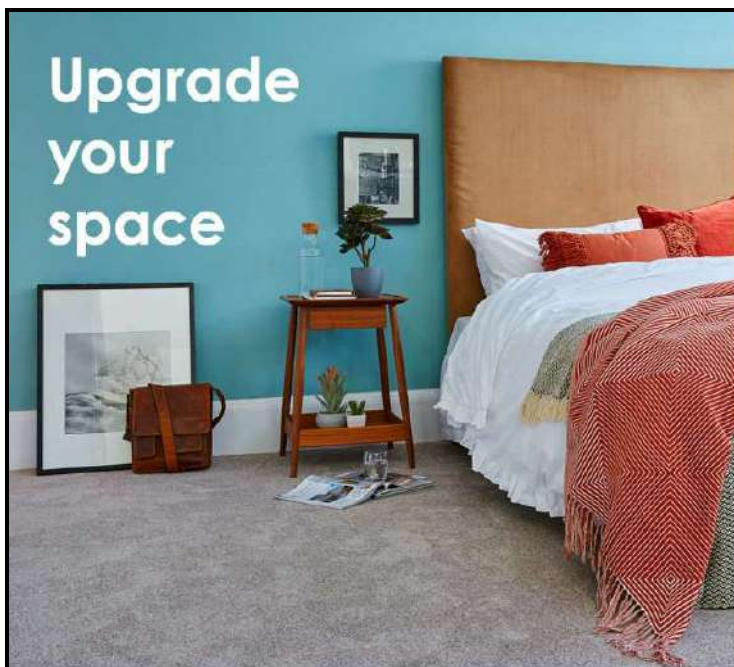
A reminder that subscriptions for the 2026-27 year are due by 1 October - thank you to everyone who has already renewed. If you do not already subscribe and would like have a chance of winning in each month, please message St Mary's Badby, or email Frances on williamsf333@aol.com.

VILLAGE HALL

Come and join us for our fund-raising Quiz Night on Friday 20 November. Teams of six, tickets £17.50 per head including a delicious fish and chips supper (alternatives available). Drinks to be purchased at the licensed bar. Doors open at 7pm, first round at 7.30pm. Enquiries and ticket requests to Peter Cooper (peter.bvhmc@btinternet.com, 07792 165529).

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We are planning our festive events for December, including Seasonal singing on Wednesday 16 December and Santa's grotto on Friday 18 December – mark the dates! Contact Peter Cooper (as above) to reserve your places at our Burns Night Dinner and Dancing on Friday 22 January 2027.



NEWNHAM

Correspondent - Ellen Henning
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SEPTEMBER 200 CLUB DRAW

£50 prize No 65 Mr A Heathcote
£25 prize No 15 Mrs P Pierpoint
£25 prize No 66 Mr P Howley

PRIZE BINGO

On Saturday 12th September Helen (Colburn) hosted a Prize Bingo in the Village Hall. A "rowdy" evening was enjoyed by all especially the children and the Picture Bingo instead of the traditional flyer proved a popular novelty. A very useful £300 approx. was raised which was split between Newnham Guides and Penny Alexander's hedgehog sanctuary. Thank you to all those who supported the event.

FONS AGM

FONS (Friends of Newnham School) will be holding their AGM at 3.40 pm on Wednesday 30th September in the school. This little group works extremely hard to raise funds to help and support the school. If you think you can help then please get in touch (you do not have to have a child at the school).

SCHOOL HARVEST

The school will holding it's Harvest Festival Service in the Church on Thursday 1st October

at 9.30 am. Parents, family and friends are all welcome

DAVENTRY BRASS UNDER THEIR NEW CONDUCTOR

There will be a Brass Band concert at Newnham Church on Saturday 26th. September at 7.30pm. There will be a selection of lively modern and classical music.

Tickets (£10) that include refreshments can be purchased from Mary Wood, 872670 or Jeff Lawrence, 705085. You can pay at the door, but the purchase of tickets helps us to plan ahead. Look forward to seeing you there.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest celebration will be held in the church on Sunday 11th October at 4.00pm. There will be traditional harvest hymns and a finger buffet will be served after the service.

NEWNHAM HISTORY SOCIETY 20th October at 7pm.

We are pleased to welcome Andrew Banks who will be providing us with a talk about Newnham Church through the centuries. Refreshments provided. Entry from 6.30pm. £6 for guests and £3 for members

NEWNHAM WI. 15th October at 7.30pm.

An evening with glass. Judith Dorkins of Spirit Studio will be back to help members and guests make some decorative fused glass pieces. Guests very welcome £10 to include your works of art.

NEWNHAM VILLAGE HALL

Newnham Village Hall has just had a facelift! The main hall has been redecorated from top to bottom with a brighter and more contemporary colour scheme, new flooring installed, new stage lighting, and the old curtains

replaced with colourful new blinds. All of which has been greeted enthusiastically by villagers and users of the building. The village hall committee are very grateful for the generous donation from a village resident that has funded much of the work, and the support of the Parish Council. Next project is to bring the loos and other areas up to the same standard



CHARWELTON

Correspondent - David Pound
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	Reader/Sidesman	Flowers
4 Oct	TBC	Fiona Spencer
1 Nov	David Pound	

Chapel Cleaning	
October	Graham White
November	TBA

THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGING AND YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

It is a fact of life that people come and people go, whilst others, after years of tireless work, decide that the time has come to hand over to younger, fresher volunteers. But who and where are these people? Although we are fortunate to have a small group which keeps the church and chapel going, that group is shrinking rapidly and the trajectory is towards unsustainability. Put simply, if we can't replace those who are moving on or standing down, the activities that people take for granted as part of village life — the harvest supper, Christmas Bingo, wreath-making and the summer band concert — will cease. Not only that, but the work that keeps the chapel clean and open 365 days a year, and the looking after of the church and churchyard, will gradually stop. Could YOU spare a little time to help support two historic assets that are part of our village story? You don't need to be a churchgoer,

simply a community-minded villager who wishes to preserve an 800+ year church and a rather younger chapel as continuing elements in the village's history. If you can help in any way, please contact pennycory@yahoo.co.uk

HARVEST WEEKEND 3RD – 5TH OCTOBER

Saturday 3rd between 2pm and 4pm the church will be open so people can enjoy the floral displays and refreshments. (If you would like to help decorate the church or donate produce, please contact Graham on 01327 264393.)

Sunday 4th at 6pm the Harvest Festival Service, where all the good old harvest hymns will be dusted off and sung.

Monday 5th 6.45 for 7pm the Harvest Supper will be in the village hall. There will be the usual three course meal, with a licensed bar and sale of produce. Tickets are £12 for adults, £6 for under-16s, from Norman Blenkhorn 01327 260650, normanblenkhorn@gmail.com. (Please don't leave buying your tickets to the last moment!) If you could provide a salad or make an apple crumble, please let Norman know.

A date for your diary - Wreath-making between Thurs. 3rd and Sat 5th December. This community effort is our biggest fundraiser. All help would be gratefully received.

- **mossing** (end of Nov, rings and moss supplied, home based),
 - **wiring** the cones (end of Nov, home based, cones and wire provided)
 - **bow-making** (end of Nov, home based, ribbon and wire provided)
 - **collecting holly** (Wed 2nd Dec, time to be confirmed),
 - **bunch-making** (Thurs. 3rd & Fri 4th Dec, village hall between 2 - 4.30),
 - **wreath-making** (Sat 6th Dec, village hall 9am onwards – light lunch provided)
 - **admin.** associated with wreath collection from the village hall (Sat 6th Dec)
- Contact pennycory@yahoo.co.uk for details.

100 CLUB

After many years it is with regret that the PCC has decided to close the 100 Club. The number of subscribers has declined in recent years to the point that the returns are no longer proportional to the effort required to run it. We would like to thank all those who, in past years, have supported Holy Trinity by subscribing. There are still three months of winners to be drawn before the close of 2026.

100 CLUB WINNERS

August - No. 70 M Nicholls
September No. 9 Willoughby

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

During October Fiona will be collecting the Children's Society Boxes.

CHRISTMAS BINGO

Charwelton's Famous Christmas Bingo will be on Friday 27th November in the village hall, 6.45 for eyes down at 7pm. Always a fun evening for all the family, you should mark the date on your calendar straight away. It gets the season off to a good start and provides the first opportunity for you to wear your Christmas jumper without feeling embarrassed!

VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT

We are very soon getting onto some minor roof repairs to make ready for Winter! The Storeroom is about to have new shelving fitted

QUIZ NIGHT

Yet again a resounding success thoroughly enjoyed by all those present thanks again to all those involved in making this happen and to all the quizzers for their participation. Over £400 was raised with the Quiz and raffle and this makes all the effort worthwhile.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Armistice Day Breakfast on Sunday 8th.

November 09.00-11.00

£9 Adults £3 Children

As we need to ensure we have sufficient food could you please make sure that you book early with Ian (07795604773).

Christmas Crafters' Fair

Sunday 15th. November. More details will follow shortly

Christmas Panto - The Sleeping Beauty

We are lucky enough to secure the same Company as last year's success.

This Year it is on 29 December at 3.00pm

£10 Adults £8 children under 11.

Again please book early to avoid disappointment.



FAWSLEY

Correspondent - Vacant

FAWSLEY SINGERS

The Fawsley singers will be rehearsing in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 11th October and Sunday 25th October from 1.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to come and sit in the church and enjoy their singing.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT – FAWSLEY

The Fawsley Singers will again be performing their Christmas Carol concert at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Fawsley on Sunday 6th December at 2.30pm. This annual event has been enjoyed by many, and residents from all our surrounding villages and towns are always very welcome. In addition to Charles Tarry playing guitar we will also be joined by Tamsen Flack playing the harp.

PRESTON CAPES

Correspondent - Claire Hoare
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	Reader	Sidesman	Cleaning and Flowers
11 Oct	Heather Wilson	Gerard Hoare	Anabel Lewis- Bowen
25 Oct	Henrietta Appleton	Pauline Clarke/Peter Smith	Christine Farmer

POP UP SHOP

Sunday 4th October 12.00 Village Hall

Harvest Pop up Shop - lots of delicious foods, quiches, sausage rolls, cheese scones, jams, marmalades, chutneys and much more.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 11th October 9.30
taken by Bishop Edward Condry

Please can Flower Arrangers decorate by the Saturday?

CHURCHYARD AUTUMN TIDY

Saturday 24th October 10.30 -12.30

All helpers greatly appreciated. Please let Gerard Hoare know if you are available
gerardjhoare@gmail.com Half time refreshments!

CAROL SERVICE - SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 20th December 3.30

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our speaker this month is Sharon Wills with a talk entitled *True Crowns – Living with Alopecia*. Our meeting takes place at the village hall on Tuesday, 27th October and guests and prospective members are welcome to attend.

Please contact our secretary, Diane French, at

highlatches@aol.com to book. The talk starts at 8.00pm (doors open 7.30pm) and there is a charge of £6.00 which includes refreshments.

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

This month's coffee morning is on Friday, 2nd October, from 10.30am to noon. Just £1.50 gets you unlimited tea/coffee and biscuits, or add on a slice of cake for £1.00.

The parish council have arranged for our PCSO Tara Cooksammy to come to the village hall, and she will be giving a short talk on fraud, starting at 11.00am.

VILLAGE HISTORY EVENING

Organised by the WI, this will take place at the village hall on Friday, 13th November, starting at 7.30pm. There will be a display of historical photographs and maps and a short talk by our local historian, Diane French.

This will be followed by Qs&As. If you would like to ask a question about any aspect of our parish history (for example, people, places, property, field names, footpaths etc.), then please submit these in advance to Diane at highlatches@aol.com no later than Monday, 26th October, to allow time for any necessary research to be carried out.

Entrance (to include refreshments) is £7.50 in advance or £9.00 on the door – please book by contacting Diane (as above)



EVERDON

Correspondent - Nigel Platts
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	Sidesman / Reader
11 Oct	Karen Kingston
18 Oct	Nigel Platts
25 Oct	Charles Coaker

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

In October, we have three Sunday services taking place. These are on the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month.

On Sunday 11th October at 09:30 am, it's our Sunday Worship service taken by Sue Rose. This is our Harvest Festival. It's a very informal, friendly service with popular harvest hymns and a talented organist. Everyone is welcome with coffee and breakfast served afterwards.

On Sunday 18th October at 09:30 am, we have a Holy Communion service. It is the monthly benefice service which is being held in Everdon this month. We are fortunate to have with us conducting this service, Bishop Ed Condry. Having served at the highest levels in the Anglican Church, Bishop Ed's services are very special.

On Sunday 25th October at 09:30 am, we have a Holy Communion service taken by Rev. Greg Shaw who frequently carries out services at

Everdon Church. Rev. Greg is based in Badby. A Harvest Festival Supper is also being arranged for 12th October. Arrangements to be published shortly.

Going into November, Bishop Ed is returning to Everdon to conduct the village' Remembrance Day service. It will be an important occasion. Our Remembrance Service is always well attended with many ex-servicemen and their families living in the village. As always, the collection will be going to the Royal British Legion.

We are also arranging a Christmas Eve Service (readings and carols) that will be taken by Sue Rose. The time of this will be confirmed, but will be around 6:00 pm. All collection monies are donated to the Children's Charity.

On Christmas Day there will be a Christmas Holy Communion Service at 09:30 am, which will be taken by Rev'd Lulu Pelly.

A children's play area is being planned inside the Church – more information to follow shortly.



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DIARY

This diary records the proposed dates of any benefice, parish or village events. We hope that this will help those planning such events to know what else is going on and therefore be able to avoid any unhelpful clashes of dates.

If you know, or become aware, of events which ought to be recorded please let David Pound, or your village Link correspondent, know.

Events known about so far are:

September

26 Daventry Brass at Newnham

October

- 1 Newnham School Harvest Festival
- 2 T4U Badby
- 2 PC VH coffee morning
- 3-5 Charwelton Harvest weekend
- 5 Charwelton Harvest Supper
- 4 Preston Capes Harvest Pop-up Shop
- 7 Newnham VH coffee morning
- 8 Badby & Fawsley WI
- 15 Newnham WI
- 17 Film Soc. opera BVH
- 20 Badby church coffee morning
- 24 PC churchyard tidy up
- 30 Newnham Bingo
- 30 Film Soc. BVH

November

- 3 Newnham PCC
- 3 Badby PCC
- 4 Charwelton PCC
- 4 Newnham VH coffee morning
- 8 Charwelton Armistice Breakfast
- 13 Newnham Movie Night cinema
- 13 Preston Capes history evening
- 14 Film Soc. opera BVH

- 20 Quiz BVH
- 20 Newnham History Soc.
- 27 Film Soc. BVH
- 27 Charwelton Christmas Bingo.

December

- 2 Benefice Council
- 2 Newnham VH coffee morning
- 3-5 Charwelton wreath making
- 5 Badby Church Fair
- 6 Fawsley Carol Concert
- 11 Film Soc. BVH
- 12 Badby bells - peal from 10.00am - 1.00pm
- 16 Seasonal singing at BVH
- 18 Santa's Grotto at BVH
- 29 Charwelton Pantomime

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January

- 22 Burns Night Dinner BVH

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CHRONIC PAIN COMMUNITY HUB

My name's Carole Justice Gray. I wanted to reach out as I'm setting up the Chronic Pain Community Hub — a new community interest company. We plan for the hub to be based at Woodford Halse Memorial Hall, to support people living with chronic pain in Woodford Halse, Byfield and the surrounding villages (including Badby, Chipping Warden, Blakesley, Charwelton, Aston le Walls, Everdon, Litchborough, Farthingstone, Eydon, Newnham, Preston Capes, all within the local area of Woodford Halse, Northamptonshire).

We're currently running a short community needs survey to help us understand how much chronic pain affects people locally, what kind of support would actually help, and to support funding applications as we get the Hub ready to launch. It's anonymous, takes a few minutes, and covers paper and online versions — I've attached both the survey poster and the link below.

I wondered whether you'd be happy to share the poster and link in your parish newsletter, or display the poster somewhere like the village hall or noticeboard, maybe on your website if that was appropriate — wherever works best for you.

Chronic pain is often invisible, and in a rural area like ours people are used to travelling for support rather than expecting it on the doorstep — so hearing directly from as many villages as possible really does make a difference to how well we can make the case for local support, including in funding applications.

Survey link:

<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/mCOYyOcK>

Thank you so much for considering this — and please do get in touch if you have any questions at all.

With thanks, best wishes,
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Our last meeting was 7th September. Owing to the August recess, there were various items of correspondence and work requests to work through.

We have been successful in securing a grant towards an additional speed indicator device. This one will be situated at the bottom of School Hill and will display, capture and record vehicle speeds coming into the village on the Badby Road. If speeds exceed the 30mph limit on that road we will share the data with the Police and the Highways Department, together with the data from the other devices around the village.

As Autumn approaches there are several things we will be doing to prepare the village for the change in seasons. Last year we cleared the Church Path of leaves to make the path safer to walk on. We will do that again this year but in addition we are looking into surfacing the path at the bottom of the slope where it gets very muddy in wet weather.

WNC have cleared the culverts going under Badby Road, by Brookside and Westbrook Close. This is designed to reduce the likelihood of the brooks backing up if we get exceptionally heavy rains and flooding over the road as they did two years ago.

As the leaves begin to fall around the Greens, we will arrange for the gulleys to be cleared to try and keep the drain covers clear. A heavy fall of leaves can effectively seal off the drains, causing water to run downhill towards the low points in the village. We would also request that residents periodically check drain covers near their homes and try and keep them clear of leaves if they are able to do so.

Miscellaneous items

Potholes, report them on www.fixmystreet.com. The more frequently an issue is reported, the greater the likelihood that the WNC Highways team will resolve it.

The '**Friends of Newnham**' WhatsApp Group. If you are interested in supporting events in the village, such as litter picks or putting up a marquee, contact Judith Dorkins on judithdorkins@btinternet.com.

The **next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 5th October**, starting at **7.00pm** in the **Village Hall**. For agendas and minutes go to www.newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

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