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PASTORAL LETTER – AUGUST 2021

In our church services we are currently journeying through the Gospel according to St Mark. Even in the early chapters, so much has happened. We've witnessed the commencement of Christ's public ministry (following his baptism), seen him call his first disciples, heal the sick, cast out demons, restore those who had leprosy, teach using parables, still the storm on Lake Galilee, and raise Jairus's daughter from the dead. Mark's use of pace throughout his Gospel often tends to leave the reader breathless, and the opening chapters are no exception. If you're looking for a great read over the summer, and you haven't ever read one of the gospels, or haven't read one for a long time, why not give St Mark's Gospel a try?

Just a couple of weeks ago we found ourselves in the second part of chapter 6. There, once he had received an update from his apostles on, 'all that they had done and taught', and just before he performed the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus said to them,

"'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.'"

We rightly speak of Jesus Christ as being both fully divine and, at the same time, fully human. Here is proof, if proof were needed, that Christ understands completely what it means to be human and that, no matter how passionate we are about him, how enthusiastic and energetic we are to see more and more people come to faith in him, there must be times of rest, recreation and restoration. Bishop Rachel, the Bishop of Gloucester, wrote recently, in the Diocese of Gloucester *Bulletin*, 'The croziers Bishop Robert and I carry remind us that whilst we are still sheep of the Good Shepherd, we are also called to be shepherds of Christ's flock. So, this summer, we want to encourage the entire diocesan flock to *live a restorative rhythm which holds play, rest and work in good balance* (noting that we all engage in work in its broadest sense).'

I encourage you to reflect on what Bishop Rachel has written and, even more importantly, to hear Christ's call to you to, "'Come away…and rest a while.'" As we trust God as Sovereign, may we accept Christ's gracious invitation and know that it is not just important for us to 'come away and rest a while', but imperative – especially after what has been for many a punishing 18-months.

I pray that you will make time in the days ahead to find that 'restorative rhythm' that Bishop Rachel wrote about and that, as God's beloved child, He longs for you to know and live.

With love,
Scott

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All Age Worship (Family Service)

Church was a really cool place to be in on Sunday 18th July as we are now beginning to come out of Covid.
It is good time to be thankful for aa the people that have carried on working, helping and supporting us all throughout. Our lesson was the story of the ten leopards, and the one who cam back to Jesus to say Thank You. Mark's talk was all based around our need to be Thankful for the blessings we receive. Our thoughts on this theme were pinned on the rainbows during one of the hymns. "What's in the Bag?" encouraged us to think about those people who have worked through the pandemic – a very worrying time for a lot of us, but we are here to tell the tale.

Our service next month is on August 15th and the team have decided to call the Family Services "All Age Worship" as this better reflects the congregation.

Celebration for Saintbury Church Saturday 11th September 2021

Join us for a day of performance, food and conversation celebrating Saintbury's wonderful links with CR Ashbee, the Arts and Crafts movement and the English Renaissance.

- **Shakespeare on Love directed by Caroline Gawn 2pm and 5.30pm** The Choir of Exeter College, Oxford join forces with stars of stage, film and television Sylvestra le Touzel, Michael Maloney, Golda Rosheuvel and Owen Teale bringing alive the words and music of Shakespeare and his contemporaries.
- **Memory: a talk by Edmund de Waal 4pm** Spend an hour in the company of leading artist and writer Edmund de Waal OBE.
- **Late Summer Supper 7pm** As the sun goes down behind the Cotswold hills, retrace Ashbee and the Guildsmen's steps to the Rectory to enjoy cocktails specially created by our sponsor The Cotswold Distillery followed by a dinner of locally sourced food and wines.
- For tickets see below

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Letter Quiz (Part 2)

Fill in the missing words, e.g.57 H V = 57 Heinz Varieties

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2) 360 D in a C _____

3) 1961 YG was FM in S _____

4) 16 O in a P _____

5) 1415 B of A _____

6) 3 BM (SHTR) _____

7) 8 S on a O _____

8) 1 FA and AFO _____

9) 24 H from T _____

10) 99 RB by N _____

11) 1963 PK was A _____

12) 29 D in F in a LY _____

13) 1066 B of H _____

14) 18 C of A _____

15) 7 P of W _____

16) 6 S on a D _____

17) 15 M on a DMC _____

18) 13 UFS _____ _____

19) 7 C of the R _____ _____

20) 11 P in a FT _____

See page 21 for answers

The Village Garden.

Many of you will have tried out The New Garden, comments are very favourable. We would not have been able to achieve this without the help and kindness of so many.
Mildred for not one, but two benches.

Trees bought by:

Moria Huntley,
Bill and Bel Jabelman,
Bob and Maggie Top,
Mary and Pete Mullen,
Rosemary McClaren
Ann Embury,
Jackie Jordan,
The village hall committee.

Our thanks for a host of (not golden daffodils) plants

Cath Twigger
Mal Jelfs
Eileen Lockyer
Bel Jabelman
Stefan White
Annie Payne,

If anyone else has planted without our knowledge thank you.
We could not have achieved the nearly finished project without our volunteers. Including Nathan Jordan for the hard landscaping.

For help on the Garden,
Annie and Bill Payne, Mal and Nev Jelfs, Sandra Vale,
Our husbands Roger and Steve,
And last but not least Bel Jabelman, who has been a tower of strength, so encouraging, so helpful and a great work mate.
Please remember this is a community Garden - any help would be more than welcome, feel free to pull up weeds, plant a plant. When the village book exchange is in place enjoy the peace of the garden to choose a book, look out for the wildlife - seen so far, butterflies, bees, mice, frogs, woodpecker and squirrels. Meet new people, catch up with old friends, what could be nicer.
Thanks to everyone who has helped with donations, top soil and bits of wood. Our last thanks go to The Village Hall committee, not only for funding this project, but for their support throughout marking The Centenary of The Village Hall.

" Gardens and flowers have a way of bringing people together, drawing them from their homes." Clare Ansberry.

Ann and Jackie

Children's Corner

The Transfiguration

On 6 August the Church remembers the Transfiguration of Jesus. The story is told in Matthew 17, Mark 9 and Luke 9. The mountain may well have been one of the three high spurs of Mount Hermon, which rises to 9,000 feet. Jesus was suddenly transfigured before Peter, James and John. His face began to shine as the sun, his garments became white and dazzling. Then Elijah and Moses appeared, but why? These two men represent the Law and the Prophets of the Old Covenant, or Old Testament. But both the Law and the Prophets found their true and final fulfilment in Jesus, the Messiah. Elijah and Moses were handing on the baton, if you like. Now God's dwelling with mankind would depend on the New Covenant based on Jesus' death on the cross.

Word search

Transfiguration, Mountain, Peter, James, John, Radiant, Beloved, Son, Well Pleased, Dwelling, Mankind, New covenant, Face, Exodus' Mount Sinai, Sealing, Moses, Law
Elijah, Prophets

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Yet another of the vicar's money-raising wheezes, I see

Word search solution on page 9

August

The rural hillside is celebrating
Its rich purple carpet of lavender…
… lavender to be harvested
for the production of aromatic soap,
bathtime elixir,
and sprays of sensual perfume.

A gentle walk beside a cornfield
Is a tempting adventure
on a sunny day
just before the corn is harvested.
Glimpsed furtively
from beneath
your battered, straw sun hat
with its blue trailing satin ribbons
and marvel at the Van Gogh style cornfield
set out before you.

Stalks of corn
growing in different heights…
… the golden ears of corn
which are almost humorous in design
with their cat like side whiskers
are intermingled with the occasional poppy..
The crescents of corn stalks
are sometimes blown by the breezes
and billow gently
providing tidal reminders of movement,
sea waves lapping against
an inviting sand and pebble shoreline.

Ruth Dawson

Tower Talk

Celebrating the 73rd Anniversary of the NHS

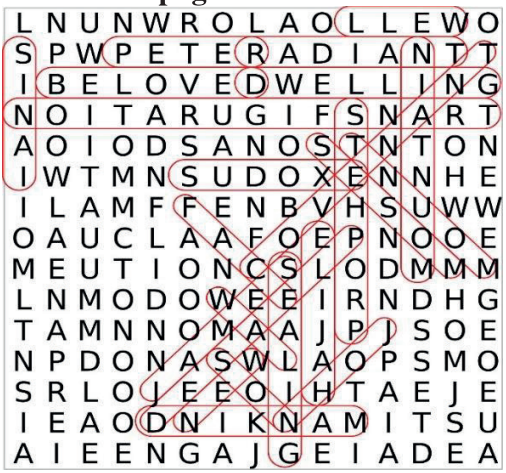
On the 5th July six bells finally rang out over the village after nearly 18 months to help mark the 73rd anniversary of the NHS and the awarding of the George Cross. Our ringing was particularly poignant as Lisa,who is a member of our ringing band, is one of the hugely valued NHS team.

Avid readers of the Church and Village News may remember seeing the photograph of Willersey bell ringers posing with handbells at the turn of the 19th Century. Handbell ringing was once a common feature of learning ringing patterns before ringing the church bells. We thought that it was about time to recreate this image with today's church bells and handbell ringing band - now with a very different gender balance.

19th Century

Photographed by Terry Richardson

Word search solution from page 6



Bonfires

Bonfires are always an issue during the summer months and the Parish Council are requesting the cooperation of all residents to consider their neighbours. During the summer, many are using their gardens during the day and into the evening and bonfires during daylight hours can cause great annoyance.

The police can enforce laws regarding public nuisance and the Council wishes to avoid such situations arising.

Defibrillator

The Parish Council has purchased and installed a third defibrillator in addition to those located at the village hall and the industrial estate. The new unit is located on the wall of No 1. Top Cottage at the junction of Campden Lane and Broadway Rd. These have been provided by the Council to potentially save lives in emergencies and we recommend residents familiarise themselves with the locations.

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL

Well we have at last opened our Village Hall doors for the return of regular meetings of the many organisations and societies who have made the Village Hall their home.

The doors were firmly closed up on March 23rd 2020 due to Covid restrictions and the Building Contractors eventually started work on May 4th a month later than the originally planned. The refurbishment programme was completed on time and within budget in late September but due to further Covid restrictions imposed on November 4th we never got to reopen the hall. With partial opening possible in May the hall committee took the decision not to open until all restrictions were lifted and the hall could be officially opened in proper style on July 24th.

You can find out more about our Hall on our new website willerseyhall.co.uk where you can find out about the costs, facilities, the history and who to contact.

Finally, our hall committee are planning to commence Cinema Nights in September so watch this space for further information.

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For the solution to this Sudoku please see page 20.

K.S.

THE SEPTEMBER 2021 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the next news must be received by Tuesday **17th August** unless otherwise notified. Please send in any items of interest or notice of forthcoming events. Newsletter creation will start early in the morning of the next day, the 18th. Email them to willerseynews@gmail.com or phone Alan 858601 or Bill 858628, Thank you.

The Church and Village News is now published on the Internet no later than one week after the paper edition is delivered. You can find it at.

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Comments on the Newsletter are always welcomed. Please email them to willerseynews@gmail.com

For later updates to any Church and Village News do look on our

Willersey Cotswolds Facebook page or on www.willersey.org

Saint Peter's Church is open, every day.

Please go in to pray, be in the presence of God or just enjoy the peace and tranquillity of our beautiful church which has been there for our parishioners for centuries, especially in the most challenging times.Thank you to our team on the unlocking & locking roster: Gillian, Jennie, Elizabeth, Tom and Liz.

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St Peter's Church Cleaning

Week ending

Aug 7th and Aug 14th — Rachael and Poppy Barker
Aug 21st and Aug 28th — Carolynne Adam and Gillian Beale

St Peter's Brass Cleaning

Week ending

Aug 7th and Aug 14th — Mal Jelfs and Jackie Jordan
Aug 21st and Aug 28th — Jennie and Peter Bond

Many thanks as always for giving up your time tto keep St Peter's looking well Card for. The key for the vestry for cleaning materials can be collected from "The Bell Inn" or Gillian Beale, 01386 852958. If possible could cleaning be done towards the second half of the week after the Wednesday service.

Pots and Pots

A big thank you from Clive for all the recycled garden pots that he has received over the last few months but no more for the present thank you.

Saint Peter's Church Services in August

Beautiful Service of Evensong Tuesday 3rd August 4:30pm

Sunday	**1**	**10:00am**	**Morning Prayer** ML
Sunday	**8**	**9:00am**	**Holy Communion** Book of Common Prayer TL
Sunday	**15**	**11:00am**	**All Age Worship y Communion Service**
Sunday	**22**	**10:00am**	**Morning Prayer** ML
Sunday	**29**	**10:00am**	**Benefice Service Weston sub Edge**

ML – Modern Language TL – Traditional Language

Mid-week Holy Communion: 11am every Wednesday.

Broadway Embroidery Club

Members were again lucky with the weather so we enjoyed our picnic in Gay's garden in Honeybourne. Thank you for your hospitality.

On August 5th we are meeting at Rose's home in South Littleton. Hopefully by then pans for the group will be more permanent, a venue will Hve been finalised and once more the needles and thread can reappear. To find out more please ring either Penny Ingles 01386 853306 or Gillian Beale 01386 852958.

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who kindly made and decorated cakes for St Peter's Patronal Festival at the end of June. Refreshments were served on both the Saturday and Sunday and there was a steady stream of visitors coming into the Church to view the flower arrangements and enjoy a cup of tea and a piece of cake. Many thanks to the band of helpers who set up the tables, made cups of tea, served cakes to the visitors and through out the afternoons washed up and cleaned away. I have not put any names to these tasks as I don't want to miss anyone out but you know who you are!

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Bank Holiday Monday 30 August 2021 from 2pm
On Top Green, Willersey

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CLASS 2: **BEST LOOKING DOG**

CLASS 3: **BEST RESCUE DOG**
CLASS 4: **BEST YOUNG DOG (2 YEARS OR UNDER)**
CLASS 5: **BEST VETERAN – 7 YEARS & OVER**
CLASS 6: **BEST WORKING DOG (NO DISPLAY)**
CLASS 7: **BEST FAMILY PET**
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CLASS 8: **DOG THE JUDGE WOULD MOST LIKE TO TAKE HOME**
CLASS 9: **DOG THAT HASN'T WON A ROSETTE TODAY**

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https://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks/

The British Empire and a British Poet – Tuesday 3rd August – Moderate 2.5hr 5.5ml
Start: 10.00 am The Horse and Groom, Upper Oddington. OS Map ref: SP 222 257.
Hidcote's Hidden History – Tuesday 10th August – Moderate 3.5hr 6.5ml
Start: 10.00 am Hidcote Manor NT car park (by kind permission). OS Map ref: SP 176 430.

Chipping Campden Town Walk – Every Tuesday and Thursday starting from Tuesday 22nd June – Easy 1.5hr
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OS Map ref: SP 151 392.

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. EASY - Length may vary but terrain is mainly flat (level); MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. STRENUOUS – may be rough underfoot and ascents and descents may be steep. We welcome guide and hearing dogs - sorry, others not allowed.

Walks are free although we do invite donations to help fund our conservation and improvement work.

Nature Box

Ring-Necked Parakeet

There is a story that the ring-necked parakeet, which is now a familiar sight in parks and open spaces in the capital, was released after forming part of the backdrop for the filming of *The African Queen* in a London film studio in 1951. Now this might just be an urban myth - never let the truth spoil a good story - but they will have been released/escaped and now thrive, bringing a touch of the exotic to London.

Feeding on fruit and berries and a frequent visitors to bird tables, especially in winter, they are appearing in ever increasing numbers. Although spotted nearby this bird is not yet a Willersey resident, but it is in all probability just a matter of time. After all, the locally familiar collared dove, the bird that thinks it's a football fan with its', "United, United" call, has only been a British breeding bird since the 1950s.

Similarly, red kites, now often seen over the village, were only thirty years ago confined to a remote Welsh valley. So, as we rightly bemoan the loss from the immediate area of birds such as the turtle dove, lapwing and more recently the cuckoo, we should take some comfort in the arrival of other birds, a process that is only likely to continue with changes to our environment and weather patterns.

Recent Sightings

'They have the guise of being married just today, those two butterflies.'

August often seems to be that quieter month with many garden songbirds hiding themselves away to moult and recover from the exertions of nesting and rearing of young.

All too soon our swifts will be departing once again, with the newly fledged somehow finding their way independently all the way to central Africa for the next nine months before hopefully returning next summer. Sightings suggest that one of the nest boxes on The Bell has been occupied for the first time this year, complementing the other established and significant roof nest sites across the village.

But although some of our birds may be less audible and visible, now is a good time to look out for day flying moths, often with exotic names. Colourful scarlet and garden tigers, red burnets and a weird white plume moth, all recently spotted in village gardens. There have also been reports of emperor dragonflies, broad bodied chasers and red and azure damselflies, plus elegant banded demoiselles alongside local watercourses. And now is probably the very best time to enjoy freshly minted butterflies with both large and small tortoiseshell, meadow brown, gatekeeper, small heath, the migrant painted lady, red admiral, marbled white, ringlet, and speckled wood all noted in Willersey.

Other interesting sightings include a peregrine falcon, good numbers of pyramidal orchids, two young hedgehogs, the demise of an unloved rat by a kestrel, a sizeable grass snake and another clutch of mallard ducklings, this time on one of the Willow Green ponds. Sightings this month from Roberta, Helen, Patrick, Glennys, Robert & Helen, Sandy, David, Lena, Chris, Adene, Pete, Stefan and Sarah.

THINGS ARE CHANGING

We haven't really stood still over the past few weeks in spite of lockdown but now feel as if we can begin to return to normality and to our busy WI lives.
On the 21st July we are holding the last of our garden coffee mornings for this year. They will be back again in 2022 as they are an enjoyable way of raising money for charitable causes.
We have a busy schedule for August which begins with programme planning for 2022. Our plans for 2020 and 2021 were scuppered but we hope to reschedule the many interesting speakers. Our long awaited Fish & Chip supper at *The Bell* happens on the 9th Later in the month we will hold our Sawpit Green Picnic, so if you see a group of ladies on The Green opposite Mt Taylor's Garage, you know who it is – the WI.
On the 30th August at the Village Fete we will be running a Bric-and-Brac stall and a cake stall.
So all in all a busy and enjoyable time. We then return to our monthly meeting on 12th September and business as we know it.

If anyone who is **not a member** but wishes to have any details of our activities please contact Mal 858351 or Lizzie 853443.

NEXT MEETING 12TH SEPTEMBER

Our Speaker will be our own Treasurer Heather Rothwell

'My Role as a Magistrate'

WI Crockery Hire call Mal 858351

Scarecrow Thank You

From music makers to Olympic athletes; equine and golfing figures; film, television and literary inspired creations; circus performers, fearsome pirates and even a celebrity disk jockey. Willersey scarecrows 2021 had it all. Who knew there was so much talent out there. Thank you to all 24 households who joined in this lovely annual nonsense and entertained so many of us who took in the trail. All of the scarecrows can now be seen on the Willersey.org website.

Bob Topp

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Solution to Sudoku on page 11

"Welcome to Willersey" Booklet

The "Welcome to Willersey" booklet has been updated and reprinted. If you, or anyone you know is new to the village and have not received a copy please get in touch.
Email willerseynews@gmail.com or telephone 858628 or 858601.

This free booklet contains local area information and contact details of organisations in or near Willersey Village.

Letter Quiz (Part 2 Answers see quiz on page 4)

Fill in the missing words, e.g.57 H V = 57 Heinz Varieties

1) 64 S on a CB SQUARES on a CHESS BOARD

2) 360 D in a C DEGREES in a CIRCLE

3) 1961 YG was FM in S YURI GAGARIN was FIRST MAN in SPACE

4) 16 O in a P OUNCES in a POUND

5) 1415 B of A BATTLE of AGINCOURT

6) 3 BM (SHTR) BLIND MICE-SEE HOW THEY RUN

7) 8 S on an O SIDES on an OCTAGON

8) 1 FA and AFO FOR ALL and ALL FOR ONE

9) 24 H from T HOURS FROM TULSA

10) 99 RB by N RED BALLOONS by NENA

11) 1963 PK was A PRESIDENT KENNEDY was ASSASINATED

12) 29 D in F in a LY DAYS in FEBRUARY in a LEAP YEAR

13) 1066 B of H BATTLE of HASTINGS

14) 18 C of A COMING of AGE

15) 7 P of W PILLARS of WISDOM

16) 6 S on a D SIDES on a DICE

17) 15 M on a DMC MEN on a DEAD MAN'S CHEST

18) 13 UFS UNLUCKY FOR SOME

19) 7 C of the R COLOURS of the RAINBOW

20) 11 P in a FT PLAYERS in a FOOTBALL TEAM

Mike Robinson

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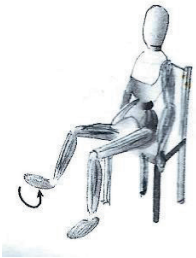

OR

Exercises to Music

TUESDAY 7.30 pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
GILL O'DONOGHUE

01386 854830 **gillcod@aol.com**

Willersey Book Club Launch

If you are reading this item because the Willersey with Saintbury Church & Village News is posted through your door then you are warmly invited to join our new book club.

We plan to meet on the first Wednesday of every month in the New Inn between 7.30 and 9.30pm. Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday 1st September.

The book for this first meeting will be "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

Members will take it in turns to recommend a book for discussion on a monthly basis. If you would like to find out more then please contact Nuala at willerseybookclub@gmail.com

WILLERSEY METHODIST CHURCH

News Letter for August 2021

This is the beginning of the end of the Methodist Church in Willersey. Don't be sad! (I tell myself!) It's going to grow into something that will be appreciated in the village – at the moment no-one knows! As an organisation we don't own the building but we do have a bit of a say in what happens to it. It's recently been modernised and is 'fit for a purpose'.

All of us in the small congregation want the building to go on and it will! It's smaller than the village hall, has a well equipped kitchen, a good sized community room and our church will still be there. Not only that, but we have a fantastic Croquet lawn at the back which brings a lot of pleasure to a lot of people and the view of the hill is splendid. We will be looking for people who would like to 'invest' in it! Not with money – but ideas. A small library has been one idea put forward. The U3A groups that have been meeting there can still meet there; and it won't be the end.

Please put forward your ideas – don't hesitate. You can phone me or put a note through the Church door! Please let's get the building made into a Willersey Centre. What ideas have you got? A library? Music Room, Card Games? Art Lessons? Shop?

We're not quite sure when all this will start, but we don't want the building to be sitting fading away. It needs to be used. We do not want to compete with our brand new village hall – that's the big brother of the public buildings! It looks gorgeous, doesn't it.

In the meantime let us enjoy the summer sun, the holidays, and getting out and around the village. The new people who came to the modern houses have joined us – can we have a suggestion for meeting all of them? Perhaps not all at once! There are quite a lot!

So, I will sit by the phone to receive messages. Please do send some!

Looking forward to hearing from everyone.

Penny Ingles 013886 853306 – ingles7pp@ btinternet.com

PUBLIC NOTICES AUGUST 2021

MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.
The next dates for all bins are **Monday 9th, & Monday 23rd August 2021**
Please put all bins and bags out by 7.00am. The Waste Hotline is 01285 623123.
https://publica.force.com/sfsites/c/resource/CDC_Calendars/Mon_2.pdf
Please note that the situation on these can change at any time if say the weather is bad. Just leave your bins out for later collection.

PARISH COUNCIL The Office is currently closed. Please e-mail willerseyparishcouncil@btinternet.com tel: 01386 853635
WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL Now Open See page 10 .

METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE
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The team offers pre paid funeral plans, which are becoming ever more popular, as well as a choice of hearse. Requests have included a motor bike, Land Rover and a horse drawn hearse.

"Times have changed a lot with many differing wish-lists for marking a loved one's passing. That's why we offer so many different options," adds Martin.

He and his team are hand for support 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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