

PUBLIC NOTICES SEPTEMBER 2021

MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.

The next dates for all bins are **Monday 6th, & Monday 20th September 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_Calendar/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 has reopened see notice on page 8

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL Now Open To hire the hall please telephone Annie & Bill Payne 01386 858368, or email willerseyhall@btinternet.com Otherwise telephone Jean Harris 01386 858434.

METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE

Tel: Penny Ingles 01386 853306.

The MOBILE POST OFFICE

Willersey on Friday at The Bell Inn 12:45 to 14:45. For Lloyds customers, their Mobile Bank visits Broadway alternate Wednesdays 10:00 to 14:30. **Not with Lloyds? – use the Co-Op Post Office in Broadway or the Mobile Post Office in Willersey.**

NEAREST LIBRARY The nearest library is in Broadway.
Open Mon & Wed, 10am - 2pm. 01905 822722

COTSWOLD VOLUNTEERS NORTH

Anybody who wishes to have transport for hospital and medical appointments should ring the CVN Help Centre: 01608 651415. This telephone is manned from 09:30-15:30 Monday to Friday. At other times there is an Answerphone.

TRAVEL SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS

National Rail Enquiries	08457 48 49 50 or 03457 48 49 50
National Bus Traveline	0871 2002233
Hedgehog	01386 841849
N. N. Cresswell to Evesham	01386 48655 for route R4
Johnsons to Stratford-upon-Avon	01564 797000 for route 1
Pulhams Coaches to Cheltenham	01451 820369 for route 606

Bus timetables for Gloucestershire are at www.easytraveling.org.uk/gcc/ and on the Willersey website at www.willersey.org/transport.htm#bus

Contact numbers for Breakdown of Services & Police

Electric Power Faults - 0800 328 1111 or 105. Gas Emergency – 0800 111 999
Floodline – 0845 988 1188. Severn Trent. Sewage – 08007 834444
Thames Water - Water Supply – 0800 980 8800
Police – Telephone 101 www.gloucestershire.police.uk

Emergency 999.

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PASTORAL LETTER – SEPTEMBER 2021

I was reflecting recently on these words, from the hymn, *O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end*:

**‘O Jesus, thou hast promised, to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.’**

Over the years, I must have sung those words hundreds of times and yet, when I read them, it was as if I were hearing them for the first time, especially the line, ‘O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.’

In St Mark’s Gospel, chapter 8, from verse 31 onwards, Jesus tells his disciples that he *must* undergo, ‘great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.’ The impact of the words on his followers is best seen in Peter’s response. What Jesus said was so unthinkable that, ‘Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him’. Jesus is having none of it, though. ‘Get behind me Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things’, is the stinging rebuke that Peter receives for his trouble. Jesus knew why he had left the glory and splendour of his Father’s presence. He knew his mission. His purpose. He came to abide with us, ultimately, to die and rise again for *each one of us* – to pardon us, to save us from our sins and to open to every believer the way to eternal life. Nothing, no one, would deter him. This is how precious we are to our Heavenly Father.

As I thought about the hymn and the words from St Mark’s Gospel, it occurred to me that asking Christ to, ‘give me grace to follow’, is a much more profound and less easy to pray prayer than we might first think. Truly following Jesus Christ means being willing to walk with him along the path where we are called to, ‘deny ourselves and take up our cross’, as well as the path where we encounter sheer joy, utter delight and peace beyond our understanding.

September is often a time of new beginnings, especially for the children around us, for their parents and carers and for the adults who work in our schools. I encourage you to pray for them, that they would have grace to follow Jesus Christ – not just our Master, but our Friend, too – as a new academic year begins. You see, whilst it is a joy, privilege and blessing far above any others that we will know this side of heaven, following Jesus isn’t always the easy option. It means taking an honest and hard look at our values, our priorities, our life in its entirety and, having done so, realigning ourselves to follow Christ’s example. Is it worth it? YES – a hundred thousand times, YES! That’s my testimony and the testimony of millions and millions of people who have

followed Jesus Christ in the past, who follow him now and who, despite what the media might have you believe, will follow him in the future and until time is no more.

I'm praying in the days ahead for you and for me – for grace to be able to *really* mean those words, 'O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend'

With love, Scott

Rev Scott Watts
Team Vicar

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PAM McATEER

On behalf of my myself and our family I should like to say a huge thank you to all our neighbours and friends in the village who have written or spoken to us with messages of condolence following Pam's recent death.

The many heartfelt words of sympathy, kindness and support we have received have been simply overwhelming. They have given us much strength at this difficult time and have demonstrated how loved and respected she was.

Thank you all. Your messages and thoughtfulness have been much appreciated.

David McAteer

WILLERSEY METHODIST CHURCH

News for September

Thank you to everyone who has shown sympathy and offered help to our church since we had the news that we must close. It turns out that we don't have to close – Hurray!! We have had to put up a fight but ... we haven't lost our Sunday Services and we have a new Minister to help us. We also have a new 'Outreach Worker' to support us so we can carry on meeting, croqueting, knitting and whatever we decide to do – within reason!! What a relief – you don't know what you have until it's threatened do you? We have a volunteer organist to play occasionally. He has been playing when he could in the past but now, we may have a few more Sundays to cheer us up! He's retired early! He played this week, and it was great to have something to sing to! It was also, of course, our first time singing a service since lock down.

We shall continue using the church as much as we can – U3A and any other groups will be welcome. We have our knitting/sewing/natter group on a Friday morning from 10.30am. It's really opening the building to everyone. Please come and join us – if only to chat! Coffee etc will be available – we want to make Friday our 'Open Day'. We could sell a few plants/books/odds and ends etc. We still need to make money to keep going. We believe we have a lot to sell in our building and someone has already offered a group – we're measuring it up to see if that will be a possibility. If you have any ideas of a 'quilting' group or art group of any sort then please let us know. Richard will be demonstrating walling someday soon as we've had a collapse at the back of the church. Brian (next door) has put himself forward as an Apprentice LEARNER and will be paid accordingly!

There are lots of things going on this next month, so we wish everyone well in their efforts for the village. If there is anyone who would like to use our church building for their demonstrations or etc please let us know. The weather is being very unpredictable, so I hope to see you around and enjoying the last of the summer.
Penny 01386 853306 or ingles7pp@btinternet.com

Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

The guided walks programme has restarted and Cotswold Wardens are once again leading the public on walks in a safe and careful way. Details of the walks available are described on the website (below). Please check walk details carefully including whether booking is necessary.

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



A King's Swell Battle– Tuesday 7th September – Moderate 3.5hr 7ml

We walk north and west across the (disputed) locations of the last battle of the first Civil War near Stow and back via the Swells.

Start: 10.00 am Public car park next to Tesco north of Stow on the Wold. OS Map ref: SP 191 262.

Andoversford on the Gloucestershire Way – Tuesday 21st September – Moderate 3hr 6.5ml

A lovely walk taking in some lovely agricultural land and quaint villages. Lunch is available in the Royal Oak or drop down into Charlton Kings.

Start: 10.00 am Andoversford, Station Road at the end near the Royal Oak pub. OS Map ref: SP 024 196.

CW50 – Up, Up and Away – Tuesday 28th September – Moderate 5hr 10ml

This autumn walk along a lovely stretch of the Cotswold Way, showcases some pretty villages. We then climb up the scarp to get fine views in all directions. The return route uses the Winchcombe Way. Please bring a packed lunch.

This walk forms part of the celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the Cotswold Way. *Start:* 10.00 am Stanton village car park. OS Map ref: SP 067 344.

Chipping Campden Town Walk – Every Tuesday and Thursday – Easy 1.5hr

We will walk along the High Street and provide a historical tour of the town. From the granting of Campden's Charter in the 1180s, the growth of the town and its magnificent buildings, to the arrival of the Arts and Crafts movement. Refreshments available in the town after the walk.

Start: 14:00 on Tuesdays and 10:00 on Thursdays. Meet at the Market Hall in the centre of town.

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.

Kurling in Willersey

Please come along to the hall to try your hand at Kurling. Its great fun and anyone can play! We're a small friendly group who previously played at Weston Sub Edge and would welcome additional members now we're moving closer to home. We play on the 4th Monday of each month and it's 10 till 12 with a tea and biscuits break at half time. It's a u3a event and starts on 27th Sept. If numbers are viable the plan is then to run it on 25th October and 22nd November, then from January. The cost will be £2 each. For more information and to register interest please contact Sandra 858637 or Christine 854841

Touch Tennis in Willersey

We're planning to restart this u3a activity in the hall from Monday 13th September, starting with an hour session from 10.00 to assess interest, aiming for at least monthly. Its tennis on a court the size that young kids play on aimed at adults, with soft balls and small rackets, all provided. Normal tennis rules except for one underarm serve and no service lets. I'd encourage you to please come along to this well-established just for fun activity. It suits doubles (less movement!) but singles is fine for those more active. Never played before? Rackets a bit rusty? I can help. Come and see what you're missing. The initial cost will be £2 each, we'll see how that goes. The hall cost is £12 per hour. For more information and to register interest please contact Ken 858637.

U3A Table Tennis Willersey Village Hall

Normally 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays of the month 5.30 – 6.30 starting Thursday 2nd September (note NOT Thursday 16th) and Thursday 30th

And we are looking for new members to join us.

Please come along and/or contact helentrussell@outlook.com

ALPHABETICAL DOUBLES

The questions below all require two-word answers. Both words begin with the same letter and are in alphabetical order by the first name. E.G. Jack Jones would come before Joe Jordan.

- 1) Innovative Irish Novelist _____
- 2) His fictional characters had river holidays _____
- 3) Famous real life cowboy outlaw _____
- 4) World professional snooker champion (1986) _____
- 5) Prolific soccer goal scorer in several countries _____
- 6) Wife of Joe di Maggio _____
- 7) Famous male cartoon character _____
- 8) He went through a "Blue Period" _____
- 9) This "stocking" absconded to Cyprus _____
- 10) "He washed his hands" _____
- 11) Theatrical contemporary of Gielgud & Olivier _____
- 12) Triple Winner of the Grand National _____
- 13) From actor to President _____
- 14) "Self Help" expert from 19th century _____
- 15) Gap-toothed comedian _____
- 16) Female pop idol, still belting them out _____
- 17) Slaves were grateful to him _____
- 18) Famous resident of Dove Cottage _____
- 19) Deputy to Margaret Thatcher _____
- 20) Led France to Soccer World Cup glory _____

See page 17 for answers

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ALPHABETICAL DOUBLES - Answers for questions on page 4

The questions below all require two-word answers. Both words begin with the same letter and are in alphabetical order by the first name. E.G. Jack Jones would come before Joe Jordan.

- 1) Innovative Irish Novelist JAMES JOYCE
- 2) His fictional characters had river holidays JEROME K JEROME
- 3) Famous real life cowboy outlaw JESSIE JAMES
- 4) World professional snooker champion (1986) JOE JOHNSON
- 5) Prolific soccer goal scorer in several countries KEVIN KEEGAN
- 6) Wife of Joe di Maggio MARILYN MONROE
- 7) Famous male cartoon character MICKEY MOUSE
- 8) He went through a "Blue Period" PABLO PICASSO
- 9) This "stocking" absconded to Cyprus POLLY PECK
- 10) "He washed his hands" PONTIUS PILATE
- 11) Theatrical contemporary of Gielgud & Olivier RALPH RICHARDSON
- 12) Triple Winner of the Grand National RED RUM
- 13) From actor to President RONALD REAGAN
- 14) "Self Help" expert from 19th century SAMUEL SMILES
- 15) Gap-toothed comedian TERRY THOMAS
- 16) Female pop idol, still belting them out TINA TURNER
- 17) Slaves were grateful to him WILLIAM WILBERFORCE
- 18) Famous resident of Dove Cottage WILLIAM WORDSWORTH
- 19) Deputy to Margaret Thatcher WILLIE WHITELAW
- 20) Led France to Soccer World Cup glory ZINEDINE ZIDAN

WILLERSEY WEDNESDAY CLUB.

The first meeting will be on Wednesday 1st September at 2.30 p.m. at the Village Hall when we will be discussing the future of the club.

**NEXT MEETING 13TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.15 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Speaker is our own Treasurer Heather Rothwell

‘My Role as a Magistrate’

WI Crockery Hire call Mal 858351

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thursday September 23rd

The Village Hall 10.00 - 12noon



WI MARKET

**Raffles - Cakes - Fancy Goods - Tombola
and a chance for a chat!**

Donations gratefully received either on the day or to a WI member

Any organisation wishing to contribute by running an activity or a stall to raise funds for Macmillan will be warmly welcomed. Call Maggie on 01386 858635

Every penny raised means Macmillan can help more people with cancer to live life as fully as they can.

PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN



MEN in SHEDS COMES TO CAMPDEN AND OTHER NEWS

Cotswold Friends is delighted to be working in partnership with Campden Home Nursing to bring a new Men in Sheds project to Chipping Campden. Based at Jecca's House, the home of Campden Home Nursing, the shed (or double garage in this case!) will be a fantastic local facility for men (and ladies) to meet up, chat and get involved in a bit of DIY and some community projects. The first meeting is planned for Tuesday 7th September 2021 from 10.30am till 12.30pm, with the aim of opening the shed two mornings a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays – so all new members are very welcome!

We are now looking for volunteer Shed Leaders to help support the project. The Shed Leader role involves helping to ensure the smooth running of the shed including opening up, helping members to get going on various projects and most importantly, the support and motivation of those that attend. Shed Leaders take responsibility for Health & Safety and Fire Safety procedures, but full training will be given, and no previous experience is needed. This could be a great opportunity for anyone looking for experience of running a project within the caring profession.

If you would like to find out more about the new shed, or the Shed Leader role, please do contact Rob Platts for an informal chat on Tel: 01608 698557 or email: sheds@cotswoldfriends.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

LOVELY LUNCHES

And don't forget that our Broad Campden Lunch Club is now up and running again at the lovely Bakers Arms on the second Tuesday of each month at 12.30pm. We are looking for volunteers to help meet and greet and take the register so if you might be able to help, or if you would like to attend for a delicious lunch and a chat with others, please do give Sam a call on Tel: 01608 692811.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

And a final plea for drivers in the Campden area. Our transport service helps people get out and about for medical, practical and social need and we particularly need drivers in Campden and surrounding villages. For a fully flexible and rewarding volunteering role, paid at 50p per mile, please do call George on Tel: 01608 697007.

Take care and many thanks from all at Cotswold Friends.

Photo – Rob Platts, Men in Sheds Project Worker (Cotswold Friends) and Heather Mitchell (Head of Nursing Services (Campden Home Nursing) at the new shed site.

The Embroidery Group

Our picnic lunch at Rose's Home on August 5th began in the garden, but after fifteen minutes it was a frantic dash to avoid a sudden downpour. Our venues for the group starting again have been finalised. For the Autumn Term meetings will be held in Honeybourne Village Hall with a start time of nine-thirty. In the New Year we will be moving to Willersey Village Hall with a ten o'clock start.

Our September meeting will be a 'Sit and Sew' plus a display table of work from members. With lockdown and no meetings throughout 2020 there should be plenty of completed works of art!!

In October we welcome back Sadie Yeomans of Cornerhouse Crafts who will be demonstrating Kantha work.

Anyone wishing to know more about our group please contact either:

Penny Ingles on 01386 853306 or Gillian Beale on 01386 852958

Willersey Footlights Drama Group

are now shaking off the dust of the past problematic months and gearing up with future events in mind

We know we have many new residents in the village and some of you may wish to share your talents and skills with us

So, with this in mind, we invite you to come along to our newly polished village hall on Monday, the 4th October at 8pm to exchange ideas and meet the existing team

You will be Very Welcome!

If you need to know more about us do look online on the Village Facebook site or just key in Willersey footlights.

Any queries just contact:

Mary Gittings

marys.badger@btinternet.com

Tel: 858601 mob: 07711936976



BACK TO NORMALITY

On August 9th 32 of us enjoyed a grand fish and chip supper at The Bell and our thanks to Sue, Lou and all the staff for looking after us so well. We drew our Picnic Hamper Raffle, and the winner was Flic Marcham.

The Rev Scott joined us and gave us a very interesting reveal into his fascinating journey through life and how his path brought him to Willersey.

Over the past few months, we have held our garden coffee mornings and as a result of the monies raised there together with those from the Picnic Hamper raffle, we have raised a total of £715.50. We have donated this money to Maggie's Cheltenham which is a charity that provides free professional support to help those people affected by cancer.

Our next gathering is our Picnic on Sawpit Green on Tuesday 17th August. This is a DIY affair we just bring chairs, food and beverages of our choice and while away an hour or two enjoying catching up with all the goings on in various areas of life!! Following this we will be running the Bric a Brac stall and the cake stall at the Summer Fete - just to keep us busy.

We are very lucky to have had several new members join us this year and if you would like to join us and enjoy being part of a lively and very friendly group then do contact either Mal 858351 or Lizzie 853443 for more information.



Recent Village Sightings



***'Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces,
I would still plant my apple tree' Martin Luther.***

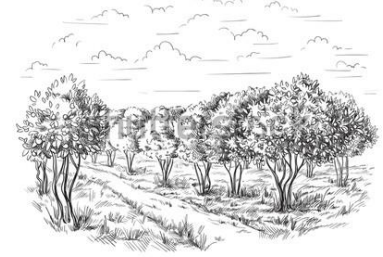
Swallows and the few house martins we have this year will soon be gone, following the already departed swifts and heading south; so we should look out and enjoy their musical twittering while we can.

Particular thanks for sightings this month go to Lena, Stefan, Sue & Lou, Mal, Pete, Mike, Jenny & Rex, Sandy, Ken, Adine, and Tom which includes a pair of red kites that have successfully raised two youngsters in a woodland site on the edge of the village; a tawny owl and little owl both spotted in daylight; a temporarily stunned buzzard having careered into a set of French windows; a sizeable party of long-tailed tits doing the rounds; with further grass snakes and hooray, baby hedgehog sightings; noisy recently fledged green and great-spotted woodpeckers and insistent constantly hungry young buzzards; a scouting heron on the make; bullfinches and wagtails; hawking pipistrelle bats and even a bedroom visiting bat (!); squabbling starlings and a variety of very welcome dragonflies - with emperor, southern hawkler and four-spotted chasers all reported in the village.

If you'd like to contribute to Nature Box or report interesting local sightings please speak to or email Bob Topp at bob.topp@btinternet.com

September

*Autumn is arriving
Fruit is ripening in orchards...
apples,
plums, damsons and pears.
Ladders, hessian satchels
and wicker skips will be needed
as well as wooden fruit boxes.*



*Fruit to be sold on market stalls
and in greengrocers' shops too.
Apple pies, pear and ginger sponge puddings,
plum tarts and damson chutney.
Did I forget to mention
plum brandy and elderflower wine?*

*There's the smell
of newly turned earth
in the countryside
where once there was corn stubble.
Rooks, pigeons and a seagull or two
hover above the arable pastures
hoping that worms and grubs
will be revealed.*

*And tempting blackberries
Are ripening on brambles
Which twist and twirl upwards
through hedges
uncertain of any final positioning...
along that pathway.*



Ruth Dawson

Celebration for Saintbury Church Saturday 11th September 2021

We are delighted to welcome some of Britain's finest acting and artistic talent to Saintbury for a very special summer excursion back to the hamlet's rural past. The festivities will include a talk by renowned ceramicist and writer, Edmund de Waal and a performance of 'Shakespeare on Love', written and performed by leading actors, Sylvestra Le Touzel, Michael Maloney, Golda Rosheuvel and Owen Teale and accompanied by The Choir of Exeter College Oxford. Following the performance guests will have the opportunity to attend a celebration supper in The Old Rectory.

This very special event is in aid of The Church Conservation Trust's (CCT) Heritage Lottery Fund bid to repair the medieval church's lead roof which has been devastated through theft. We are grateful to our sponsors Robert Welch Designs, The Cotswold Distillery, Sarah Hudson-Evans Catering, Gusbourne Estate & Forever Green Floral Design

All the information for booking tickets was outlined in the August Willersey News. For further information and to support this important work please contact saintburychurch1301@gmail.com or CCT

Parish Council Office

The office reopened from Monday August 16th, and every Monday thereafter, from 10.00am to noon. Outside these office hours the clerk can now also be contacted by phone on 01386 853635 or email at willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com to advise on any issues residents may have.
Kevin O'Donoghue Parish Clerk

“Welcome to Willersey” Booklet

The “Welcome to Willersey” booklet has been updated and reprinted. If you know of anyone or you who are 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 the Village.

THE OCTOBER 2021 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the next news must be received by **Friday 17th September** 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.

www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm

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

Willersey Biker Night

11th August 2021

An awesome bike meet in Willersey with hundreds of bikes turning up and many locals coming out to see them. We raised a whopping £1,110.00 for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations.



This brings the total amount we've raised for this year to £2,662.00 for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. Since I Stephanie started 'BIKERS' NITE' in 2002 we've collected £91,475.00 plus the amount we collected at your beautiful village Willersey. Our aim is to reach £100,000.00 by the end of 2021

Autumn Clean at St Peter's Church

As we were unable to do Spring and Autumn Cleans last year due to Covid19, the Church is in need of some extra TLC.

Please spare some time on Saturday 25th September starting at 10 am to dust sweep and or polish.

Your reward – refreshments throughout the morning followed by a soup and cheese lunch.

Cleaning equipment is provided, but do feel free to bring any of your own.

Thank you in anticipation,
Jennie and Gillian



Our Village Trees



As the Chinese saying goes: *'The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second best time is now.'*

Although many of us will have planted trees in our gardens, it is still easy to take our trees for granted. Many of the large and valuable trees within the village and immediate surroundings have either been planted or nurtured for perhaps hundreds of years by organisations or folk who never lived to see their true majesty.

Some oaks will have been 'planted' by jays and squirrels, often failing to remember where they have placed all of the nuts they have cached. Large trees can often be found in hedgerows where as saplings they have been protected early on in their life.

Oak trees especially provide wonderful wildlife habitat. Winter moths particularly favour oaks, with great and blue tits breeding seemingly timed to coincide with the emergence of this caterpillar food source providing essential food and liquid for their young. Many bat species roost and hibernate in such trees. Just two examples of more than 200 wildlife benefits provided by a number of venerable old oak trees that we still have in the parish.

Whilst reliably informed that horse chestnuts are valued by some for reducing poor blood circulation and keeping spiders away, they certainly provide an important habitat and nectar source for insects, particularly bees and moths. There are some large beech trees around the village, with similar benefits from nuts rich in fat to build up winter reserves for jays, nuthatches, mice, voles, squirrels and deer. And that's not to mention other natives such as ash, sycamore, birch, willow, and fruit bearing hawthorn, cherry and rowan. Willersey is probably doing okay, but wouldn't even more trees that benefit wildlife be simply *treemendous*?

Saint Peter's Church Services in September

Sunday	5	10:00am	Morning Prayer ML
Sunday	12	9:00am	Holy Communion TL (BCP)
Sunday	19	11:00am	All Age Worship Service Harvest Festival
Sunday	26	10:00am	Morning Prayer ML

ML – Modern Language TL – Traditional Language

Mid-week Holy Communion: 11am every Wednesday.

All Age Worship

August is the month for our Family Communion and Thank You to all who came to join us. Our theme for the service was “Faith and Sharing”. This is very appropriate with the sharing of the bread. Robert read our lesson from John Chapter 6. This is the story of the Bread of Life. “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry. Because of this month’s theme, a hymn read by Gillian took us through stories from the Bible from the feeding of the five thousand through to sharing bread with those who haven’t any.

Scott’s talk told of some meals in the Bible and big choices but there were three talked about: the first was the story of the Israelites in the desert thinking they had been left without food., but they were told to believe, and they would find that there was enough for them all. Our next example was the Breakfast on the Shore, Jesus appearing when the disciples were fishing without much luck, but he provided a net full of fish, but they were not sure whether it was Jesus or not. When they had finished their breakfast of fish, they were sure that it was him, and last of all the bread and wine at the Last Supper leading up to us sharing Communion in a circle and in the pews. This was moving part of the service bringing together our theme of Faith and Sharing.

Our next Service is Harvest Festival on Sunday 19th September at 11:00 and if you would like to give tines of fruit or veg or anything you would like to donate these items will be taken to Caring Hands a charity based in Evesham. Hope to see you then.,

Jennie Bond

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.

Worship via Skype or Zoom with Revd Scott and/or Kevin. The latest details will be on www.grumball.com with a link and service sheet.

St Peter's Church Cleaning

Church Cleaning

Week ending

September 4th and 11th Ann Embury and Gillian Beale
September 18th and 25th Annie Payne and Sue Clark

Brass Cleaning

Week ending

September 4th and 11th Gillian Beale
September 18th and 25th Autumn Clean (see page 12)

The key to the vestry can be collected from either The Bell Inn or Gillian Beale, Floriizel. 01386 852958.

If possible, cleaning to be done anytime after Wednesday service (11am)

Please choose either week to clean Church. Many Thanks.