

PUBLIC NOTICES MAY 2022

MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.

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https://publica.force.com/sfsites/c/resource/CDC_Calendars/Mon_2.pdf

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METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE

Please telephone: Penny Ingles 01386 853306.

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Pastoral Letter May 2022

**‘Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”’**
(Isaiah, chapter 6, verse 8, NIVUK)

It seems hard to believe that it was during 2016 that Ros and I felt God calling us to come and serve Him and His people here in the Vale and Cotswold Edge. Towards the end of that year, the post that I am privileged to currently hold was advertised. I applied, was shortlisted, interviewed and then appointed. The rest, as the saying goes, is history! We came here in response and obedience to God’s call – and have loved every day – even the sad, difficult and challenging ones – and wouldn’t have missed a moment.

As some of you will already know, Ros and I have heard once more the gracious invitation of the Lord to follow Him. This means that we will be leaving the parishes at the end of July after a little over five wonderful years here. I am to be the new deputy lead chaplain of Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, based at Addenbrooke’s Hospital in Cambridge. I am, of course, excited about what lies ahead but, equally, very sad to be leaving behind people and places that we have come to love very much indeed. As many of you know, I was a hospital chaplain before I came here and, before that, a hospice chaplain. The call on my life to minister to the sick, dying and bereaved is central to who I am as one created in God’s image.

We move on, not because we are in any way unhappy, but because we truly believe, after much prayer and discernment, that this is God’s will for the next chapter of our lives and yours, too. Please know that we are praying for you and Ros and I both ask that you pray for us, too. Thank you for all that we have shared over the past five years and for all that we will continue to share over the weeks before we leave.

I have always loved this prayer by Dag Hammarskjöld, a former Secretary-General of the United Nations and winner of the Nobel

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Peace Prize in 1961. It is a bold prayer and not always easy to pray. It has, however, very much been on my lips in recent days.

Hammar skjöld wrote,

“For all that has been – THANKS!

For all that is yet to be – YES!”

Amen.

With love, Scott

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Cotswold Vale Embroidery Group

Our April meeting was well attended. Some of us continued the folding techniques to produce the brooches started in March while other members brought unfinished projects to carry on with.

It was good to welcome Penny back after a prolonged absence for health reasons. At the same time we said goodbye to Sue who is moving to Sussex to be closer to her family.

A drawn threadwork lavender pouch is the project for May. Jean Beaumont, a member of the group will be leading the session. Requirements were given to the members present, but for more information please contact either Pennt Ingles on 01386 853306 or Gillian Beale on 01386 852958.

Our next meeting is on Thursday May 5th 9:30 – 12:30 at Honeybourne Village Hall.

News from the Methodists

At last Spring seems to have sprung! I'm sure you're all mightily relieved to see the blossom on the hedgerows and in the garden. I don't know why but I'm appreciating it more this year. Is it because we've had a difficult time over the last few years with the weather and the pandemic? If only we could get rid of all the politicians! Never mind – nothing's perfect is it?

Thinking of which we have our District Counsellor, Tom Stowe, coming to our Friday morning coffee on 22nd April – this Friday. He arranged it very quickly and is coming to help us with understanding how our Council Tax works and our banding is arrived at. Ask us afterwards how we got on.

We're opening our stall for 'plants you don't need any more' this coming month so please support us. The money will go to Christian Aid – I don't know if you've seen the adverts on TV but they do a lot of good in England and world wide.

CROQUET will begin this month! The first and the third Tuesdays are Croquet days! We've moved to Tuesdays so we can support Wednesday Club. Obviously they meet on a Wednesday! By popular demand we are playing two days a month, **the First and the Third Tuesdays**. Please don't forget. We start at 2.30 pm and we stop for tea at the end of the afternoon. We do hope you'll join us for a relaxing game on both days. We have a very good coach in Victor and Richard so you don't need to worry about the rules – they know them!! And You are allowed 3 mistakes before you're chucked out!! (Joking of course!)

We continue to enjoy our quiet Sunday services. We all join in with the discussions and if it were our group running the world we're sure it would be a better place! We occasionally join with Broadway and had a good service this last weekend.

Do join us on a Friday morning to catch up with each other over a coffee and a natter. Compared to the group above we are the upper house of the Parliament based at Willersey Methodist Church where matters are approved, amended or sent back to the other house. Knitted goods are needed throughout the world so bring your wool and needles.

Penny Ingles 853306

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Car Quiz Answers The answers are all makes and models of cars. Cryptic clues coupled with the odd tenuous answer!!

The quiz is on page 4

Mike R

Question Answer

- 1) Will he get his own back? Avenger
- 2) Suzie Who? Quattro
- 3) Wandering around the place. Rover/Traveller
- 4) A large desert. Sahara
- 5) A horseman with attitude!! Cavalier
- 6) Goes places with you. Escort
- 7) Beyond the blue Horizon
- 8) Does this come with a sting? Hornet
- 9) Precious stone. Sapphire/Opel
- 10) Fly it or drive it? Spitfire
- 11) Spanish city. Granada/Toledo
- 12) et ---- Espania! Viva
- 13) Red, trees, polish, blossom or brandy! Cherry
- 14) You can ski here. Cortina
- 15) This is a cheeky "little" person! Imp



Solution to children's word search on page 19

Church Street and Churchyard Recognition and Thanks

It is difficult to improve our beautiful village but Sandra Spensley, with occasional help from husband Ken, has managed to do this.

From the start of Church Street, Sandra and Ken have cleared the previous jungle of tall weeds and nettle beds to establish a forty-yard length with a wider, grassed area bordered by a neatly-edged, well-cultivated bed full of beautiful plants. At the other end of the street, in the Churchyard, they continue to keep the rose-beds and flower beds immaculately tended and a credit to Saint Peter's.

Thank you also to Phil Dunn and his team for all the work and craftsmanship that has gone into restoring the dry-stone wall on the south side of the churchyard, between the Remembrance Garden and farmyard.

Please take the time to appreciate and enjoy the benefits of all their hard work and skill every time you pass by.

Robert McNeil-Wilson, Churchwarden.



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Car Quiz

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Please see page 22 for the answers

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Cotswolds Friends

Please note that Cotswold Volunteers North is now branded as **Cotswold Friends**. They can help with Community Transport to medical, social and practical appointments
(see *Public Notices p.24*).

9.30am to 3.30pm weekdays. Could you volunteer?
Call 01608 697007



Willersey Celebrations of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Sunday, 5th June

Our exciting programme to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years of service as England's longest reigning monarch on **Sunday 5 June**:

10:00: A Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration
Saint Peter's Church.

11:00: Dedication of the Jubilee Commemorative Bench
In the Remembrance Garden in the Churchyard.

11:30: Photograph of parishioners taken from the top of Saint Peter's Church tower. *[Please assemble in the Churchyard and around the War Memorial at 11:15]*

12:00: Saintbury Hill Race, start and finish in Church Street, by the Jubilee Tree.

Willersey's 'Street Party' on the Recreation Ground

14:00: Children and Youth Sports

15:30: Parish Picnic

- *live music, fun and entertainment*
- *Children's Fancy Dress: Parade of Princes and Princesses*
- *prize for the best decorated gazebo/picnic pitch*

*Let's deck out our houses
with flags and bunting for Her Majesty! 21*

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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 on the website, including whether booking is necessary. Additional walks will be published on the website.**

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

Alderton to Dumbleton around the hills Tuesday 3rd May – Moderate 2.5hr 5ml

A beautiful walk around the hills of Alderton and Dumbleton. We may be lucky to see bluebells. Bring a drink/snack. Refreshments are available in the Gardeners Arms following the walk.

Start: 9.30 Gardeners Arms, Alderton, GL20 8NL. OS Map ref: SO 999 333.

Springtime on the scarp around Stanton Monday 9th May – Moderate 3hr 6ml

A lovely walk from Stanton via Buckland to Littleworth Wood looking for wild flowers. Hopefully bluebells aplenty plus lots of other delights. Bring drink/snack.

Start: 10.00 Stanton village car park WR12 7NE. OS Map ref: SP 067 344.

Literary Connections 1

Wednesday 25th May – Moderate 5hr 9ml

A walk taking in Stanway and Snowhill, tracing the literary figures past and present who have found inspiration in the Cotswolds. Please bring drinks/snack and packed lunch.

Start: 9:30 Stanton village car park WR12 7NE. OS Map ref: SP 067 344.

Chipping Campden Town Walk – Every Tuesday and Thursday starting from Tuesday 31st May to the end of September – 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.



Recent Village Sightings



Thank you to Judith for this month's wildlife encounter.

My milk is quietly delivered early in the morning, so I was surprised on several occasions to find the bottle knocked over leaving spilt milk. A little detective work uncovered the culprit: a thirsty hedgehog who left some trademark black cylindrical poo as evidence. Clearly this hedgehog hadn't read the memo warning that milk is not good for hedgehogs! A gift from the milkman of a milk carrier resolved matters, but I hope the hedgehog continues to thrive.

The first sightings this spring of hedgehogs has been reported by Sarah, Mike & Shirley and Meg and Don. Please forward any further news of hedgehog sightings now they are out of hibernation. Are there fewer frogs these days? Every visible sign of tadpoles in Sue's garden pond seem to have been hoovered up by hungry ducks. It's been estimated that only a handful of tadpoles from several thousand will make it to become a mature frog.

Thank you for the many reports of early spring butterflies - bright yellow brimstone, tortoiseshell, peacock and comma - those that over winter as adults so appear earliest in the spring. But large and small whites as well as orange tips will soon be enjoyed. 5

Although it can be irritating, can't it, when they flit through your garden seemingly without a second glance ignoring your carefully chosen flowers and shrubs! Note to self: must try harder?

Thanks to Glennys, Sue, Robert, Christine, Clive, Adine, Pete and Beccie for village reports of tree creepers, the first swallows and willow warblers, a pair of window sill 'dancing' dunnocks, the regularly spotted sunbathing little owl and perched kestrel; and news of a pair of house sparrows nest building in one of the recently erected bird boxes in the village garden.

If you would like to report local sightings to Nature Box OR *perhaps capture in your own 50/60 words a memorable wild life moment, either a recent or a long term memory*, please email Bob Topp at bob.topp@btinternet.com

This is to give notice that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Parish of Saint Peter's, Willersey with Saintbury will be held at 7pm on Monday, 23rd May 2022 in Saint Peter's Church

Please do your best to attend this important parish meeting.

The Mobile Post Office is outside the Bell Inn every Friday from 12:45 to 14:45. You can do everything there – Vehicle Licenses, Pensions, Cheques in, Stamps, Cash in and out, and much more. The staff are very helpful. Parking outside is very easy and has no restrictions. **6**

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Children's Corner

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Can you find these words in the puzzle above? .

Ukraine	Bows	Fire	Lord	Hope
War	Shatter	Save	Our	In
Cease	Spears	Many	Rock	You
Earth	Burn	Lives	Fortress	Be
Break	Shields	Crisis	Deliverer	Still

Please see page 22 for the solution Ken S.



Nature Box - Out Of Africa

Swallows, swifts and house martins will all hopefully soon be reacquainting themselves with Willersey. Birds that through their migration really do inhabit a world of eternal summer, but in the process sharing with us here just a fraction of their lives.

Although swallows and swifts were still present in and around the village last summer house martin numbers are a real concern. Fortunately, the village still has suitable nesting sights for swifts and the nest boxes erected at The Bell to provide additional spaces were used for the first time last year - probably by birds that hatched previously elsewhere in the village. Swifts are often long lived birds, sometimes up to twenty years, so the occasional nesting failure in a poor summer does not necessarily lead to a crisis, as long as we continue to provide suitable nesting habitat and the insect population in the surrounding area is protected.

But other migrating birds from Africa have been with us for a few weeks with strong singing chiffchaffs and white throats reported. Blackcaps too, although as previously mentioned they are slightly more complicated, with the blackcaps that wintered here in the village from mainland Europe now returned; and the blackcaps that spent the winter in Africa now starting to arrive for summer breeding here. A little bird with an increasingly complex life story!

And what about the cuckoo, perhaps the most famous of the birds that migrate from Africa to the UK. Jean, who has always lived in the village, can vividly recall numbers of them calling incessantly across the village for a few weeks each summer. Sadly a soundscape that is a thing of the past, although a calling cuckoo was heard in Willersey on several occasions last year.

Welcome to May 2022

April showers at this time of year traditionally give way to May blossom so what a better talk to have than one from Hilary Twigg. Hilary was involved in creating gardens for the Chelsea Flower Show and she explained how plants were raised to be in perfect condition and size ready for the show. She demonstrated the planting up of tubs and containers and gave useful tips on watering, composts and size of containers. As Lizzie said, *'Look out for some stunning pots in the Willersey gardens this year'*.

The competition, 'Photo of Best Planted Container', judged by the professional, was won by Angie. What a tribute to Angie's skill as a photographer and gardener.

Maggie Vinson, the Gloucestershire WI advisor, joined the evening and Mary Day has joined our happy band from Campden WI.

The hard working and energetic committee set the tone and they encourage any member who wants to be involved to come up with ideas or just join in. During the first three months of this year we have had various fund raisers and last month The Red Cross appeal for the Ukraine raised an outstanding £350. The 'Walking Train' continues to leave the station on Tuesday Morning at 9.30. from Willow Road.

The wider WI family offer courses and events all highlighted in your WI Newsletter, so sign up and give them a go if you're interested. Our next in house workshop is in September.

The committee have proposed that we purchase a bench to mark the Willersey WI Centenary. A place to sit and natter with friends and share all those memories. What could be better? As we go to print the Parish Council has approved the plan. That's Willersey Power!!!

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INSPIRING WOMEN

MAY Meeting 2022
Monday 9th Willersey Village Hall 7.15
Speaker - Lizzie Rowe - Magic Lantern

'Graffiti or Art'
 Contact number Mal 858351

WANTED.....

Volunteers for **community general garden tidy**. As our last

date for a working party was washed out . We are going to try again, if at first you don't succeed.....

Let's try Saturday 7th May 2pm meeting in The Village Garden. You don't have to be Monty Don just willing to pull up some weeds, tidy up etc.

If we have a good number turn out, it would be good if we could help Sandra with Blind Lane and any other areas she feels needs a tidy. Sandra has been marvellous making areas of the village look so pretty eg Church Street, but it's a lot of work for one.

Please bring your own tools and a sunny nature, it could be fun. Our thanks as always.

For more details please ring Jackie 01386 852678

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Willersey Garage has a book stall which accepts donated books and CDs which are sold for charity. More books are always welcome. So far the Air Ambulance has received more than £400.

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**Saint Peter's Willersey
Village Fete**
Look who's coming!



RAF Lancaster bomber 'City of Lincoln'
fly-past at the Fete,

Bank Holiday Monday 29th August 2022

2022's Village Fete will coincide with the return of the
Willersey Horticultural Society Show
and include the ever-popular **Annual Fun Dog Show**

Notice of Postponement

We regret that we have been forced to postpone the Teas in the Church with sale of art advertised as taking place on Saturday 30th April in last month's Village News. We will reorganise this event to take place at the earliest possible opportunity.

Robert McNeil-Wilson, Churchwarden.



Scarecrow Trail 2022
June 18th - 29th

Yes it's soon to be that time again. And like last year our Scarecrow Trail will coincide with the Patronal Festival weekend in late June.

This year's theme is - 'The World of Work'



Scarecrows with any activity that helps 'keep the wolf from the door'.

Road contractors, office workers, health workers, builders, gardeners, telecommunications, home workers, farming, education, entertainment, the royal family, emergency and essential workers....

There's just loads to choose from.

Twenty-five scarecrows maintained this lovely Willersey tradition last year. Many of these are recorded on the Willersey website: willersey.org. So for those who may be new to the village and fancy joining in please check them out. It's not a competition but an interest trail for all of us to enjoy.

Come on in the water's fine; and what's the worst that could happen?

There will be a further update about the arrangements in the June edition. But now is a good time to mentally commit to taking part and mulling over the opportunities in this year's theme.

Bob Topp

Willersey Spring & Summer 2022 A Great Calendar of Events

Saint George's Day Saturday, 23rd April
Saint Peter's bellringing

HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Willersey Street Party
Recreation Ground, Sunday, 5th June

Scarecrow Trail
18-29th June

Saint Peter's Patronal Festival

Organ Recital in Church Sat. 25th June

Teas in the Church Sat. & Sun 25th & 26th June

Village Fete with Fun Dog Show &
Willersey Horticultural Society Show

Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August

Willersey School will be holding celebrations on Thursday 26th May before breaking up for the Spring Holiday. These will include the pupils' and staff's own street party in the playground and a service in Saint Peter's Church

Cold Calling

Doorstep selling continues to cause problems to people in the community. Whilst it is not an illegal activity if you post a 'No callers or selling' notice/sticker then they are obliged by law to respect it and not disturb you.

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Smile Lines

Not expecting this: The young minister took his wife to the Maternity Hospital and was told it would be a long labour. So, he agreed to ring at lunchtime for news. But when he phoned, he dialled the wrong number and got the County Cricket Ground. He said: "I brought my wife to your place early this morning. Is there any news?"

He was surprised to be told: "Yes, there are seven out and the last two were ducks."

Mistake: A mistake is proof that someone was at least trying to accomplish something.

Found: *On the church noticeboard:* Contact lens found in church. See vicar. If you can.

Those memorable school reports...

~ One of my French reports simply said: 'Sheila attended the lessons'.

~ My housemaster wrote: 'He has an overdeveloped unawareness.'

~ A friend's son's report said: 'By the time he has mastered French, he will be too old to cross the Channel.'

~ My teacher observed: 'The improvement in his handwriting has revealed his inability to spell.'

~ My teacher was a realist: 'I am sorry to have to tell you that he is doing his best.'

Ken S.

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WILLERSEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY “SPRING FLING”

The fine spring weather beamed down onto Willersey on Saturday 26th March when the Horticultural Society held a “Spring Fling” Coffee Morning in the Village Hall to launch the return of the Annual Horticultural Society Show. The event is planned for the August Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August, after an enforced two-year break, as part of the Village Fete.

A great number of people turned up to get a preview of the schedule of eight classes being proposed for this year’s event with a total of 36 different categories. The entry forms will be available at various locations around the village in June – more details will follow in the June “Village News”. The current champion – Pete Bond – will have held the trophy for 3 years since the last event in 2019 and he tells the silverware is now well polished !!

A lot of interest was shown in the 2022 “Potato Challenge” with all of the potato sacks sold out within the first hour with some enthusiastic selling by Bill and Bob! Around the village the efforts of weeks of careful nurturing will be revealed in the great ”Potato weigh- in” planned for Sunday 28th August at 4.00pm.

Many thanks to everybody who attended, supported and helped on the day. A massive £476.95 was raised in support of Horticultural Show from the sales of tea, coffee, cakes and a generously supported raffle. These funds will help go towards the cost of running the event plus any surplus will be donated to local charities in the Autumn.

In addition, the WI raised £300 for the Red Cross Ukrainian appeal, the Bond family plant stall raised £45 for Cancer Research and the Willersey School raised £170 towards the Village Primary School Forest Appeal.

THE JUNE 2022 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the next news must be received by Tues 17th May 2022 unless otherwise notified. Please send in any items of interest, thanks or notice of forthcoming events.

Newsletter completion will start early 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 it at. www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm

WILLERSEY SCHOOL'S MAY FUNDRAISER FOREST SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON.

Saturday 14th May - 12 till 2 PM

We are pleased to announce that 'Friends of Willersey School' have arranged a fabulous open afternoon down at their forest school site (situated in the field along the drive left of the duck pond).

We hope to welcome the local communities to come and take part in some small stall games, den building and messy play in the mud kitchens.

There will be hotdogs and hot drinks available and the chance to pet some lambs and a pony.

All proceeds made from the open event will help to supply additional educational resources, and a solid wooden structure/shelter to enable the children of Willersey School constant use of the outdoor provision, in all weather's!

We have also been working on getting some mud kitchens and utensils, raised vegetable patches, bird/animal boxes and much more to extend their knowledge and learning opportunities.

We would like to thank everyone again who has donated time, materials and resources to this enhancement so far. All your support is very much appreciated.

Friends of the School - Willersey.

Parish Council

The annual parish meeting will be held on Monday May 23rd at 7.30 in the Village Hall. All village organizations are invited to attend to give their annual reports.

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Saint Peter's Church Services in May

Please note, there will be a service of Evening Prayer at Saint Peter's at 4:30pm on Tuesday, 3 May.

May 1st Easter 3	10.00 am Morning Prayer (ML)
May 8th Easter 4	9.00 am Holy Communion (TL)
May 15th Easter 5	11.00 am All Age Service
May 22nd Easter 6	10.00 am Morning Prayer (ML)
May 29th Easter 7 Sunday after Ascension Day	10.00 am Benefice Service at Aston-sub-Edge

ML – Modern Language TL – Traditional Language

Mid-week Holy Communion: St Peter's 11am every Wednesday.

Sunday Services of Evensong: At Saint Andrew's, Aston-sub-Edge on Sunday's 8th, 15th & 22nd, with the service on 22nd being according to the Book of Common Prayer.

St Peter's Church Cleaning and Refreshments

Refreshments for May

May 1 st	10:00am	Rob McNeil Wilson
May 8 th	9:00am	Sally and Malcolm Maclean
May 15 th	11:00am	Carolynne Adam
May 22 nd	10:00am	Pat and Robert Heming
May 29 th	10:00am	Service at Aston-sub-Edge

Saint Peter's Church is open every day. Do go in to pray, to be in the presence of God or just enjoy the tranquillity and peace of our beautiful church which has been there for our parishioners for centuries, especially in the most challenging times. **12**

Brass Cleaning for May

The consensus of opinion seems to be that the brass does not need cleaning as frequently as every two weeks. Therefore, from this month the plaques and candlesticks etc will be cleaned once only. This can be done any time in the four weeks to suit the cleaners.

May – Pat and Sally Heming.

Church Cleaning for May

Week ending

May the 7th ▼
 May the 14th ► Lisa and Flick Marcham
 April the 21st ▼
 April the 28th ► Linda Frost

Thank you to all the volunteers who give up their time to keep our church looking well cared for.

The key to the vestry for the cleaning equipment can be collected from the Bell Inn or Gillian Beale at 01386 852958.

A Prayer for Ukraine

Lord, we pray for Ukraine, a nation in which 70% of the population call themselves Christian. You, Lord, make wars cease to the end of the earth; you break bows, shatter spears, and burn shields with fire [Psalm 46:9]. And so, we ask you now to save the lives of many people in Ukraine. De-escalate this crisis. We hear of wars and rumours of wars (Matt. 24:6), but you Lord are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. Our hope is in you. And so we address the nations now. In the name of Jesus we say: "Be still and know God! He is exalted among the nations; He shall be exalted in the earth [Psalm 46:10]. *Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy.*