

PUBLIC NOTICES AUGUST 2022

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The next dates for all bins are **8th & 22nd August 2022.**

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 collection later. (Food waste every week.)

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METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE

Please telephone: Penny Ingles 01386 853306.

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Thames Water - Water Supply – 0800 980 8800 Police – Telephone 101

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PASTORAL LETTER – AUGUST 2022

Dear friends,

This is the final article that I will write as your Team Vicar. As I take up my pen, I do with a mix of emotions. Inevitably, there is an element of excitement as Ros and I prepare to move back to our own house and re-join a community that we had been part of for 21 years prior to moving here in 2017. There is a similar sense of excitement as I ponder my new role at Addenbrooke's Hospital. But, of course, there is also, as I mentioned in last month's letter, a sense of profound sadness at leaving behind people and places that we have come to love very much indeed. Ros and I both feel this keenly. We go, though, with our hands placed in, and held firmly by, the hand of God.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the welcome, acceptance, love and, so often, friendship, that you have shown us since we arrived here as strangers in June 2017. Since then, we have walked together through many joys and, of course, sorrows. Through it all, I have encouraged you to place your trust and hope in the One who is always dependable and who will never abandon us, stop loving us or fail us. Such is the heart and very essence of our great God, revealed to us in His Son, Jesus Christ, and made known in our hearts, minds and souls by God's Holy Spirit at work in us.

I was reminded of the need to place our trust and hope absolutely in God when, towards the end of July, I presented each of the Year 6 leavers from Willersey Church of England Primary School with a Bible. We do this each year for those moving onto secondary school and, when I hand out the Bibles, I like to read a verse that I feel in that moment is relevant to them and all that lies ahead. This is what I read to them this year,

**'Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and don't depend on your own understanding. Remember
the Lord in all you do, and he will give you success.(Proverbs,
chapter 3, verses 5-6 – New Common Version) 1**

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I have known those words since I was a child and I have tried – with mixed success! – to live my life by them. I offer them to you now as my parting gift to you all. They are as relevant to the church communities that I leave behind, and to each of the villages, as they area to the children I read them to just a few days ago.

Thank you, with all my heart, for all that we have shared. Ros and I thank God for these past five years. You will never be far from our thoughts and prayers and we hope that, from time to time, you will remember us and our time together as fondly as we will remember you. It has been my privilege to live and serve amongst you.

With love always,

Scott
Rev Scott Watts
Team Vicar

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mobile 07979590826 Email: rmw@unisonprojects.co.uk



Cricket

You have two sides, one out in the field and one in. Each man that's in the side that's not in the field goes out and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out.

When they are all out, the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in out.

Sometimes, there are men still in and not out.

When both sides have been in and out (including those who are not out), then that's the end of the game. Glennys

WILLERSEY METHODIST COMMUNITY

I've put the extra word in because I feel that we are, not just a group who go to church, but a COMMUNITY who stick together. Watching the way communities have been destroyed in Ukraine and other countries in that area, the sadness is, in part, the loss of all their friends and the bonding of their communities. Let's all pray that it finishes sooner rather than later.

Thinking of this – Thank you to all who gave to the appeal for the Ukraine by coming into our garden. We raised £130 between us. We enjoyed seeing everyone and we hope you enjoyed the garden. When the weather is cooler we shall be putting cuttings etc on the table outside our house. The funds will go to the Ukraine too.

We've been in church every Sunday so far but we had to cancel Croquet this week as it was just too much to be out in the sun. In our church it's cool and we can cope with that! I expect everyone of us who are 'of an age' have found the last few days quite difficult. We pray that we'll all get through this episode asap.

We've enjoyed the birds this year and there seems to be a little flock of assorted birds who come through during the morning and graze on the trees. They obviously have a coffee morning regularly!

We hope the preparations for the village Horticultural Show are going as well as can be expected. As we were part of the first committee (under Bill Payne who did a wonderful job!) it's good to think that we started something which is carrying on. We're looking forward to the day.

Good luck with your cake making, especially the men, and keep watering your potatoes and encourage your beans to grow even longer. **I'm told if you hang a jar of water under them they will reach down to it!!!!**

We hope you survive the next few weeks of heat and that all goes well at the show. Penny Ingles 853306

Multi Topic Quiz – Part 2 Answers

Music

- 1 What is Paul McCartney's full name? **James Paul McCartney**
- 2 How many strings has a mandolin got? **Eight**
- 3 Which Irish singer has won "Eurovision" 3 times?
Johnny Logan
- 4 What did Louis Glass invent in 1890? **The Jukebox**
- 5 Which 70's singer died on Independence Day in 2003?
Barrie White

Sounds the same (2 words in each answer)

- 1 A perjurer playing an ancient instrument! **Liar / Lyre**
- 2 DNA in Casual Wear! **Genes / Jeans**
- 3 Ejected from a seat of power! **Thrown / Throne**
- 4 Hid in the corner like a "yellow belly"! **Cowered / Coward**
5. Kismet at a local fund raiser! **Fate / Fete**

Sport

- 1 Who made his surprising golf debut in the 1996 Czech Open?
Ivan Lendl
- 2 What is the highest score achieved on a single visit to a snooker table? **155 (potting free ball, then black, then 147 clearance)**
- 3 Which golfer was responsible for the US Masters?
Bobby Jones
- 4 Which Irish golfer played in 10 successive Ryder Cups? **Christy O'Conner Senior**
- 5 Which sport was banned in Scotland in 1457? **Golf**

Quiz on page 4

Cotswold Vale Embroidery Group

Our July meeting was continuing the Bee project. Worked mainly in cross-stitch, it was interesting how different the designs were progressing. Some were adding crowns, some the Jubilee dates and some created honeycomb patterns. All very individual.

Next month there will be the opportunity to refresh our sewing skills with some traditional stitches. Remember fly stitch, stem stitch and several others?

Meeting on: Thursday August 4th at Honeybourne Village Hall
9.30 a.m. to 12.30p.m.

Project: A Rustic Rooster

Please bring your usual sewing kit with stranded cottons. Don't go out and buy threads if you haven't already got them. There will be plenty to share around.

THE SEPTEMBER 2022 VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the next news must be received by Wednesday 17th August 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. Email them to willerseynews@gmail.com or phone Alan 858601 or Bill 858628, Thank you.

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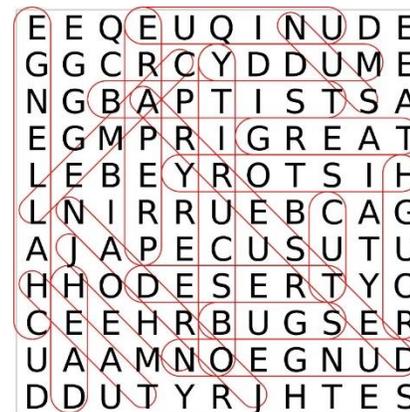
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Please see page 22 for the answers



Word Search Solution from page 18

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON CHORAL SOCIETY
ANOTHER BUMPER SEASON AHEAD

Stratford Choral Society is planning a bumper programme of choral singing for their new season, which begins on Monday 5th September. They will be singing Mendelssohn *Lobgesang (Hymn of Praise)* and Haydn *Theresienmesse*, Handel *Messiah* and in March 2023 Rutter *Gloria*, with Parry and Elgar and other glorious English Music. This is a great opportunity to sing so many great choral works with an orchestra and professional soloists in one season. So those of you who have had sneaking ambitions to perform such works, now is your chance to do so! Be assured that under the professional baton of Oliver Neal Parker and in the friendly, hardworking atmosphere of this longstanding choral society you will have a thoroughly rewarding experience. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 7.30pm, starting on 5th September 2022. For further details on the programme and how to join to join, contact the Membership Secretary at stratford.choral@gmail.com or go to www.stratfordchoral.org.uk and click Join Us.

Further information from Carol Jackson, Membership Sec, 01386 841 440. 18.7.2022

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Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens



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 may be published on the website.**

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

A Saunter to Saintbury

Tuesday 9th August – Moderate 3hr 6ml

Perhaps not a 'saunter' but an exploration of the countryside and villages north east of Broadway including Saintbury and Willersey. Please bring a snack/drink.

Start: 10:00 The War Memorial, Broadway Green, Broadway. OS Map ref: SP 095 375.

Andoversford on the Gloucestershire Way via Shipton and Syreford

Tuesday 23rd August – Moderate 3hr 6ml

An interesting walk to Shipton Oliffe then on to Hampen where we go over an old railway bridge closed for traffic and stop for a while to pick blackberries. Back via Soundborough and Syreford. Refreshments are available at the Royal Oak in Andoversford. Bring a tub for collecting blackberries!

Start: 9:30 Andoversford, Station Road, GL54 4HR. OS Map ref: SP 024 198.

Chipping Campden Town Walk – Every Tuesday and Thursday 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.

Willersey Village Fete

Bank Holiday Monday, 29 August, 2022



This year's fete features a flypast by the RAF's last remaining Lancaster bomber at 2:05pm to honour Willersey's heroic son Sqn Ldr Henry Maudslay DFC (see pp 14-15)

As well as the ever-popular Annual Fun Dog Show, this year's Fete will be even bigger and better, including:

Huge raffle: amazing prizes for family days out, meals & more!

More than 30 stalls and lots of food options, including hot dogs and Sri Lankan food

Fund-raising stalls for charities and village organisation

Great bouncy 'fun run' and amazing giant slide

Teas in the Church and free "messy church" crafts in St. Peter's;

Magic show, music and fun

Traditional fete games like skittles and hook-a-duck

Fire engine visit, classic cars, vintage tractors – and much more!

The afternoon also sees the welcome return of the Willersey Horticultural Society Show

Hang out your flags and bunting – let's make this another great Willersey event

Nature Box

What are Wasps For?



Having once had a wasp trapped between my lips as I cycled down a steep hill with the inevitable stinging consequences, like others, I can testify to the sometimes uncomfortable encounters that we might have with wasps. But that of course is not the whole story.

There are over 7,000 species of UK wasp - I know, who would have thought it? But the yellowjacket - the yellow and black striped number that we tend to see in our gardens is the most common.

It is tempting to think that bees are our key pollinators, which of course they are, but many other insects help in pollination. A myriad of flies and attractive hoverflies, moths, under the cover of darkness mainly, and of course the various types of wasps that we have in the UK are not only vitally important for our garden flowers and home grown veg, but essential for farmers' crops.

Wasps despite their bad press really are hugely beneficial in controlling other insect numbers. Last year whilst closely inspecting a grasshopper that had appeared in the garden. I was surprised to see a wasp swoop in right under my nose and effortlessly carry away the grasshopper - no doubt to feed its' own colony. Insects are fed to many types of wasp larvae throughout the summer months along with fruit and flower nectar.

The paper wasp is famously noted by some for being the inspiration for creating the paper form we use today; and some current scientific research is examining how a particular wasp venom can be used as a weapon to fight cancer.

So next time you're inclined to swat that wasp intruding on your picnic or alfresco supper, maybe give it half a chance to hover and move on before taking drastic action. They really are one of the 'good guys' - well most of the time.



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Children's Corner Wordsearch

John the Baptist

This month, on the 29th, we remember John the Baptist. By all accounts, he had a rough life. He grew up in obscurity, lived in the desert on a diet of bugs. He wore itchy camel hair. He worked in the heat of the sun, constantly challenging people, and wading in and out of muddy Jordan waters to baptise many. Then he was arrested and kept in a reeking, infested dungeon until one day they cut his head off. Not much comfort in that life. Yet the Bible tells us that of all the people in history, no one has even been born who was as great as him. Why? Because of the unique calling God gave him, which was to prepare the way for the coming ministry of his Son, Jesus. Jesus did not have an easy life, either.

John	Bugs	Muddy	Cut
Camel	Baptist	Jordan	History
Heat	Rough	Arrested	Great
Sun	Obscurity	Dungeon	Unique
Challenge	Desert	Head	prepare

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Recent Village Insect Sightings

Now is a good time for moths and butterflies. Pete B has seen a beautiful day flying scarlet tiger moth, as has Isambard and also Anne, who then spotted a migratory humming bird hawk moth. This hovering migratory insect has also been seen by Roberta and by Hazel. A cinnabar moth with its striking red and black markings was recorded by Pete K. Other arriving migrants to be seen now are red admiral and painted lady butterflies. Recent hatches of marbled white, common blue, gate keeper, tortoiseshell and brimstone have been noted. Red damsel flies have been much reported and a stunning dragonfly image seen emerging from a garden pond caught on camera, along with an emperor dragonfly seen patrolling over the village pond. Thanks to Sandy & Mike, Sarah and Tom.

Fledgling birds in and around the village have been much in evidence with ever hungry mewling young buzzards; and particularly pleasing to hear of kestrel success with three youngsters on the wing. Young blue tits, great tits and house sparrows have been regularly seen on feeders as they edge towards independence; plus good views of fledgling green woodpeckers and wrens; and news of wagtails that fledged after nesting on a trailer axel. All recorded by Mike H, Derek, Tom, Mark, Mary, Lena and Mal.

Along with redstarts, that are rarely seen close to the village, Robert & Helen were also treated to the ghostly late evening silent flyby of a local barn owl. And despite arriving really late a family of house martins have chosen Brenda's house, right in the centre of the village, to once again raise their first brood. This once common summer migrant often seen nesting in considerable numbers in Willersey may now just be down to this one remaining location.

Further hedgehog sightings by Sandy, Sue & Lou, Mark & Andrea and also by Don might just suggest that creating hedgehog highways between gardens is giving a helping hand to their numbers. Please consider leaving a CD - remember those? - sized gap in or under solid fencing, if possible, to help them travel to feed and find a mate as well as helping you to keep on top of your smaller slugs! Finally, has anybody spotted young hoglets yet?

If you would like to report local sightings to Nature Box please email Bob Topp at bob.topp@btinternet.com

The Village Garden

Well here I go again - please could we have a working party for The Garden, to spruce it up ready for Bank Holiday. Could we try an evening? What about Friday 12th Aug 7pm? Hopefully it will be cooler (at the time of writing it's a heat wave). Let's hope it's not raining! We would love to see you all.

I have as always some thank you's - many thanks to The Fewlass family at Littlecot, they have donated a beautiful Jubilee Rose in memory of Eileen who loved this village so much. I am desperately trying to get it established!

Our thanks also go to Derek for cutting the hedge, what a great job. It's brilliant to get someone new in the village on board. We really hope you enjoy living here.

Thanks as always for the positive comments, makes it all worthwhile.

Jackie.

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Welcome to August 2022

The visit on the 22nd of June to Bourton House Gardens made your heart sing. We had perfect weather, a light breeze blowing across the meadow and sun over head always a bonus. The planting and garden layout was shown to its best with the superb range of perennials set within a great framework of plants and formal structures. This was followed up with tea and cakes served under the shade of the trees to round off a lovely afternoon.

Then another perfect July evening and we were met by a flurry of cheerful ladies chattering and preparing the hall for our meeting. Flic, Ann and Holly were setting up an amazing spread of food while the rest of us enjoyed a glass of refreshment. Members had brought in a range of delights for **'Show and Tell'**, some treasured family memories from paper, to wood, glass, ivory, pearls, paintings, brass, silver and gold; and all to impress our guest speaker Nicholas Grainger.

He joined our happy throng to share his story, **'Tailoring to Auctioneer'**. His father's tailoring business in Savile Row was a great launch pad for a sixteen year old boy. He then made a career jump to antiques becoming a well respected auctioneer. A first rate raconteur and story teller he kept us entertained as we sat in a hushed village hall. But then the moment of truth, as he studied the objects on display and we waited with baited breath to hear the provenance of our pieces.

However, our ladies are more important treasures in our Village and this year Sandra Spensley was celebrated by the Parish Council for her unstinting work planting and caring for our borders. It's great to have so many committed and thoughtful activists sharing their time and energy to improve the world. Rock on Willersey!

Maggie T



August 2022

Coffee Morning Saturday 6th August
Willersey Village Hall

10.00 - 12.00pm

Open invitation, cakes raffle and much more.

All contributions greatly received.

Monday 8th August

Picnic on Sawpit Green at 6.00pm

Bring your own munchies and seats

Horticultural Show 29th August

WI Cake and Plant Stall

Contact number Mal 858351

Willersey Footlights

We will be having a stall at the Village Fete on Bank Holiday Monday August 29th. Any donations of Bric-a-Brac, Toys, Books, Fancy Goods, Good Clothes will be greatly appreciated (sorry no Furniture).

Mal Jelfs 858351 or Sue Clark 852939 or bring on the morning of the Fete.

Many thanks Mal and Sue

Lost Key Ring

Purple teddy Bear key Ring lost between 1-6 Badsey lane
If found contact Brenda Taylor email taylorbren@gmail.com or 858310



Just For Fun Potato Challenge The weigh in!

Hold the front page!

On Sunday 28th August at 4.00 in the village hall car park

we will be holding the weigh in for the
Just for Fun Potato Challenge.

Earlier in the spring 30 households paid their £3 entry fee in return for three seed potatoes and a reusable grow bag for this just for fun challenge .

The any age group prize is for the best total weight; and the prize for the under 12 age group will be for the most potatoes in the grow bag.

But remember, it's just for fun.

Please remove excess greenery to aid transportation and we will use the soil to top up the village garden.

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geography made the approach almost impossibly difficult and dangerous, causing Henry and fellow pilot Dave Shannon to have to make several approaches in their aircraft. When Z-Zebra's bouncing bomb was dropped, it struck the dam's parapet. The resulting explosion probably damaged Henry's low-flying Lancaster severely. The squadron's leader, Guy Gibson, saw a red Very light, fired from Z-Zebra and called out on the radio to Henry, saying, "Are you ok, Z Zebra?" A faint signal came in reply, "I think so, Leader. Stand by..."

This was the last voice contact from Henry's aircraft.

Struggling home, the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire at Emmerich before crashing near Klein-Netterden with the loss of Henry and all the lives of the rest of his crew.

Henry had written a last letter to be sent to his mother in the event that he failed to survive the raid on the dams. In it, he told her not to mourn his passing because he was content that, if he were to be killed, he could count on his RAF comrades to fight on to ultimate victory over Germany, to save our country and civilisation and to restore peace.

"Henry, was a born leader... a great loss, but he gave his life for a cause for which men should be proud. Boys like Henry are the cream of our youth. They die bravely and they die young."
— Guy Gibson, Enemy Coast Ahead

Henry was buried at Düsseldorf North Cemetery before being reburied at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery on 3 October 1946. There he rests, in the care of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, his grave tended, with great respect, by a number of local Dutch volunteers.

His gravestone memorial reads, "He died gloriously in the breaching of the Eder Dam".



**Squadron Leader Henry Maudslay DFC
21 July 1921 – 17 May 1943**

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Squadron Leader Henry Maudslay DFC **Lancaster fly-past tribute for one of Willersey's sons**

At two o'clock on Monday 29 August, Willersey will thrill to the sound of four approaching Merlin engines. Seconds later, the last-remaining, flying Lancaster bomber in the world will thunder over our village. The RAF's Memorial Flight has granted this honour as a tribute to Henry Maudslay, one of our parish's sacred Fallen who is named on our War Memorial.

Henry's father founded the Standard Motor Company in Coventry and Henry was born in Leamington Spa before his family moved from Leamington Spa to Foxhill Manor, Willersey.

Described as courteous, cheerful, loyal and sincere, at Eton, Henry broke the mile record, aged only 15 (a record which stood for many years). In rowing, Henry was made the school Captain of the Boats in 1940 and won the six-mile cross country run for Eton in just 35 minutes and 40 seconds. Back home in Willersey, he had an old motorbike with an engine that did not work which he used to push up Willersey Hill and career down on. This was made additionally hazardous by the old machine having no brakes, whatsoever!

With the outbreak of war, when Henry was 18, he volunteered to join the RAF, undertaking bomber pilot training in Canada. Thereafter, he flew 29 operations and was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross for an attack on German ships under very low cloud.

In December 1941, he was sent as a pilot for the service trials of the new heavy bomber, the Avro Lancaster. After more combat operations, on 25 March 1943, Henry moved with his crew to RAF Scampton.

Aged only 21, already holding the rank of Squadron Leader, Henry had flown so many successful, dangerous missions and shown such leadership, skill and courage that he was selected not only to be a pilot for the hand-picked 617 Squadron but appointed as Second-in-Command, overall, under the famous Wing Commander Guy Gibson VC. This elite squadron, later to become known as the Dambusters, was formed, specially, to undertake Operation Chastise, the famous 'bouncing bomb' raid on the great dams of Germany.

Despite all this, Henry was a surprisingly quiet and almost shy, young man. Remarkably, he would change into 'civvies' when not on duty. This was most unusual, if not unwise, because any able-bodied man of military service age not in uniform would be labelled a coward and subject to serious abuse by members of the public. On the night of 17 May 1943, Henry flew as commander of the Dambusters' B Flight in his Lancaster, call-sign Z-Zebra, against the Eder Dam. The

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Willersey Horticultural Show - Volunteers

As you are aware the Willersey Horticultural show is returning this year on the 29th August. We are looking for an army of volunteer helpers to assist as being stewards on the day to help with the smooth running of the show. This would involve giving an hour of your time either between 2-3pm, 3-4pm or 4-5pm.

The role as a steward entails: sitting with another person on the door or standing and helping people in the hall and watching over the exhibits with two or three other stewards. In total we need about 20 volunteers during the afternoon.

If you can spare an hour in the afternoon, please specify which time slot you can give your help, with your name and email address to Peter Kavanagh (pekavter@hotmail.com). Thank you.

Growing Old

"It is not true that people stop pursuing dreams because they grow old, they grow old because they stop pursuing dreams." –

Gabriel García Márquez

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Saint Peter's Church Services, August 2022

Aug. 7th Trinity 8	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern Language)
Aug. 14th Trinity 9	9.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Aug. 21st Trinity 10	11.00 am All Age Service
Aug. 28th Trinity 11	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern Language)

Mid-week Holy Communion (BCP): At Saint Peter's, every Wednesday at 11:00 am.

Sunday, Evensong: at Saint Andrew's, Aston sub Edge on Sunday's 14 & 21 August at 6:30pm.

Your Church: open for you every day – the 'coolest' place in Willersey!

The Flower Group at St. Peter's Church



The church will be decorated with extra flower arrangements over August Bank Holiday weekend.

Teas will be served on Bank Holiday Monday (29th) in church during the annual Fete and Horticultural Show.

Come along and view the summer flowers whilst enjoying tea and cake with family and friends.

St Peter's Church Cleaning and Refreshments

Brass Cleaning

August Ann Tomblin and Janet Parker

If at all possible, please do brass cleaning in the middle of the month

Church Cleaning

Week ending
August 6th) Rachael and Poppy Barker
August 13th)

August 20th) Annie Payne and Sue Clark
August 27th)

Please collect keys from either 'The Bell' or Gillian Beale, Florizel, Lower Green.

Thank you to all the volunteers

Refreshments for August Church services

August 6th Rob McNeil-Wilson
August 13th Pat and Robert Hemming
August 20th F.A.S.T. team
August 27th Sally and Malcolm Maclean

The key to the vestry for the cleaning materials can be collected from the Bell Inn or from Gillian Beale, Florizel, Lower Green on 01386 852958.

More cleaning materials next to sink.

Many thanks to again to all the volunteers who give up their time to keep St Peter's church so clean and tidy.