

Catherine

As many of you will know, Catherine has been seriously unwell due to gallstones and an infected gall bladder. Catherine had surgery on 15 May and needs a few weeks to recover. If you have any urgent issues, please contact our **Churchwardens**, Maria and Ian. In the mean time, please continue to pray for Catherine's speedy recovery.

To provide some clarity, we have adjusted the June service rota. **Phil Sutton** and **Stephen Coe** have very kindly agreed to cover the services in this month to reduce the pressure on Catherine. We are very grateful to Phil, Stephen & Caroline King for their support in the last weeks.

Alice's Baptism

It was lovely to welcome **Will and Natalie** and their family and friends for Alice's Baptism on 17 May. Everyone loved the way Phil conducted the service in such a considerate and warm way. Thanks Phil!





Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor

June Services

Sun	7 Jun	9.00 Holy Communion 10.30 Morning Worship 10.30 Children's Church	Speaker – Phil Sutton Speaker – Phil Sutton
Sun	14 Jun	9.00 Holy Communion 10.30 Morning Worship [1] 10.30 Children's Church	Speaker – Stephen Coe Speaker – Stephen Coe
Sun	21 Jun	9.00 Holy Communion 10.30 Morning Worship 10.30 Children's Church	Speaker – Phil Sutton Speaker – Phil Sutton
Sun	28 Jun	9.00 Holy Communion 10.30 Family Communion 10.30 Children's Church	Speaker – Phil Sutton Speaker – Phil Sutton

Regular Events

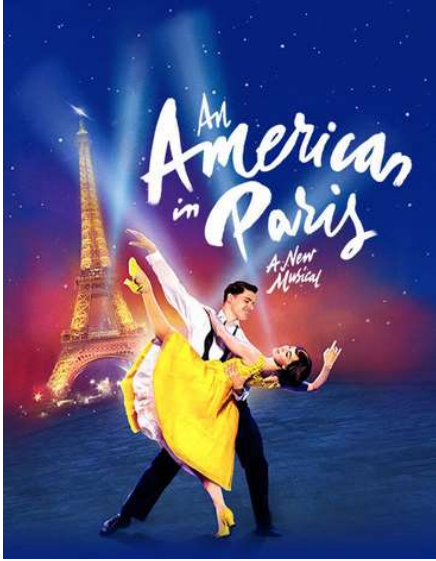
Weekdays	8.00 Morning Prayer on Zoom	
Wednesdays *	11.00 Petypher House Bible Study Group	* 1 st Wednesday in month
Wednesdays **	14.30 Wednesday Afternoon Fellowship	** 3 & 17 Jun
Wednesdays	19.30 Wednesday Fellowship Group	
Thursdays	09.00 KBS Café at the Village Hall – open 9-12am	
Fridays	10.30 Fizzy Coffee	

Special Events

Thu	4 Jun	Age UK have a drop-in at the KBS Café – <i>see advert lower down</i>
Fri	12 Jun	19.00 Film Club – <i>please pre-book</i>
Sat	27 Jun	13.00 VILLAGE FETE

[1] With Catherine being away, we will skip the All-Age Service, but we will have Children's Church instead.

Film and Music Night



Our next Film Night will be on **Friday 12th June**, 7pm for a 7.15pm start in the Church Room. We will be showing the classic American Musical – **An American in Paris**.

Gene Kelly stars as Jerry Mulligan, an optimistic American expatriate and WWII veteran living in Paris to become a painter. He falls for a French woman named Lise (Leslie Caron), but their budding romance is complicated by a wealthy American heiress pursuing Jerry and by Lise's preexisting engagement to another man. What could possibly go wrong? Dance sequences spun around Gershwin songs highlight the romantic pursuit.

This is a free evening organised by members of St John the Baptist Church and tea, coffee, chocolates and popcorn will be provided from 7pm with the film beginning at 7.15pm. We have limited capacity in the room, so we do ask you to **let either Peter Beer or Margo Evans know if you will be joining us**. We would hate to have to turn anyone away on the night.

Many thanks, Peter 01865 820805 and Margo 01865 820900 margoevans@mac.com

Pilgrimage Walk

We are planning a local pilgrimage walk from St John the Baptist Church (KBS) to Fyfield, Northmoor and Longworth; and returning to KBS. This will be on **Saturday 25 July, 11-4 pm**.

It will be possible to start or stop at any of the three churches on the route, where we will have some prayers, blessings & readings as part of the pilgrimage. Lunch stop at Northmoor.

All welcome, including friends and family.

Further details to follow.

Please confirm your interest with me, Celeste, by email: Celeste.loots@yahoo.com

Our walk in May 2025 ... it was a bit cooler!



Village Fete – Saturday 27th June, 1-4pm

St John the Baptist Church

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Saturday 27 June
1pm – 4pm

Teas & Pimm's

Auction of Promises

The Kennington Band

Hot Food & Ice Cream

Craft Stalls

Children's Games

Kingston Bagpuize House Gardens
by kind permission of Mrs Virginia Grant
Assistance dogs only

Entry £3 • Children 5-16 years 50p • Under 5s FREE

We need your Help

- **Bottles** for the **Bottle Stall** – bring to [Church](#) or give to [Margo](#). Bottles can include alcoholic & soft drinks, shower gel, ketchup etc.
- **Cakes** for the **Cake Stall** – give to [Elaine Brooker](#) or [Julia Phaff](#). Let them know in advance if you plan to bake.
- **Promises** for the **Auction of Promises** – let [Jenny Weaving](#) know asap. These can be all sorts of things, not just helpful tasks, but alternatively a nice treat such as a bottle of posh wine or a lovely food hamper. Please let Jenny know if you feel able to help: jennyweaving@yahoo.com or phone 07799121472.

[Hazel & Margo](#) will be looking for lots of **volunteers** to run stalls and to help out with the logistics. Let Hazel Brennan 01865 821358 or Margo Evans 01865 820900 know if you can be involved in any way.

[Ian Blleloch](#) would welcome help erecting **Gazebos** on the Friday evening (26 June) at 17.30 on the lawns of KB House. Many hands make light work.



What I love about the Village Fete

Ian says:

I love seeing friends chatting, new friendships being formed and old friends catching up where they left off last year. The event brings the village together and brings pleasure to so many people.

Susan says:

It is wonderful to see the village coming together to enjoy the day in beautiful surroundings. It is so much more than a fundraiser for the church. We are blessed to have such a team of hardworking people who make the day successful and to have so many organisations and individuals with stalls showcasing their talents and bringing such diversity to the Fete.

Margo says:

What I love most about the Fete is the sense of community – people pulling together to make the Fete happen, the stall holders and those who turn up on the day to enjoy a wonderful afternoon in the beautiful grounds of Kingston Bagpuize House. One stall holder told me she had only just covered the cost of her table but she just loved the Fete because of the warmth of the people.

It always makes me so happy to see smiling faces – you feel all the hard work is worthwhile and I really do feel incredibly grateful to be part of this wonderful village.

Stephen says:

I work in the car park. I love helping people find a place to park ... it is like completing a jigsaw puzzle, along with lots of exercise (last year, I clocked up 14 miles). I enjoy greeting old village friends and welcoming people who are new to the Fete.

Music for Malawi Update



Julie Lupton, the MACS Secretary writes (card on left):

Dear members of St John the Baptist Church:

Your fantastic "Music for Malawi" concert raised a huge amount to support hospitals in Malawi. Thank you for your generosity in sending £2200. The trustees met on 17th of May when we agreed to put this towards an **Infant Resuscitaire**. This was top of the list of things that the hospital at Malindi, St Martin's Hospital, had requested. Because of your amazing efforts, we're able to give the go ahead for the purchase of this vital lifesaving piece of equipment.

Thank you.

Together we can make a real difference.

Julie Lupton

Stephen adds:

You may recall we were originally hoping to fund a hospital bed. The money we raised, with additions from the PCC was more than I had hoped for and had indicated to MACS before the event. So in discussion with MACS and a few friends, we decided to redirect the money to a **Resucitaire** (see photo) ... well it is a *bed* of sorts for *new born babies* who need immediate assistance with breathing, monitoring and temperature control as soon as they are born. I thought this was well within the scope of objectives for our fundraising. As I was considering this, I heard of a friend's baby who had died due to the lack of such a piece of equipment. This seemed like confirmation from the Lord.



Sat7



Sue Wales writes:

The current war in the Middle East has brought the work of Sat7 very much to mind. Are you aware of Sat7? It is a Christian satellite television-service broadcasting in the Middle East, and North Africa. We have been privileged to know of Sat7 since its foundation in 1995. Tony had known Sat7's founder, Terry Ascott, when they were both in their early 20's in South London. They later met up when Tony was working to publish Lion books in the Middle East and North Africa, and Terry was publishing a very successful magazine in Egypt. The magazine publication came to an end at a time when satellite television was becoming practical, and at a meeting in Cyprus in 1995, Sat7 was born. An opportunity for Arab Christians to have a presence in the media; a presence that would demonstrate Christianity to the Arab World at large, and provide support and encouragement for Christians who often found themselves isolated, and in difficult situations.

When they started, it was with a two-hour broadcast. Now they have four channels broadcasting 365 days a year: the Persian channel broadcasting in Farsi, a Turkish channel, two Arabic channels, one of which is a dedicated children's channel. Their broadcasts reach millions of viewers in twenty five countries, and now their content is available on demand at any time.

With the rise of social media, they have a presence there too. In 2024 they had over 28 million views on YouTube, 3.3 million engagements on Instagram, and 1.2 million followers on Facebook.

Alongside the TV programmes, they have viewer support teams. Viewers can ring up to ask about the Christian Faith, ask for prayer or tell their stories. A vital support for Christians in these areas. In 2024 they had over 87,000 one-to-one conversations with viewers.

Living as a Christian in some of these countries presents a challenge ... and now with the added danger, fear and anxiety brought by the current conflict.

"Bad news changes quickly. The Good News never will." Sat7 have continued to broadcast through the current conflicts, adapting their programming to stand alongside viewers who are living through fear, displacement and uncertainty, especially children and their families. As one Iranian viewer said, "We need you now more than ever."

Have a look at the Sat7 website and explore more about their work.

<https://www.sat7uk.org/>

I especially recommend reading the stories in the News section:

<https://www.sat7uk.org/our-work/news/>

Please pray for Sat7 and our fellow Christians in the Middle East, and if you are able, you might consider donating to their work.



Thanks



I would like to thank the Green Mowing Team who discovered some of the **eggs** I misplaced over Easter in the Churchyard. Sadly my young helpers missed these. More vigilance next year!

*Love from
The Easter Bunny*



Ho Ho

The service will close with “Little drops of water”. One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in

From “The Ultimate Christmas Cracker” by John Julius Norwich.

Write an Article for Pews News

The Editor (Stephen) would welcome articles from the congregation which relate to our Church Family or our Christian Faith. If you have something which you think would be suitable, please speak to me (StephenJHaywood@outlook.com).

Copy date for July edition is **Tuesday 23 June**.

Following Pages

- Flyer for **Age UK Drop-in** at KBS Café
- Flyer for Seminar on **Living with Chronic Pain**
- Request for **helpers with Children’s Church**, with Job Description
- Request for **helpers with Messy Church**, with Job Description

Age UK Drop-in at KBS Café



A service provided by



Information Drop-In

Southmoor



Pop along and meet your local Link Worker and Scams Adviser for information and advice on a wide range of activities, services and organisations.

When: Thursday 4th June, 10am-12noon

Where: KBS Cafe, Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor Village Hall,
Draycott Road, Southmoor, OX13 5BY

Rachel 07827 235460

community@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk

www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire

Community Links Oxfordshire is available to all adults living in the county, and is here to link you into what matters to you. Funded by Oxfordshire County Council.

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Seminar on Living with Chronic Pain

Faye Godfrey, from J Godfrey & Son, the undertakers, is part of the **White Horse Medical Practice**, PPG (Patient Participation Group). Faye thought this seminar may be of interest to some members of our congregation.



Living with Chronic Pain

Chronic pain can cause so much more than a pain!

- Exhaustion, anger, and despair
- Financial issues and healthcare frustrations
- Understand pain and get helpful ideas

Speaker: Dr Rob Russ

When: Wednesday 10th June
7.00pm - 8.30pm

Where:

Catholic Church Hall,
Faringdon, SN7 7JE

Contact:

Social Prescribers
Voicemail
01367 242726



Sunday School – Children’s Church

We’d love more Children’s Church Helpers:

Leaders and helpers

At St John the Baptist, KBS, everyone is welcome - including children and young people of all ages. We are further developing (and hoping to increase) activities for children which will make them feel safe and loved and will complement and enhance the faith development which takes place at home. We are a church seeking to know Jesus more and more and to become more Christlike, sharing our faith through fun and friendship, and that is also our aim for Children's church.

We are committed to protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults and follow the Church of England Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance.

Responsibility

Reverend Catherine Schneider has responsibility for appointing the leaders and helpers.

Role Description

The Children’s Church Leader will organise and oversee the session. It will be held three times a month at present, though it may run more often depending on volunteers. It is held during the Sunday Service in the Church Room. Leaders are encouraged to use online resources, for example those from Diddy Disciples which is very helpful in providing ideas and a good time saver. [Diddy Disciples | Sharon Moughtin-Mumby](#)

Traditionally the group has been for primary school aged children, but younger children can come with a parent. This has been a popular addition.

The Sunday School Helper will assist the leader which could include bringing a craft or game to the session.

Volunteers may also help with other events such as Messy Church or Christmas events if they are willing.

Leaders and helpers will be aware of and follow the Parish Safeguarding Policy. They will complete the required safeguarding training and hold the appropriate level of DBS. They will follow the code for safer working practice which can be found in the volunteers’ pack.

Once a volunteer has been appointed to a role, training will be provided and there will be a preliminary review after 3-6 months (depending on the role) and then annual reviews. Volunteers are invited to share ideas about how we might develop areas of ministry.

Person Specifications

The volunteer will have good interpersonal skills, be friendly and approachable and be able to safely manage the children’s activities. They will have completed Basic and Foundation Safeguarding training and be available Sunday mornings at least alternate months (helpers). They will have some previous experience with children and if possible, experience of children’s work. They will have a Christian faith.

Leaders will be available monthly or more often if possible.

Parish Role: Messy Church Helper

We'd love more Messy Church Helpers:

The Church takes the safety of everyone within the church very seriously and expects that everyone will work within the Church safeguarding policy. In particular, the Church expects anyone who becomes aware of a safeguarding risk or of actual abuse, to immediately raise this with your Parish Safeguarding Officer or the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) or Assistant DSA.

Those who work with children, young people and/or adults who are vulnerable should have a commitment to:

- Treat individuals with respect
- Recognise and respect their abilities and potential for development
- Working in ways that meet and develop the personal, spiritual, social and pastoral needs
- Promote their rights to make their own decisions and choices, unless it is unsafe
- Ensure their welfare and safety
- The promotion of social justice, social responsibility and respect for others
- Confidentiality, never passing on personal information, except to the person you are responsible to, unless there are safeguarding issues of concern which **must always** be reported to the person named above or to the Police or Social Services in an emergency.

Role	Messy Church Helper
Responsible to	Rev Catherine Schneider
Key Responsibilities of the Role (tasks to be undertaken)	
As a volunteer: • Be timely • Set up craft materials • Set up food and drink • Create space for children and adults to talk, both formally and informally • Be aware of any health and safety matters that may affect the group and take appropriate action • Be responsible for one activity/group • Help clear away at the end of the session • Attend quarterly team planning meetings • Work under the leadership and supervision of the activity co-ordinator • Read the parish's safeguarding policy and know how to respond to, report and record any concerns you may have about a child • Read and implement any other PCC policies or guidelines relevant to your work with children • Undertake diocesan safeguarding training every three years	
Any arrangements for induction, training & support	
• Safeguarding training every three years • Attend a session of training with Messy Church Leader • Meet with other Messy Church helpers to plan sessions together • Attend one-to-one meeting with Messy Church Leader for review	

Any practical arrangements relevant to the role (e.g. process for paying expenses, times role should be carried out, provision of equipment)

- Receipts for resources to be submitted to Treasurer via Messy Church Leader for reimbursement
- Messy Church may be in the Village Hall at 10.30am (on 5th Sundays) or on the Millennium Green in the summer.

Role to be reviewed

Initially after 3-6 months and then annually

The role is eligible for a criminal record (DBS) check which is renewable every three years

Yes

Safeguarding Training Level

Basic and Foundation

Level of criminal record (DBS) check which is required for this role

Enhanced – child workforce