

Hello Everyone

The sky is blue, the sun has been beating down and Summer is in full swing. The fields are being harvested and fruit is ripening on the trees. It is a lovely time of year, but also a strange time of year.. village life calms and people head away on holiday as the routine and momentum changes. It is important to rest and we hope that you all will find time to have rest and fulfilment.

It was a joy to host Messy Church families at Toddington this Friday. We had no idea if anyone would come.. and suddenly children appeared along the path, with their parents, and we enjoyed a lovely time together with 24 children making crafts about Zacchaeus and munching home-made pizzas for tea. Ploughman's lunches were also a special time with Wilkinson Hall abuzz with happy chatter.

Within the seasons of life's changes, Nigel is now in his final month before his retirement as Vicar of the Benefice of Westoning, Tingrith and Harlington churches - which is a poignant stage, with the last one of everything approaching (including for Nigel a last special wedding at Harlington). This all adds to it being a 'strange time of year'.

This week's services and events from Sunday 7th August

8.00 am Harlington, BCP Holy Communion - Nigel

9.30 am Chalgrave Church, Holy Communion - Linda

9.30 am Harlington Church, Holy Communion - Nigel

9.30 am Tingrith Church, Morning Prayer - Steve

11.00 am Toddington Church, Holy Communion, with baptisms during the service - Linda

11.00 am Westoning Church, Holy Communion, Nigel

12.00 noon – 2.00 pm Tingrith Church, Cheese and Wine Lunch, Tickets £5

Monday 8th August

Morning Prayer Toddington Church 9.30 am

Seated Pilates 2.00 pm

Tuesday 9th August

Westcaf 10.00 am – 12.00 noon, and Sewing Bee 1.00 – 3.00 pm Westoning Village Hall

Knitting Group 10.30 am Wilkinson Hall, Toddington

Wednesday 10th August

Holy Communion Service, Harlington Church 10.00 am

Thursday 11th August

2.00 – 4.00 pm Afternoon with friends, Wilkinson Hall

Friday 12th August

Painting For Pleasure group, 10.30 am Wilkinson Hall

Wedding rehearsal Toddington Church 1.30 pm

Saturday 13th August

9.30 am Stall on the Green (cakes, jams etc), Toddington

11.00 am Westoning Church, baby thanksgiving service

Sunday 14th Services

9.30 am Holy Communion - Chalgrave

9.30 am Holy Communion Harlington

11.00 am Holy Communion, Toddington

11.00 am Holy Communion, Westoning

2.00 pm Wedding - Toddington Church

We send our love and prayers to you all.

God bless

Linda and Nigel