

Dear All

I hope you had an enjoyable and restful week.

Tomorrow we host the second Community Fridge at Wilkinson Hall, at 9.30am, with food collected from local supermarkets which will be delivered by volunteers from Flitwick. The food is all free and is offered as part of a sustainability initiative to avoid wasting food. Do come along, with a bag, to see what is on offer. We will be grateful for offers of help in the future to either collect and deliver supplies to the Hall on Saturday mornings, or to assist during the Community Fridge operating hours between 9.30-11am on Saturdays. Please let me know if you would like to be involved. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and to join together in this community initiative.

On Sunday afternoon at 6pm you are warmly invited to the Hymns and Pimms evening at Toddington Church. See poster.

Last Sunday we had wonderful concert at Chalgrave Church of contemporary songs, played and sung by Richard. It was so wonderful to be back socially in church again to share a special time of music, enjoyment and afternoon teas. Thank you so much Richard for the wonderful music and songs which had us singing along and remembering those golden classics. Thank you to all who baked and served. Thank you for attending to help us raise funds to maintain and restore the church. There was also another special Chalgrave Pop Up Tea room this week but the ladies are having a rest in August so the tea room returns in September.

Looking ahead to this week:

**Saturday 27th July**

Toddington Community Fridge, Wilkinson Hall, 9.30-11am

**Sunday 28th July**

9.30am Holy Communion Service, Chalgrave Church - Linda and Nigel

11am Holy Communion Service, Toddington Church - Linda and Nigel

6pm Hymns and Pimms Songs of Praise ' Friends of St George's evening, Toddington Church.

Come and enjoy singing your favourite hymns (donations invited to support the maintenance of the church building)

**Monday 29th July**

9.30am Morning Prayer, Toddington Church

Toddington PCC meeting 7pm (or earlier tbc))

**Tuesday 30 July**

10.30am Knitting Group, Wilkinson Hall

Youth Group, 4.30pm, The Rectory (TBC) - time to consider Youth Alpha

7pm The Bible Course, part 2 - The Rectory.

**Wednesday 31st July**

Working Party at Toddington Church ? Please speak to Dee if you are able to help.

**Thursday 1st August**

12 noon, Ploughman's Lunch, Wilkinson Hall

1pm Church cleaning, Chalgrave Church

**Friday 2nd August**

10.30am Painting for Pleasure group, Wilkinson Hall

**Saturday 3rd August**

9.30-11am Toddington Community Fridge, Wilkinson Hall,

**Sunday 4th August**

9.30am Holy Communion Service, Chalgrave Church - Linda

11am Holy Communion Service, Toddington Church - Linda

**Wednesdays 7, 21 and 28th August** Arty and Crafty days at Wilkinson Hall from 10am - see poster.

**Saturday 10th August** - 10am Coffee Morning, Wilkinson Hall and 9.30am Toddington Community Fridge (outside Wilkinson Hall.. Hoping the weather is kind!)

Scarecrow Festival **Sunday 25 and Monday 26 August.**

Please let Sandy or me know if you have time to spare to help maintain the grounds at Chalgrave Church. Shrubs need cutting back and we need help to weed and keep the grounds tidy.

Thank you all for your help and support in these busy weeks of Summer, and throughout the year.

We hold Ruth Betts (deceased), Geoff her husband and her family in our prayers at this very sad time. We like so many in the village were so incredibly sad to hear the very sad news today of Ruth's death in Scotland. She has been such a special and valued member of the church bell ringing team. We will miss her bell ringing presence and her skilled ringing out of the good news of Jesus' birth and Jesus resurrection on Christmas and Easter mornings which always drew me to look upwards with joy. Thank you so much Ruth. We will miss you. RIP.

I wish you all a good week, with sunny weather and chance to relax and restore your energy levels.

With best wishes

Linda

Rector

Toddington and Chalgrave