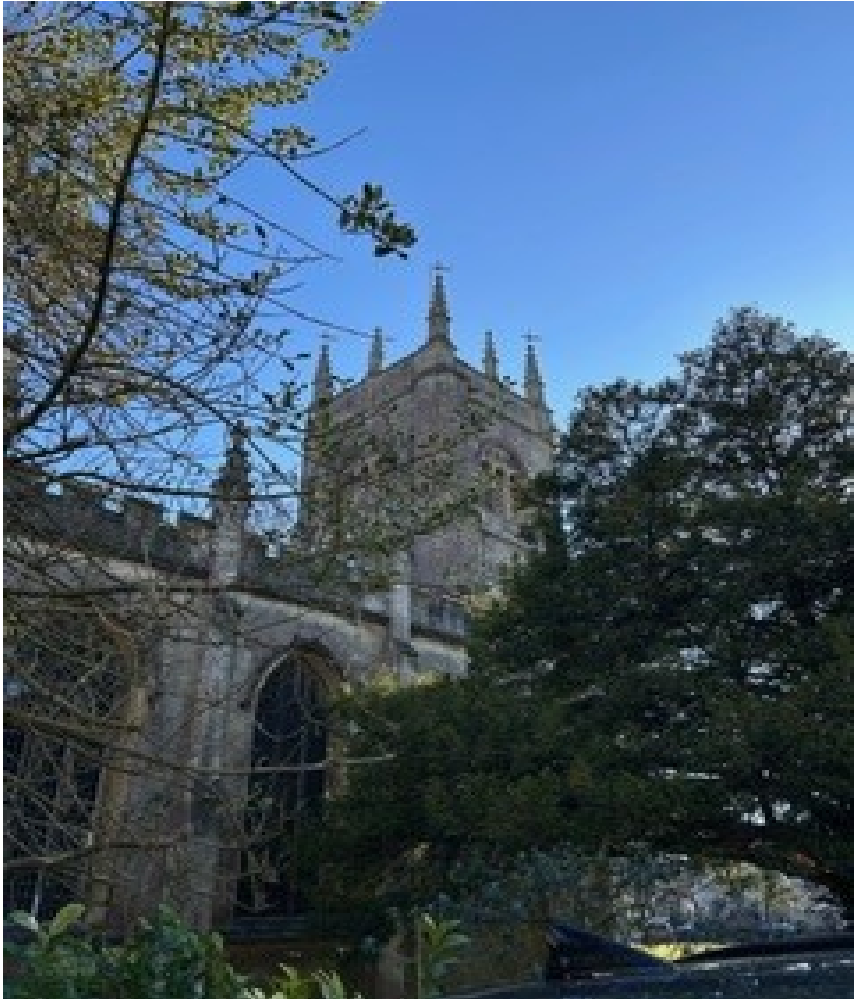


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SERVICES

SUNDAY

8am Said Eucharist

10 a.m. Parish Eucharist

WEEKDAYS

The Eucharist is celebrated on a Tuesday at 12 noon.

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Communion at home for those unable to attend church it is easily arranged with the Vicar.

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Who should you talk to if you observe or are told about Safeguarding concerns?

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PLANT STALL AT TOWN FAYRE

On what was the hottest day of the year, we set up a wonderful stall of plants and planters at the Midsomer Norton Town Fayre. Although the temperatures made us wilt, an astonishing amount of plants were sold and despite the number of visitors being fewer because of the weather, we had

plenty of people engaging with us. The unsold planters were afterwards offered after our Sunday Service and Tuesday Coffee morning and the remaining few planters were offered to local care homes, where they were gratefully received. Anything left over has been retained to plant in the church garden when possible.

We would like to extend our thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up and run the stall, as well as to those who donated plants. A very impressive total of £500 was raised.

Pat and Hilary

Reflections from the Ministry Team

Dear friends,

As we reach the end of another academic year for teachers, children and young people alike, and enter the month of August, our minds naturally turn to summer holidays.



Holidays are important times for each of us, whether we holiday alone, with family or with friends. They are times when we can leave aside our every day routines, when the ordinary chores of life can be abandoned for a while, and even our concerns can be laid down for a day or two. Holidays are times, hopefully, when we can find some rest from the pressures of life, when we can slow down and take time to see God's world anew, listen to the natural world and each other, savour and taste the food we eat without rush, just enjoy the company of God's world and each other.

In resting, in slowing down, in paying attention to the world around us and our fellow human beings, we will begin to be refreshed in body, mind and soul. Some of us will find this slowing down difficult (we are all different, thank God) but a change can allow us to see the world differently, and that may make all the difference, and allow the batteries to be recharged.

However we take our holidays, it is when we find rest and are refreshed, that we can then reflect on life with its many blessings and sorrows, ups and downs. As we reflect on our lives, at work, at home, and with God, we may begin to see where some adjustment ought, or even needs, to be made to enable us to live more balanced lives. Where do our priorities lie? Where should they lie? This is equally true of our physical and emotional needs as well as our spiritual needs. And what is true for us as individuals, is equally true for us as members of the body of Christ.

It is when we find time to reflect, to look on things with fresh eyes, that we can discern what is to be laid down, enabling us to do something new. We may indeed lead active and full lives, but to make them fulfilling lives will need a positive change from our old ways to new enriching ways of being and doing as God's people and as God's church.

Wherever you take your holiday, whether by the sea or climbing mountains, camping or luxury hotel, staying with friends or family, I hope and pray that you may find rest and refreshment, which may allow you to reflect on life and all that our loving God would want for you, and for us all at St. John the Baptist.

As I write this, I am also very aware that some of you, for various reasons will be unable to take a holiday. I pray that God will sustain and support you this and every day, and maybe these summer days will offer the opportunity for a moment's rest to reflect.

Yours in Christ, Guy

On Wednesday 6th August we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus with a Sung Mass at 19:30.

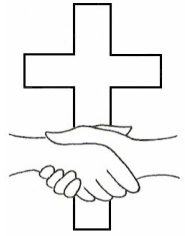


One day, Jesus is with three disciples on a high mountain in Galilee, when His appearance dramatically changes. Also, Moses and Elijah suddenly appear, and from a cloud comes the voice of God.

This event was witnessed by James, Peter, and John. They were close friends of Jesus. In the future, they were to become prominent leaders in the Early Church. They needed to see something special that would help them remember Jesus in the difficult years ahead. They had a glimpse of Christ in His divine glory. His face shone like the sun and His clothes turned white as light.

Ladies Group July Meeting

In July, the Ladies Group met at Ann Munton's house. It was a very warm and sticky evening after a very hot day. Rather than the usual drinks of tea or coffee everyone decided that they would prefer to have water to drink. In honour of the fact that Wimbledon was taking place we had strawberries and cream instead of biscuits. We enjoyed a lovely evening of friendly conversation.



We do not hold a meeting in August, so the next meeting will be at Sally Curtis's house on Thursday 11th September.

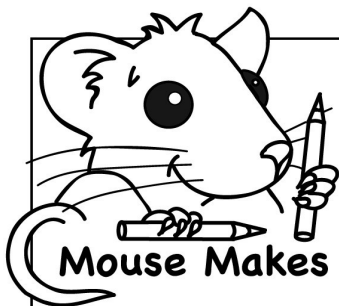
If you would like to find out more about Ladies Group, please speak to Kay Harvey or Ann Munton or pick up a programme from the back of church. New members are always welcome.



Fellowship Group

For our July meeting we met at Lavender farm, where we enjoyed tea and cakes on a glorious afternoon.

We do not meet in August but look forward to seeing you all in September.



Mouse Makes



*Just as the different parts
of our body need each
other to make a **whole**,
living person so
Christians need each
other to make a
whole living church!*



"Just as a **body**, though **one**, has **many** parts,
but all its many **parts** form one body,
so it is with **Christ**. For we were all baptised
by one **Spirit** so as to form one body...
Even so, the body is not made
up of one part but of many...

...Now you are the body of Christ,
and **each** one of you is part of it."

from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27



*Look in the Bible verses for the words written in **bold**
then look for these words too!*

GOD • TOGETHER • EQUAL • ALL • EVERY
HEAD • EYES • EARS • MOUTH • TONGUE
TEETH • NOSE • ARMS • HANDS • FINGERS
LEGS • KNEES • FEET • TOES • GIFTS



"Though we are
many, we are one
body in **union**
with Christ,
and we are
joined to each
other as
different
parts of
one body."

*from
Romans 12:1-7*



Bishop's letter - August 2025

Do you use Wikipedia? It's often a very convenient place to look for information when we want to know more about something or about a person.

But, perhaps, like me you've discovered its limitations. As you might anticipate from a free online encyclopaedia to which anyone can contribute and is open to anyone to edit it is both impressively collaborative and also sometimes incomplete or less than fully accurate. Nevertheless, it remains for me – and perhaps you? – a go-to source of quick information.



So, I wasn't surprised when I consulted Wikipedia's 'August anniversaries' to find it is less than comprehensive about the Christian calendar this month. St Bartholomew's Day is recorded on 24 August – alongside Ukraine Independence Day which surely also deserves marking. Bartholomew (usually identified as Nathanael, one of the twelve disciples of Jesus) isn't generally well celebrated on his festival day, except in places where he's the patron saint of the parish and church, such as Crewkerne where the annual charter fair remembers their link with St Bart. Even so their fair has been moved into September after the end of the holiday season.

August frequently means reduced activity, and fewer events. If that's an opportunity for catching our breath and taking a break from the challenges of deadlines and expectations, then all well and good. But let's not forget, despite them being omitted from the Wikipedia list, the other red-letter August days in the calendar. On 15 August we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord Jesus, and on the 6 August, we mark the glorious Transfiguration of our Lord. That festival day recalls how Peter, James and John experienced on a mountain top the transformation of Jesus' physical appearance, enabling them to glimpse the glory of his divinity.

Make the most of these three significant festival days in August. As well, don't forget the other significant days this month, such as Ukraine Independence Day (24), VJ day (15) marking the end of World War 2, and – another date missed in the Wikipedia list – the 80th anniversary of the dropping of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Saints' days and anniversaries are significant prompts to our prayers.

Bishop Christopher Foster

Be a Chorister for a Day

The next Be a Chorister for a Day event will take place on **Saturday 20 September 2025.**

Each autumn, Wells Cathedral holds a fabulous free event called Be a Chorister for a Day, where children can experience what it is like to be a Cathedral Chorister. The event is open to all children aged between 6 and 9, there are fun singing workshops, and the day ends with them taking part in the Evensong service alongside the Cathedral Choir.



The experience includes singing games, learning about the Cathedral, and finding out what a Chorister really does. At the end of the afternoon the children sing Evensong with the Cathedral Choir. Parents can take a tour of the School if they wish, before enjoying the Evensong service.

If you are interested and would like to register for a place, please contact the Cathedral Music Office at:

musicooffice@wellscathedral.org.uk.

From The Registers

Christian Funeral

"May they rest in peace"

11th July Betty Tucker

22nd July Patricia Haynes



Marriage Blessing

'May they live together in joy and peace'

12th July Sam & Alisha Kirkham



TRIO PARADIS

Jacquelyn Bevan - piano

Ruth O'Shea - violin

Linda Stocks - cello

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The Latin American Collection
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Daughters of the Muse
Music by Women Composers

FRIDAY 4th APRIL
Spring Song
Sunshine & Showers

FRIDAY 2nd MAY
Northern Lights
Scandinavian Masterpieces

FRIDAY 6th JUNE
A Midsummer Night's Dream
Nocturnes & Reveries

Monthly Café Concerts

**First Friday of
each month
at 12.30pm**

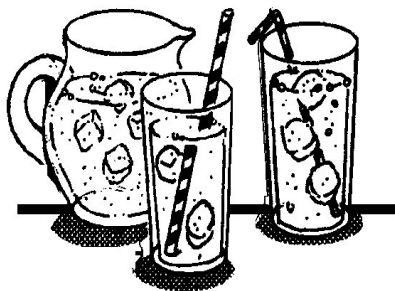
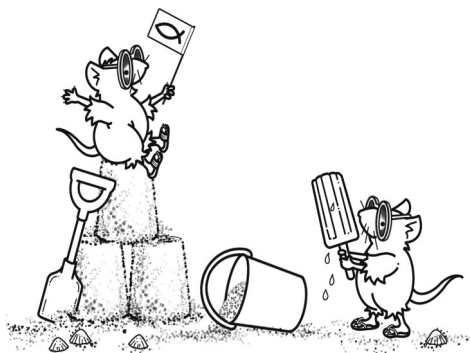
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Date	Reader/<i>Intercessions</i>	Sides person
3rd August	Linda Broadhurst	K Gay, L Powell
10th August	Robert Broughton <i>Kay Harvey</i>	J Shears, E Densley
17th August	Hilary Denning <i>Sally Curtis</i>	D Winter, J Winter
24th August	Lesley Garvey <i>Carol Moore</i>	N Barnett, P Marriott
31st August	Heather Hill <i>Kay Harvey</i>	A Broadhurst, L Broadhurst
If you have to swap or cannot do any of the dates, please can you let Pat or Hilary know. Thank you		



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Church Organisations

The Choir practise on Fridays from 6:30 pm until 7:50 pm.

The Friendship Group: meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

The Ladies Group meets on the second Thursday of the month

The Society of Our Lady of Walsingham meets every 3rd Friday of the month at 11am for Said Mass and the Angelus. The Cell takes an annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham in September. A warm welcome is extended to all who would like to attend the service or join us on Pilgrimage.

Further details can be obtained from a member of the Clergy.

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 Twitter: [@StJohnMSN](#), on Facebook: [@StJohnMSN](#)
 and on YouTube: [St John's MSN channel](#).**



August 2025

Friday 1st	12:30	Trio Paradise Concert
Sunday 3rd	7th Sunday after Trinity	
Tuesday 5th	10:30 - 11:45	Coffee in Church
Wednesday 6th	19:30 Transfiguration Of our Lord	Sung Eucharist
Friday 8th	10 - 12noon	Gardening Group
Sunday 10th	8th Sunday after Trinity	
Tuesday 12th	10:30 - 11:45	Coffee in Church
Thursday 14th		<i>Magazine Copy Date</i>
Friday 15th	11:00	St Johns cell of Our Lady Of Walsingham - Eucharist
Sunday 17th	9th Sunday after Trinity	
Tuesday 19th	10:30 - 11:45	Coffee in Church
Friday 22nd	10 - 12noon	Gardening Group
Sunday 24th	10th Sunday after Trinity	
Tuesday 29th	10:30 - 11:45	Coffee in Church
Sunday 31st	11th Sunday after Trinity	