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Contact Stella Wiseman, 07842 761919, editor@badshotleaandhale.org.

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What's on this month

Summer time in the parish

The summer holidays are approaching and we have lots going on in the parish. This magazine covers July and August though we are still planning some August events, so keep an eye on notices, the website and the local press for more events.

In July we are relaunching Messy Church up at St Mark's. It will be on Sunday, July 9th at 4pm, then there will be no Messy Church in August, but from September it will be on the first Sunday of each month at 4pm at St Mark's.



See page 23 for more and please come, tell your friends, tell your family.

On 14th July we are celebrating the 140th birthday of St Mark's, and what better way to celebrate than with a free Family Barn Dance, with the doors opening at 6.30pm and the dancing starting at 7pm. More details on page 26. We are also planning an art exhibition for the same time - lots to see and do!

The following day, July 15th, at 11am we are welcoming Doorstep Duets, professional dancers from Matthew Bourne's New Adventures, to a coffee morning outside Southernhay, The Green, Hale. This is to raise money for church funds so come and see them dance! See page 14.

On July 21st at 7.30pm, we are hosting a free talk at St Mark's called 'Building the right support for autistic people'. The speaker is Alexis Quinn, author of the ground-breaking memoir *Unbroken*, and of *Autistic and Expecting*, a guide for autistic

parents-to-be. Alexis speaks globally on neurodivergence, mental well-being and building the right support. Drawing on the latest research and using her lived experience, Alexis will discuss: Neuro-affirming ways



Alexis Quinn

to think about difference and diversity; autism and mental well-being; common challenges faced by neurodivergent people and their families; and how to helpfully support neurodiverse people. Further details on page 36.

In August Farnham Maltings is bringing family entertainment and activities to St Mark's and St George's, all of it free. See page 14 for more.

On Sunday, August 20th, we are celebrating Pride with special services at all three churches and online in support of the LGBTQI+ community.

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The call to compassion

Stella Wiseman writes:

What are the two greatest commandments? Jesus put it simply in Mark 30-31: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength” and “You shall love your neighbour as yourself”. Simple, but difficult.

Then there is a letter from John which reads: “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God” (1 John 4:7). This seems to make it easier - if we love we know God. Phew! I love my family. I love my friends. So maybe I see a bit of God in that love. OK, I am not so keen on that man who upset me the other day, or the person who had a go at me in the car park, or the managers I worked for many years ago who froze me and others out, or those who hurt people I love, or...

Nor am I very keen on myself when I let people down or don't live up to my own expectations (even if these are unreasonable!).

This is something I have wrestled with over the past few years, and perhaps my imminent ordination as priest has made the wrestling more intense. I want to fulfil the calling to be a priest and to be a good priest, a loving priest, a wise one, someone who cares for people, someone who reflects a little of God.



Stella Wiseman

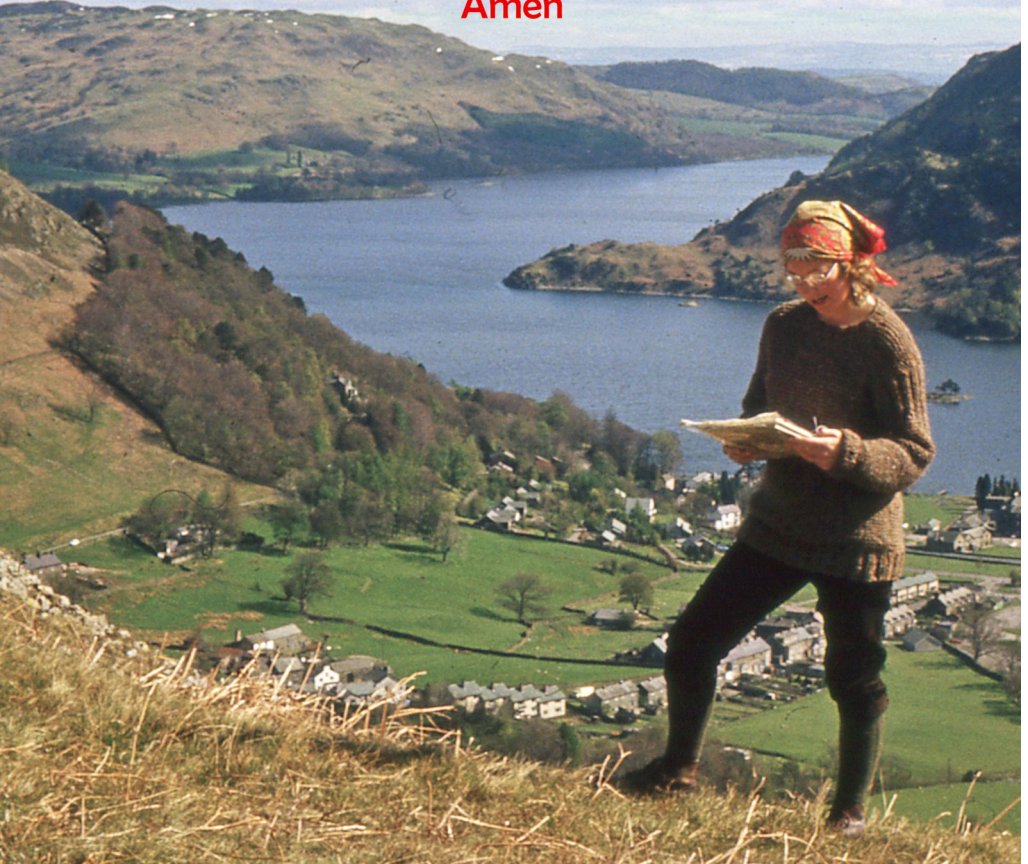
As I have wrestled, I have kept coming across the word ‘compassion’ and the importance of self-compassion. I recommend a book by Paul Gilbert called *The Compassionate Mind* which looks at how we can develop compassion for others and ourselves and so cope better with what life throws at us, responding to ourselves and others with calmer kindness.

It's not easy to break the habits of a lifetime, but maybe it is just possible. Maybe breaking habits of a lifetime is the same as being born again, dying to the old self, rising with Christ, finding a new way of living that reflects more of God. Maybe that is a calling for us all.

But, as it says in the ordination service: ‘you cannot bear the weight of this calling in your own strength, but only by the grace and power of God’. So every day let us put ourselves before God and ask for that grace to be compassionate.

Stella Wiseman, Assistant Curate

O Holy Spirit, giver of light and life,
impart to us thoughts better than our own thoughts,
and prayers better than our own prayers,
and powers better than our own powers,
that we may spend and be spent
in the ways of love and goodness,
after the perfect image of
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
Amen



Prayer from Gelasian Sacramentary (8th century)
Photo: walking above Ullswater, Lake District, 1981 (BS)

A fantastic fete

Could it have been any hotter? The sun was bright and the sky blue and cloudless for the Badshot Lea Community Fete on June 10th. We had prayed that the predicted storms would stay away and our prayers were answered. The only umbrellas needed were to give us a little bit of shade!

Despite the heat, the mood was joyous. Come 12.00 everything was ready to go. The Mayor and Lady Mayoress opened the fete and then enjoyed looking around the stalls and having a superb cream tea.

Meanwhile the maypole was set up and the afternoon's entertainment got underway. Once again we



Farnham and Aldershot Karate Club

were joined by staff, parents and pupils of Badshot Lea Village Infant School. The Friends of the school provided excellent small games and the children, with a few extras, were delightful as they danced.

Our local ukulele band, Dukes Ukes, were up next, singing and playing to make the afternoon go with a swing – then the Farnham and Aldershot Karate Club demonstrated their moves with great gusto and loud shouts.



Duke's Ukes



Wendy Edwards

Wendy Edwards entertained us in a more mellow way, her beautiful voice a superb accompaniment to the heat of the afternoon.

We had a short pause in the entertainment as a cheque was presented by Rob Wilkinson on behalf of the West Surrey Installed Masters Freemasonry Lodge. The money will go towards new chairs, which St. George's needs.

Dukes Ukes rounded off the entertainment with more great singing and playing.



Rob Wilkinson presents a cheque to Alan Crawley

cakes and teas and the BBQ almost sold out. The bar was quite busy too! Every stall holder was hot and tired



But in the meantime, such a lot of hard work was going on - the bottle stall was always busy as was the tombola. The refreshment workers kept producing

and we appreciate all of their hard work. Pictured are a few of the workers and some of our friends.

It was a brilliant afternoon and raised over £2,000 towards much-needed parish funds. Thanks to all those who helped in any way.

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Craig is relicensed



Craig Nobbs was relicensed to serve as a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) in the parish, on Saturday, June 24th, at a service at St Stephen's Church, Shottermill.

If you were unable to be there, you can watch the licensing here: www.youtube.com/@ststephensshottermill5699/streams

Craig is pictured above with the Bishop of Guildford who relicensed him.

Concert raises spirits and cash for Christian Aid



Above: Saxooma. Below: Kerala Dancers from the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church

Carolyn Weston and a team of supporters organised a concert to raise money for Christian Aid on the evening of May 26th at St George's Church.

It was an uplifting evening with choirs (including the Parish Choir), bands, dance and a singalong and it

raised £430 for Christian Aid which will go towards the charity's work to support some of the poorest communities on earth. Many thanks and well done to all who made the concert happen and to those who came along and gave so generously.

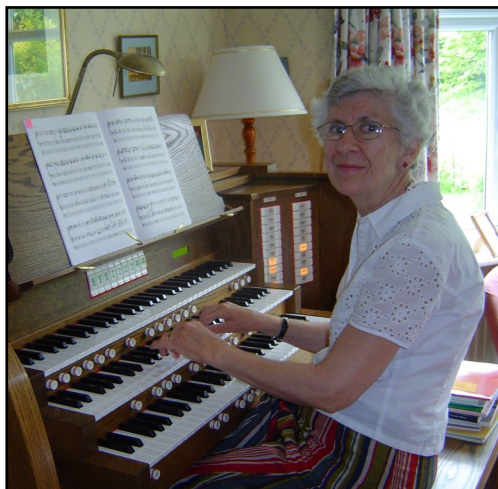


A message from Frances

Dear Everyone,

I feel your love and support surround me all the time. Every prayer and thought lifts me up above any anxiety. But I feel at peace. The world seems even more beautiful than ever. I have a hospital bed here at home looking straight out onto a lush and rather overgrown garden with scents wafting in. In this balmy weather we've been able to sit outside under the canopy, listening to the bees and all the other pollinators grateful for the weeds.

Normally I feed our cat, Django, to stop his barrage of mi-oux. But now he knows that I can't do it, and sits like a lamb until Paul appears, when the frantic miouxing begins again, and Paul feeds him - proof of sensitivity in cats.



I cannot make music any more, but all those precious harmonies go on in my head. There must be harmony in our singing, in our lives and in the world.

Thank you with all my heart,

Love from Frances

This summer

Maltings At...

This summer Farnham Maltings is going on the road to bring creative activity to you and four of the events are in our churches. Best of all, every activity is free! Have a go at some art, drama, and craft, or watch a theatre show with your family.

Upper Hale

Crockodogopig

Monday, August 7th

9.45am-10.45am

Family Theatre Performance

Venue details: St. Marks's Church & Community Centre.

Badshot Lea

Drama Games for the Family

Monday, August 14th

10am-11.30am

Creative Family Games for all ages

Venue details: St. George's Church.

Storyteller, Storyteller

Monday, August 21st

9.30am-10.30am

Family Theatre Performance

Venue details: St. George's Church.

Summer Print and Paint for the Family

Wednesday, August 30th

10am-11.30am

Family Art Activity for all ages

Venue details: St. George's Church.

Events are free but space is limited so you will need to book in advance. For details, call 07842761919 or email news@badshotleaandhale.org.

Dance on your doorstep

On Saturday, July 15th, at 11am, Doorstep Duets is coming to Hale Rec in support of the churches.

Three dancers from Matthew Bourne's New Adventures, based at Farnham Maltings, will perform *Back to Us*. Choreographed by Glenn Graham, *Back to Us* is a short, original dance piece exploring the importance of friendship and the need for connection.

The dance will take place outside Southernhay, The Green, Hale, where there will also be a coffee morning in support of the parish. Details from 07842761919 or news@badshotleaandhale.org or www.new-adventures.net/doorstep-duets

MATTHEW BOURNE'S NEW ADVENTURES

DOORSTEP DUETS

2023

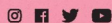


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New manager for Hale Community Centre

Hale Community Centre has a new manager - Melissa Salisbury.

Melissa succeeds Cathy Burroughs who has retired after eight years as centre manager.

Melissa lived in Hale as a child and young adult and continues to live in the Farnham area and involved with the parish. In fact, her brother, Simon Alexander, was churchwarden of St John's prior to his move abroad.

Melissa has worked mainly in not-for-profit organisations, ranging from Government departments to local authorities and education.

Her experience working for the Youth Service and within Hampshire Scouting has given her a wide knowledge about safeguarding and safety issues for youth provision and she has also had first-hand experience of supporting young people in crisis.

In her new position as centre manager, Melissa is hoping to be able to give back to the communi-



Melissa Salisbury

ty in north Farnham, and she is looking forward to the challenge of continuing the different projects which the centre currently supports while responding to other needs of the community.

To contact Melissa or the Hale Community Centre as a whole, call 01252 722362 or email office@halecommunitycentre.org.uk. To find out more about what is on, visit www.halecommunitycentre.org.uk

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THE BADSHOT LEADER

July 2023



Badshot Lea Bloomers

Summer is finally here. The rain has eased, the sun is warming up and everything is growing like mad. Especially the weeds.

We now have seven young families using our raised beds and watching their food grow while learning that snails and pigeons also like their produce.

Farnham in Bloom had their formal launch of this year's RHS competition at Badshot Lea Garden Centre in April but the real work was already underway with the planting of 40,000 plug plants and the running of two days of Blooming Kids Workshops at Easter, thanks in a large part to the Badshot Lea Bloomers.

The Community Garden celebrated the King's Coronation by holding a Coronation Volunteer day on Monday 8th May. We started with a village wide litter pick and the planting of a tree in the Community Garden, children helped us plant 30 sunflowers along our front hedge. The weather was not brilliant but it did not stop us finishing the day with a picnic in the garden.

Opening our garden shop on site has made a big difference to our income this year but it did not stop us attending the Weybourne Well Being Fair again this year. This is becoming a major spring event and we are delighted to be part of it. We were selling everything from shrubs to hanging baskets to bedding plants and had a great day meeting so many local people.

We have been at the Badshot Lea Pond and the Badshot Park Orchard working with the Waverley Ranger to maintain our Green Flag status by promoting the development of wildflower areas. We have mowing access paths trimmed the edges and sowing wildflower seeds. It was therefore very disappointing to see Waverley change their policy and start mowing these areas again in late May.



John Martin

Badshot Lea Bloomers

*The Badshot Park
Orchard, before and
after mowing*

The Badshot Leader

Walter Tice and the Village Hall.



Pockets of Walter's hops, on the way to the station c. 1908. The waggoner is Mr Elkins. Note the stack of hop poles on the left.

Badshot Lea is probably unique in having a Victorian hop kiln as its village hall. It was built in 1886 for Walter Tice, of Runfold Farm, who the writer, George Sturt, regarded as Farnham's most successful hop grower. The Kiln was built with rolling screens on the upper drying floor and the latest hop presses on the floor below. One of the screens and a selection of artefacts are preserved in the Tice room. The builder was Thomas Diamond of Castle Street, Farnham and it cost Walter £1,173.



Walter Tice

The drying process was a key stage in hop production, and before pyrometers came in, a skilled dryer was required, as the correct amount of moisture had to be left in the hops. Initially, charcoal fires were used to dry the hops, and small amounts of sulphur were added to kill any insects. I well remember the acrid smell, when walking past the Kiln. Later gas fires were introduced.

Sadly, Walter was only 54 when he died on 17TH December 1908, leaving his son Fred Tice to run the farm through the difficult years of the Great War, when many acres of hops were grubbed up in order to grow food. There was a sad incident at the Kiln in December 1915, when a private in the RASC, Richard Finlay, hanged himself at the Kiln. He was suffering from combat stress, after serving with the ambulances in France.

The Badshot Leader

Some growers never planted hops again, but Fred Tice continued at Runfold. Out of season, the Kiln was used in connection with his other enterprise, sending vegetables to Convent Garden Market. When Fred died in 1940, his brother, Alan, took over at Runfold, and it was he who began to increase the acreage of his farm. By this time hop poles had been abandoned in favour of coir strings, which were supported by permanent posts and wires.

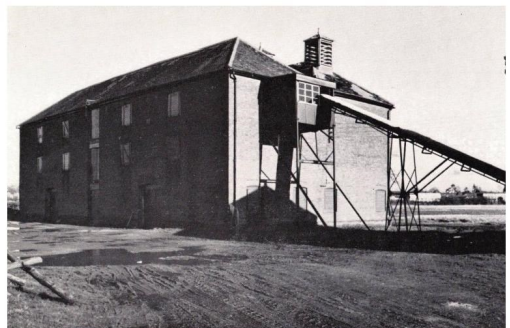
All this time the Kiln remained in regular use, and until the 1950's the hops were picked by hand by families from Badshot Lea and Aldershot. The last time I picked hops was in 1954, and the following year Alan Tice installed a hop picking machine, which was housed in the asbestos building next to the Kiln. The hand pickers were phased out, and students engaged instead, although some local women were still needed to pick out any unwanted leaves. The hops were then placed loosely into bags and sent by an elevator up to the drying floor in the Kiln.

When Alan Tice retired his son, Jim, took over the farm, which now extended over 398 acres. But by the 1970's farming at Runfold was coming under new pressures. Common Market regulations clashed with British hop growing methods, the farm was suffering from vandalism, and land was being sought by developers. Then valuable gravel deposits were found under much of the land. After the gravel had been extracted, the land was allowed to return to nature as Tice's Meadow Reserve.

Shortly after we moved to Badshot Park, my wife and I were shown over the Kiln in 1972 by the last dryer, Heinz Muller, who was one of several German ex-POW's, who stayed and married local girls. The following year the farm was sold at auction and the Kiln together with the hop picking machine building and 2.290 acres was sold as lot 15 to a developer, Mr Cook. It was the end of an era.

Maurice Hewins

*The Kiln as it was in 1972
showing the elevator from
the hop picking machine*



The Badshot Leader

Development and the Local Environment

Two recent decisions at planning appeals have shown once again the importance of our Neighbourhood Plan.

With the Waverley Local Plan now over five years old and the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan (FNP) now over two years old the decision on these matters is now decided by what is known as the 'planning balance'. This involves weighing up the benefit of the provision of more homes against the harm the loss of the fields will have on the local area. The two sites are either side of the railway off Lower Weybourne Lane and Green Lane and not included in the FNP. Therefore we regard them as unwanted speculative development.

Despite local planning policy deemed as out of date, the Inspectors felt very strongly that policies, particularly within the FNP, attracted considerable weight. They also acknowledge that the FNP is providing in excess of its housing requirement through planned development and giving permission here would seriously undermine its credibility. It would also be incompatible with the environmental objectives contained in the FNP.

Each appeal was heard by an independent government Inspector and both felt that development of each site would be harmful to the environment and character of the area and noted that it was the wish of the local community to retain these open areas.

These are very positive decisions for our community but cannot be seen as indicative of what will happen when other appeals come forward over the next few months. Every site is different and will have its own attributes to be considered within the planning balance.

However, on this occasion local planning policy, the environment and local opinion played their part in these decisions and we can only hope that they continue to do so.

Cliff Watts

Badshot Lea Community Association

Messy Church

The return of Messy Church!

Messy Church is back. The first one will be at St Mark's on Sunday, July 9th, at 4pm, when Michelle Chapman will introduce us to the game *Guardians of Ancora*. There will be songs, crafts, stories, food and a lot of fun. Tell everyone you can - especially families - and let Michelle know if you can make it by emailing youth@badshotleaandhale.org.



Messy Church

Guardians of Ancora
The Big Catch

Sunday 9th July 4pm
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Fun

Songs

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Making friends

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Pride

Thank God for Pride!

On Sunday, August 20th, we are celebrating Pride with special services at all three churches and online in support of the LGBTQI+ community. Come and join us at all or any of these.



What's on at the Hale Family Centre

Sensory stay and play sessions, every Tuesday morning, 9.30-11am.

Weekly throughout the summer. This is a collaboration with the Early Support Team and we will have visitors from the SEES team, SALT and Family Voice.

Stay and Play session Wednesday morning, 9.30-11.30am.

This is run by the Community Centre and Home Start, but is based at the Family Centre. It has been running for a year now and is free to families. There is no need to book in advance, all welcome.

Coffee and chat sessions, every Wednesday after school, 3-4.30pm

Runs weekly. Parent/carers can call in, stay, play and chat. There are visits from professionals from different services.

Additional Needs Service Showcase, Thursday 6th July, 12-5.30pm

Showcasing teams and services from within the council (such as L-Spa) and in the voluntary sector (such as Action for Carers). The event will be organised by the Family Information Service and myself and will take place across both the family centre and the community centre buildings. Parent/carers can call in and have informal chats with different services.

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Toddlers, music and the magazine

Musicians wanted

Is there a musician handy? Do you play keyboard, piano, organ, guitar? Are you just longing to be called forward to play for a church service?

If the answer is “Yes”, then you may be the very person we are seeking.

Our church musicians are looking for more people to join the team. If you are interested, on-the-job training and support will be given (we wouldn’t throw you in to lead the music in a service with no preparation).

Don’t be shy, have a word with any of the musicians at the services, or with the vicars.

And remember: “... a life without music would be a mistake” (*Nietzsche*).

Little Bees leader

Do you like babies, young children and new parents? Are you free on a Friday morning? If so, this might be just the volunteering role you are looking for.

The parish parent and babies group, Little Bees, has been going for 20 years and we are looking for a new leader.

Maxine, who currently has the role, is due to move out of the area later in the year and it would be great if someone could work alongside her and get to know the families and what goes on. It is a lovely group with great volunteers already in place. The leader obviously needs to have safeguarding training, but that is easy to arrange.

So could you give up about two-and-a-half hours on a Friday morning during time term for this great outreach opportunity? If you can’t do every Friday could you do alternate Fridays? Please contact Lesley Crawley (revd.lesley@badshotleandhale.org) or Maxine Everitt (maxine.everitt@badshotleandhale.org) if you would like to know more.

Magazine distribution

We need someone to co-ordinate the distribution of the church magazine once Maxine leaves the area. It involves picking up the magazine at the end of each month and dropping it off at our distributors. If you think you might be able to help, please do let us know.

editor@badshotleandhale.org

Cartoon Family portraits from the Squirrel Collective



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A cat may look at a King

I understand that you are known as human beings. This makes me laugh, or smirk in a superior manner which is what we cats do. Leave aside for a moment your proper titles such as ‘cat servants’, ‘food bots’, ‘comfortable laps’, ‘scratching posts’ and ‘ungrateful recipients of dead mice and birds’, and let’s think about why this name is ridiculous. Beings? Pah! Human ‘doings’ yes. When was the last time you lot just were? You spend all your time running around doing stuff.

Committee here, meeting there, appointment the other place. Apparently all this is important, or so the curate tells me (one of them, I’ve yet to meet the new one, David). Apparently, the world will stop turning, or the sky will fall down or something if humans don’t keep busy. I beg to differ. Of course, there are some things that you must do. The Curate, in particular, must supply my food and comfort as that is the natural order of things, but maybe she and you all could stop with the racing around so much and just ‘be’.



The Church Cat attempts to stop the Curate working

What does this involve? Lying in a warm patch of sunlight for an hour or several. Stretching your tense limbs then relaxing them. Breathing slowly in and out.

There is a saying ‘a cat may look at a king’ which is about unimportant beings (beings, not doings) looking at important ones. While cats are far more important than humans (you have permission to gaze on my beauty), I am happy to acknowledge that God is a higher being than even I am. In human language you often use the term ‘King’ about Jesus, so maybe you should do something like looking at him, maybe in a picture, maybe in the beauty of the world around, maybe with your eyes shut but just imagining him there. He’s the sort of king who looks back at you with a smile.

Go on, stop what you are doing, and just be, with God.

Purrs, The Church Cat



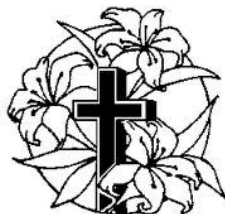
From the Church Registers

Funerals

We commend to God those whose funerals have recently taken place:

15th June at St Mark's Church and Hale Cemetery

Margaret Joan Harrington



Weddings

We congratulate those who have recently married:

2nd June at St George's:

Louise Birtchnell-Winter & Anthony Smithers

17th June at St John's

Sophie Amodio & William Sharples



Our church services are:

Every Sunday: 9.30am St John's; 10am St George's; and 11am St Mark's.

6pm St George's, BCP Evening Prayer.

2nd and 4th Sunday: 6pm St John's, Taizé.

Wednesday: 12pm St Mark's, Midweek Eucharist.

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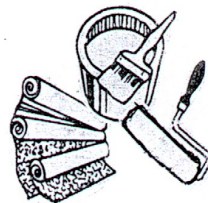
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Building the right support for autistic people - a talk by Alexis Quinn



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What is the talk about?

Drawing on the latest research and using her lived experience, Alexis will discuss:
Neuro-affirming ways to think about difference and diversity
Autism and mental well-being
Common challenges faced by neurodivergent people and their families
How to helpfully support neurodiverse people

Will I have the chance to ask questions?

There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation, after which Alexis will sign personalised copies of her book, *Unbroken*, at the discounted rate of £10.