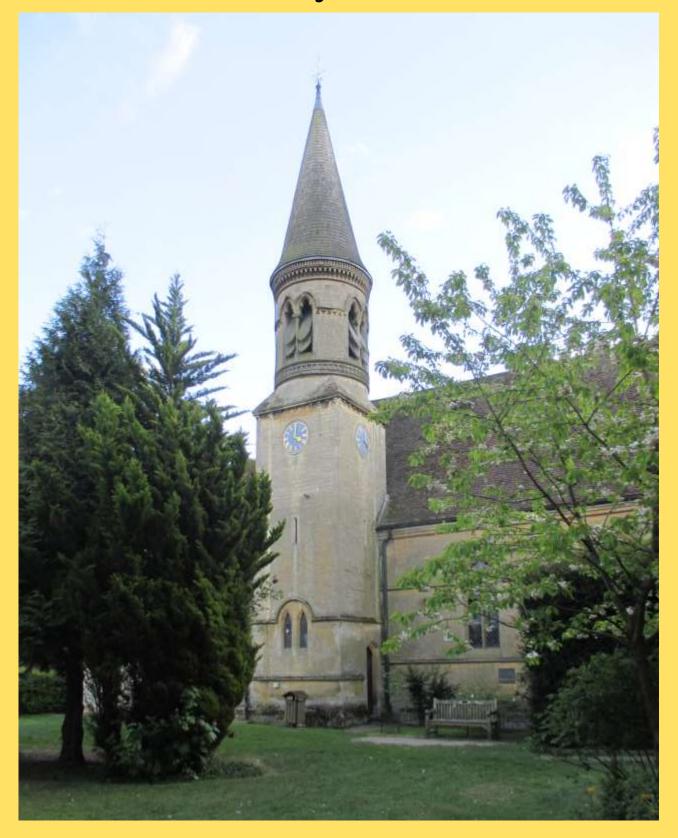
# All Saints' Croxley Green

Parish Magazine July 2025





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8am	Holy Communion BCP	Revd. Canon Miriam Mugan				
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**July 2025** 



#### **Revd. Canon Miriam writes:**

Dear Friends,

When I walked Bodie across the fields at the back of Copthorne Road earlier this week I was surprised to see that the farmer has already cut the

grass ready for harvesting and storing as animal feed for the winter. Going through my head were the words of the hymn, 'We plough the fields and scatter' which seemed far too early, after all, summer has only just begun (as I type this letter the temperature is 30c outside!). And then as I started to type, up popped a social media message advising me that in two days time (21st June) it will be the longest day (in terms of daylight hours) so we are already turning the corner and going toward autumn! Does anyone else feel that time is just rushing by?

July and August are the traditional holiday months in the UK. Children have their long summer holiday from school and the pace of life seems to relax a little as we enjoy and make the most of warm sunny days. It is important that we all take advantage of times when we can step away from the routine and busyness of our daily life and enjoy living and being 'in the moment'.

A while ago, someone gave me an alternative version of Psalm 23 called The Lord is my Pacesetter – A psalm for busy people, and I thought I would share it with you as something to reflect on during any down time (or even busy times) you might have over the coming weeks.

Psalm 23 for Busy People by Toki Miyashina

The Lord is my Pace Setter, I shall not rush, He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals, He provides me with images of stillness, Which restore my serenity. He leads me in ways of efficiency, through calmness of mind; and his guidance is peace. Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day, I will not fret, for his presence is here. His timelessness, his all-importance will keep me in balance. He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity, by anointing my head with his oils of tranquility, My cup of joyous energy overflows. Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruit of my hours, For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord, and dwell in his house for ever.

There are a couple of activities to look out for over the coming weeks: on Sunday 20th July, in the afternoon, there will be an afternoon of fun and games (and yes, a game or two of rounders) at Barton Way playing fields. Looking ahead to August, Abbie Guest, along with her team of friends, is organising a Quiz Night on Saturday 23rd August, so pass the date to your friends and start getting your teams together. Do put these dates in your diary and look out for further details nearer the time.

With my love and prayers

Miriam

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#### BAPTISM

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#### WEDDING

7th June 2025

Paul William DAVIES and Christina Elaine DOBBINS

#### FUNERALS

23rd June 2025 27th June 2025 years Luise DURWARD Aged 87 years Averil BLACKHOUSE Aged 98

#### **Smiling Is Infectious** by Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu, When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too. I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin. When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him. I thought about that smile, then I realized its worth. A single smile, just like mine could travel round the earth. So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected. Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

# A Healthy and Safe Church Culture

Earlier in the year, at the request of Anne and Sam, your Parish Safeguarding Officers, the PCC members agreed to hold an Extraordinary PCC meeting in June 2025, to give us time to discuss how Healthy and Safe we regard our church culture to be. The Church of England publication Responding Well to Victims and Survivors of Abuse in 2021 stated:

"Church Bodies must promote a healthy, compassionate and safe culture which facilitates disclosures."

To ensure that All Saints' is a compassionate church we need to ensure that we are doing everything possible to enable people to feel able to come forward if they have any concerns or disclosures to make – current or historic. In the first instance, we needed to gauge how the PCC regards our behaviour in response to section 1 of the above publication, which states that:

Church Bodies must regularly review their culture using the section 'Characteristics of a healthy and safe church culture', to consider how their culture can be made healthier and safer, and make any changes identified. This must be done with the involvement of victims and survivors."

We had a very good discussion using a specific worksheet to help us consider the strengths and weaknesses of our church culture. This activity highlighted areas where the PCC members perceive our strengths to be and where we feel we can do better. We then agreed some actions to improve our church culture, one of which is to ask the opinion of the wider congregation, as you might have a different perspective. This we will do in the coming months. Among other actions it was agreed that we would work harder to keep you, our readers, informed of the reason behind any new initiatives that we might take, explaining how they will promote a more compassionate and safe culture at All Saints' Church.

Anne Oke and Sam Jones

Parish Safeguarding Officers.

# Social and Fundraising Committee Diary Upcoming Events

#### **Rounders Afternoon : Sunday 20th July**

There will be a Family Rounders afternoon on Sunday 20th July at Barton Way Recreation Ground; time to be confirmed nearer the date.

#### Quiz Night : Saturday August 23rd

Time to get your thinking caps on as we will be having a Quiz Night on Saturday 23rd August, 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Tickets will be £15 with curry supper included. Please book tickets through Abbie:

Telephone :- 07935 435547

Email:- abbiekguest@gmail.com

#### Harvest BBQ : Sunday 21st September

The Harvest BBQ will take place following the Harvest Festival service on Sunday 21st September.

Tickets will be on sale next month and will cost  $\pounds 6$  for adults and  $\pounds 3.50$  for children under 12.

Soft drinks will be provided but you are welcome to bring along your own beer / wine etc. to consume.

This will be a fundraiser for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal so any proceeds, after costs, will be donated to the appeal.

#### **Bingo Afternoon : Sunday 28th September**

We will be having another Bingo Afternoon on Sunday 28th September at 2.45pm for a 3pm start.



# Some other upcoming events to put in your diaries are :-

**Beer Festival : 10th to 12th October** 

#### Christmas Market : Saturday 15th November

Further details for the Beer Festival and the Christmas Market will be available nearer the time.

Ann Palmer

# Ascension Day Service Thursday 29th May

On the 29th May, Chris drove Jane and me to the Ascension Day Service at St. Paul's Church, Chipperfield.

The weather was beautiful.



The churchyard looked magnificent with the meadow shining in the evening sunlight.

We were warmly greeted by members of St Paul's. There were about twenty people in the choir.

Miriam, Paul and lots of members of All Saints' Church were there with many members of other churches in the Deanery .

There was a lot of singing and celebrating during the service and a new setting of the responses to learn.

Tolu was preaching and very powerfully told us about the waiting for Jesus to return and how, in waiting, we didn't ask for what we needed, we followed Jesus's instructions. To act as he treated us.

After processing out we were able to enjoy a great spread of refreshments prepared by the amazing St Paul's Team.

Chris drove us home in the dark and I think we all felt very happy.

Alice Tims

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#### All in the month of July

It was:

175 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1850, that Robert Peel, Prime Minister (1834-35, 1841-46) died. He founded the Metropolitan Police Service and is seen as the father of modern British policing.

100 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1925, that racing driver Malcolm Campbell became the first person to travel at over 150 mph. He set a new land speed record of 150.87 mph at Pendine Sands in Wales in a Sunbeam 350HP. He also went on to break the 250 mph and 300 mph records, in 1932 and 1935.



Thank you for your support during Christian Aid Week in May.

Thank you for your donations.

Thank you to those who delivered envelopes or were a drop-off point.

With so many ways to give, it is difficult to say how much money was raised through your endeavours, but in the roads we delivered, we received over £300 in cash. Others may have donated via the QR code or online donations that were detailed on the envelopes that you pushed through letterboxes.

Please pray for the community farmers in countries like Guatemala who are receiving agricultural training via Christian Aid to learn about resilient crops to counter the effects of climate change.

Please pray for Christian Aid in their work in helping survivors from natural disasters. Their website explains what they do: *We're based in countries affected by disasters so we can be there before, during and after an emergency to save lives and support people long term. Through our work with local organisations in these countries, we can talk directly to the people affected to provide the most useful emergency response.* 

https://www.christianaid.org.uk

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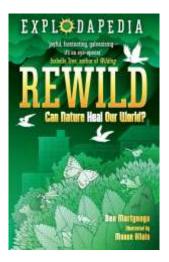
It was:

80 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1945, that WW2 leader Winston Churchill lost the General Election to Clement Attlee's Labour Party.

Also 75 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1950, that the first episode of the BBC children's TV show *Andy Pandy* was broadcast in the UK.

Also 75 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1950, that the first rocket was launched from Cape Canaveral in Florida. It reached a height of 25 miles.

# Nature Watch



## Book review - REWILD by Ben Martynoga

Rewild is a book about celebrating nature and the vital role it plays in our lives. It has a different approach to other books that we've read on the subject. It's very easy to read and understand, using fun illustrations that give us plenty of

reliable, in-depth information that helps to give us a clear understanding of the points being made. It explains in a very positive and helpful way, the reasons behind why we need to look after the planet and it gives us great ideas about how we can mend our broken relationship with nature.

Some of what it tells us is about the challenges the world is facing and isn't easy reading, but Ben shows us how that gives us some amazing opportunities for rewilding and helping us to restore our balance with nature.

It begins by asking us how much we notice nature as we go about our day. It asks us if we've noticed the weeds growing in the cracks in the pavement, or the red kite flying high in the sky, the moss growing under the bridge where we walk, the trees springing up on the abandoned building site. Nature doesn't wait for an invitation, it has a habit of just arriving whether we like it or not.



I often find myself thinking 'Where are all the insects?' While they are disappearing, Ben Martynoga suggest that we have been focussing on our own needs and wants so



much that we have forgotten how important nature is to our actual existence. His book helps us to think about ways we can change that.



Nature is essential for growing our food, encouraging rainfall, helping to stop floods, soaking up pollution, making oxygen, breaking down waste products, helping to make medicines and stabilising the planet's entire climate. Nature works invisibly. It's always there. It only goes away when we cause it to. Its love for us is unconditional, just like God's love. It will always come back when we remember that we are part of nature and we really need it to work well and it only wants respect back.

'Rewilding' is such an inspiring look at how we can reconnect with the nature that is all around us and how we can rewild life so that nature - and humankind - flourishes for a long time to come.

We'll leave you with this reflection from Ben and hope it inspires you to let us know where you have noticed nature. Send us your thoughts about how we can reconnect with it.

'If we can welcome enough of the wild back into our landscapes, our oceans and our day to day lives, we'll be the first humans for generations ever to have attempted to leave the planet in a better state than when we arrived.'

Send your thoughts and photos to : magazine@croxleygreenallsaints.org

Alice and Fran

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## All in the month of July

It was:

70 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1955, that Stirling Moss became the first British driver to win the British Grand Prix.

Also 70 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1955, that racing driver Donald Campbell broke the world water speed record and became the first person to break the 200-mph barrier at Ullswater in Cumbria.

40 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1985, that the two Live Aid concerts were held simultaneously in London and Philadelphia, as well as at other venues such as Sydney and Moscow. They raised millions of pounds for famine relief in Africa.

30 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1995, that Amazon.com first opened its website to the public.

10 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015, that NASA's New Horizons space probe, launched in 2006, completed the first-ever flyby of the dwarf planet Pluto, and returned close-up photos.

# **July Prayer Diary**

Date	In our Church Family
1st	Maureen Cliff
2nd	Lise Coughlan
3rd	Rosemary Daines
4th	Anne and David Dougans
5th	Kathryn and Jemima Duffy
6th	Pam Evans
7th	Chris Fagan
8th	Shirley Ford
9th	Pat Foster
10th	Janet Francis
11th	Sylvia Furzey
12th	John Galloway
13th	Simon, Tracy, Ian and Charles Galloway
14th	Sarah Gardner
15th	Tolu, Leke, Jacob, Joshua and Jessica George

16th	Geordee, Cecily and Chishinmi George
17th	Liz Gowshall
18th	Ben, Sarah, Abbie and Joshua Guest
19th	Richard and Patricia Hall
20th	Anne Harris
21st	Clare Hearnshaw
22nd	Gretel and Ron Hibbert
23rd	Francis Hilsden
24th	Matthew, Sarah, Emily and William Hilton-Dennis
25th	Phil and Linda Hobbs
26th	Val Hunt
27th	Karen, Paul, Amelie and Olivia Jarvis
28th	Sam, Simon, Carys and Nerys Jones
29th	Adam and Asia Keene
30th	Valerie Kendle
31st	Margaret and Roger Kircher



# The Parish Report 2024

Over the next few months, we would like to share some of the group reports from the 2024 Parish Report so that you know a bit more about what has been going on at All Saints'.

# **The Flower Group Report**

We have had a very interesting and sometimes challenging year this year in sourcing flowers for our displays. We try and keep our budget to a minimum and up until about four or five years ago we found a good choice at a good price in the local supermarkets. However, gradually, over time, the choice of variety of flowers and colours has become less and less and this year has been particularly tricky. Wendy and I usually put some thoughts and ideas together,



over a cup of coffee, about the colours and types of flowers we would need to buy for the arrangements that we would like to do.

The need for flexibility has been essential as time has gone on. During the week before Christmas, I visited all the supermarkets and noted down what would be the best flowers for us to use. When we went to shop for them the next week the shops were displaying completely different options but we have enjoyed the challenge of just going along with what we could get and planning on the day. Flexibility has been our plan and has worked pretty well.



We are a merry little band of flower arrangers and would always welcome others to come and join us when they can. Thank you to Gill, Rae and Alice for their help and ideas and to everyone who

has given us donations so that we can help to keep our Church looking festive and bright.

Fran Bennett

# **Garden Report**

This year has been another busy one keeping the area around the Church buildings tidy and colourful. It is a never-ending job with different seasonal jobs to do and an enormous thank you goes to all those who have helped with this: Alick Burge for cutting the grass and keeping it looking lovely; Margaret Paddick and Marjorie



Stevenson who have looked after the bed by the Choir Vestry; the Parish Council Ranger for trimming the hedges a couple of times, Alice Tims for looking after the birds – filling their water containers and the bird feeders and to Andrew who works for hours tidying the edges, looking after the back garden and clearing the wildlife area so that we can further develop it to encourage a wider selection of birds and creatures. He has

also cut the hedge all the way round the Church perimeter, reducing the height and width so that the public footpaths are safer, a massive task!

We tried a new environmental initiative this year with No-mow May. During May, we didn't cut the grass in the back garden in a bid to encourage wild flowers, grasses and insects. Some pathways were strimmed but, other than that, the area was left to grow and it was beautiful. There were lots of grasses and flowers, and it was so nice to sit there and enjoy it. We will hopefully continue this next year.

The flower beds in the back garden have seen a bit of a change in planting this year as we fight against changes in weather. This area is traditionally very dry so it is hard to grow much due to the type of soil and because much of the water is taken up by the big trees, so we are looking at how to manage this in the future. Please continue to enjoy the areas around the Church; sitting on a bench in the sun in the back garden is a great way to spend a bit of quiet time. If you would like to help with the garden do contact any of us, we would love to have some more helpers.

Janet Martin

#### It's that Wimbledon time of the year

The 'pop' of a ball on a racket The voice of the Umpire so clear There is nothing in quite the same bracket As that Wimbledon time of the year!

'Fault!' cries the line judge, eyes beady, The ball boys and girls on their toes; For more of these matches we're greedy: The bug for this game grows and grows!

The weather may shine, or be raining The temperature warm, mild or chill; Our appetites won't be restraining For strawberries on Henman Hill.

The queues may be long, but endure them You'll get to the court – have no fear Just settle and watch, and be sure then – It's that Wimbledon time of the year!

By Nigel Beeton



**Rickmansworth Foodbank** is running low on the following supplies. If you could make a donation of food there will be

a green crate for you to leave them in Church on t the Friday Café.

any day and also at the Friday Café.

Tea Longlife milk longlife juice/squash Jam Tinned fruit, Vegetables, tomatoes, potatoes washing up liquid laundry products Dog food

Thank you for your help.





# 31<sup>st</sup> July St Joseph of Arimathea the man who buried Jesus

Have you ever suffered from gossip? Ever discovered that people are saying some really wild things about you? If so, Joseph of Arimathea would understand – and sympathise with you. This decent, godly man of the gospels seems to have fired the imaginations of all sorts of odd people down the centuries.

Joseph was a rich, prominent member of the ruling Jewish council – the Sanhedrin. Mark's gospel describes him as having been 'waiting for the kingdom of God' for years, and even being a secret disciple of Jesus. He played no part in the trial or crucifixion.

When Jesus was pronounced dead, Joseph had the seniority needed to approach Pilate for the body – and get it. Near to where Jesus had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, cut deep in the rock. Joseph himself already owned it – and it was still new and empty. So Joseph laid Jesus there, and wrapped him in a linen cloth, according to Jewish burial custom. Joseph did not bury Jesus alone - Nicodemus helped him, while some women who had followed Jesus trailed miserably behind.

Matthew tells us that the last thing Joseph did for Jesus was to sadly roll a big stone across the entrance to the tomb, and then go away. With that, Joseph passes out of history - and into legend. For in the centuries that followed, Joseph was swept up into the Legend of the Holy Grail, the Legend of Glastonbury, and even bits of the Arthurian legends. It was said that the Holy Thorn, which flowers at Christmas, had sprung from his staff.

The mind boggles at what Joseph would have made of it all. One suspects he would have preferred to stick to the simple, but far better, true story: as having had the immense, unique privilege of laying the body of Jesus Christ in the tomb. Even if Jesus didn't stay very long!



## Wordsearch

If you ever struggle with doubt, take heart: so did one of the apostles, whose Feast Day is this month. St Thomas just could NOT believe that the Jesus he had seen crucified and dead on the cross could ever come back to life. But Thomas was an honest sceptic, because he really wanted to know the truth. Jesus could help such a man. And so He appeared to him and the other disciples. Instead of scolding him, Jesus simply showed him the wounds. Thomas's response was immediate: "My Lord and my God" (John 20.26ff). Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects. It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 72 AD in Mylapore, near Madras. 46 ancient churches in England are dedicated to him.

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# 7<sup>th</sup> July St Boisil of Melrose patron saint for ordinands?



Have you ever noticed how life-enhancing good ministers are? St Boisil (d.c.661) should be their patron saint. He did nothing spectacular, but he did everything that mattered.

Boisil was a monk who became abbot of Melrose, in the Irish monastic tradition. Boisil knew about God – he had spent years in study, and this earned him respect. Boisil walked with God – his transparent holiness made people love and trust him. Boisil could hear God speak – he was so open to God's Spirit that he was even given the gift of prophecy, which is God speaking through one person into specific situations in other people's lives.

Knowledge of God, obedience to God, and a prophetic gift from God. It is faithful Christians such as Boisil who have kept the

Church going over the centuries. Sadly, in 661 Boisil caught the plague. He spent his last hours on earth reading St John's gospel with Cuthbert, another Celtic monk, who also caught the plague. Boisil prophesied that Cuthbert would live, but that he would die. But this did not trouble him: Boisil knew in whom he believed and was looking forward to finally seeing his beloved Master, face to face.

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## Smile Lines from Parish Pump

#### Baptism

The vicar announced that an additional font would soon be placed in the church, so that babies could be baptised at both ends.

#### Life choice

A small boy returned from Sunday School in tears. When questioned by his mother for the reason of his distress, he gulped: "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, but I want to be an engine driver."

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#### Smile Lines from Parish Pump

#### No worries

A 102-year-old lady was asked if she had any worries about the future. She replied: "Not since I got my eldest son into an old people's home."

#### Vatican

Once asked how many people worked in the Vatican, Pope John XXIII replied: "Oh, about half."

#### **Open wide**

A lady was very nervous about her appointment at the dentist. She sought courage from her Bible. The verse her finger landed on was Psalm 81:10: 'Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it.'

#### Come in

The choir was practising the anthem. The choirmaster said to the trebles: "Now don't forget, when the tenors reach 'The Gates of Hell', you come in."



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