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BENEFICE MAGAZINE – October 2024
Edition for the Parishes of Herriard with Winslade, Tunworth,
Upton Grey and Weston Patrick

Letter from the Benefice Ministry Team

I always find October a bit of a strange month. It's that point in the year that seems a bit odd. We've had our summer months by then (allegedly... not that we've seen much evidence of summer this year). Children have all started new schools, or new year groups, and we're into the daily routines. Christmas looms. But we're not there yet. The month as a whole feels dark and a little uneventful. And so it's a strange time to talk about change, and newness.



But for myself, this is a month of significant change. Having led the churches in Greywell, Mapledurwell and Up Nately for the last two and half years, I have moved house and become the Vicar in Odiham. As Simon takes on national church responsibility, Chris moves to become Rector of the benefice and I take on this new role, it feels like quite a bit of change within our churches here. And yet, reassuringly, it also still feels the same. Our congregations are the same, the work and ministry of the churches continues as it did, we still meet for worship and community every Sunday and throughout the week. The predictability of change and consistency, hand in hand.

As I reflected on this it reminded me of God, of his love, his dependability, his steadfastness. In the Bible we have statements about 'his mercies being new every morning'; something refreshing, new and innovative about God. And yet he is 'the same yesterday today and forever'; he is constant and sure. He is the God who always surprises us, yet can be depended on.

I feel this is a comforting thought for all of us. Life may be ever-changing, or a predictable pattern, or perhaps somewhere in between. Wherever we may be, God brings us his 'dependable excitement', as I call it. He brings into our lives a rock and steadiness which can consistently surprise and amaze us. And I am convinced that God has great things in store for us as individuals, as churches and as villages.

So why not come along to your local church, connect in with the community there, explore a bit of what this is all about; why we think there is more to life. I'm personally looking forward to getting to know

the people of Odiham and the congregations of All Saints, serving alongside you in the years to come. And as we journey together in whichever village we may be, we journey with the wider benefice seeking to see our communities transformed by the love of God. God bless you all,
The Revd Matt Bianchi, Vicar of Odiham

FROM THE REGISTERS

Wedding: Annabel Holroyd and Thomas Hudson at St Mary's Upton Grey on 7th September

Baptism: Reuben Page at St Lawrence Weston Patrick on 8th September

Funeral: John Howard Littler at Basingstoke Crematorium on 11th September

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6th October

9.00am Tunworth – Harvest BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Upton Grey – Harvest Festival

5.00pm Herriard – Evensong

Thursday 10th October

10.00am Upton Grey – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 13th October

10.00am Herriard – Harvest Festival

10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship

11.00am Weston Patrick – Harvest Festival

6.00pm Tunworth – Evensong

Thursday 17th October

10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

Sunday 20th October

9.00am Tunworth – 1662 Morning Prayer

10.00am Herriard – BCP Holy Communion (said)

10.00am Upton Grey – CW Holy Communion

Sunday 27th October

9.00am Tunworth – Family Service

10.00am Herriard – Family Service

10.00am Upton Grey – Morning Worship

4.00pm Upton Grey – Service of Light (Benefice Service)

5.00pm Weston Patrick – Evensong

CHURCH NEWS

Coffee & Cake

All Saints Tunworth, St Mary's Upton Grey and St Lawrence Weston Patrick are continuing with their regular coffee/cake sessions. The August events are:

- Coffee and Cake in the church porch, **All Saints Tunworth**, at 10.30am on Thursday 3rd October.
- Coffee & Cake drop-in at **Upton Grey Village Hall**, 11.00am–1.00pm on Monday 14th and 28th October.
- Coffee morning at **Weston Patrick Village Hall**, 11.00am–12.30pm on Wednesday 23rd October.

Tea or coffee, slice of cake, chat. Open to all, very informal, no need to book, just turn up. All ages welcome!



KidsZone

Hi everyone!

A friend of mine recently gave me a really useful gift – a really powerful mini torch, that fits onto my key ring. You see, she knows I often set off back home late at night and it's super dark. Sometimes I can't see where I'm walking and the paths around here are sometimes quite rough. Now I have this torch with me all the time, I never have to worry about that – it doesn't matter how dark it is, I can see clearly where I'm going.

Every October, we have a service in Upton Grey called the Service of Light. It's one of my favourite of the whole year – I mean, how often do you get to eat hot dogs and marshmallows around a fire pit at church?! We enjoy crafts, games, drama and songs together as a church family – all ages welcome! This year it's on 27th October, crafts from 4.00–5.00pm, followed by a short service, candlelight procession, hot dogs and mulled cider (for the grown ups! 😊)

This service reminds me a lot of my little torch, which sheds light even in the darkest night, because in it we remember one really important thing: it doesn't matter how dark things seem – maybe life seems tough, or we don't understand things that are going on around the world – we can rely on God being our light, showing us the way to go. He promises to always light our way, whatever we are going through.

Please look overleaf to see what it says in the Bible - can you work it out?

Why don't you come and join us on Sunday 27th?

God Bless and see you next time!



Helen Chatfield
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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES

Farming News

Harvest was completed on the 21st August this year, which we were very relieved about as it has been one of the more testing harvests, largely due to the weather. It was a harvest spent looking at the various weather apps that I have on my phone hoping for a prolonged dry weather window that never seemed to materialise. So there were several late nights harvesting, trying to make the most of any dry weather period. The crops were surprisingly good considering that they had endured one of our wettest winters. We started harvest with our oil-seed rape back in July, followed by the wheat and finishing on our spring-sown barley. The oil-seed rape had a good oil content and this will be used largely for cooking oil. Our closest pressing plant is at Erith, just off the River Thames, which is where our oil-seed rape goes. The wheat varieties we grew this year were destined for low-grade milling, and will end up in plain and self-raising flour as opposed to bread making. These all achieved the quality needed for that as well. The only let down was the blended wheat that I trialled this year. I chose four 'group 1' bread-making varieties to blend together. The reasoning for this trial was that each variety holds different traits, so the thinking was that they would complement each other, and on the whole they did, but it wasn't quite enough to make the desired quality for bread-making so will now be low grade milling. The barley all made malting quality so will eventually end up at a maltster to be used in beer, whiskey and vinegar. The by-products left from all of these processes are used predominately for animal feed so there is virtually zero waste. The straw at harvest is either swathed and baled to be used for animal feed or bedding, then once turned into manure will be spread onto the fields as fertiliser. Or it is chopped by the combine harvester and will be incorporated into the soil, so nothing is wasted. We have also planted all of our oil-seed rape for harvest 2025 already. The earlier planted crop is growing away strongly and out of reach from any pests. The later drilled crops are just emerging and the rain that is currently falling as I write this will help it to grow away quickly.

I was sat in the tractor watching the swallows circling and swooping down as they foraged on low flying bugs and midges which was amazing to see, and I think as farmers we take for granted the

wildlife we see on a day to day basis. I also think this is why it is hard to understand accusations of a diminishing environment and the blame for this being laid on farming. All of our neighbouring farmers and beyond are farming in a manner that aids the biodiversity either in the soil or around the farm – establishing wild flower meadows for pollinators, planting over-winter bird mixes which will provide food for a variety of different birds during the winter months and using cover crop mixes, which is a variety of different plants to capture all different types of nutrients in the soil and prevent them from leeching into water courses. It is extremely satisfying and rewarding to be able to do this whilst producing food.

Anyway I'll get down from my soap box and get back to farming, we will hope to be harvesting our maize at the end of September / early October and that will complete our harvest for this year. We will also be planning to start planting our autumn cereals of rye and wheat at a similar time so the next busy period is imminent. Ready to start the fun all over again.

Will Cheyney

UPTON GREY NEWS
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Upton Grey Village Hall – 100 club

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If you would like to join our 100 club please get in touch with Sam or Wendy at UGVH100@gmail.com

St Mary's Upton Grey Harvest Festival Service

At 10.00am on Sunday 6th October, join us for our wonderful harvest celebration. Suitable for all ages and please do bring gifts for our harvest offering which will be distributed around local homeless and drop-in shelters.

Harvest Festival

A traditional family friendly
harvest celebration

10.00am

6th October

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Guy Fawkes & Jack o' lanterns

Last year we had over three-dozen Guy Fawkes on display around the village. You can see pictures of previous Guys on our website www.uptongreyautumnfestival.co.uk if you click on 'Photo Album' and then click on 'Guy Fawkes 2019' (or 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 or 2013).

So start planning your Guy Fawkes designs now and let's see if we can beat previous numbers. By Friday 11th October, straw will again be available from Newlyn's Farm Shop for you to stuff your Guys with.

We are also inviting you to display Jack o' lanterns (carved pumpkins) around the village. Pumpkins will be available in most major supermarkets by mid-October or earlier but are best carved the weekend before the Festival weekend or they may start to decompose. For information on entering these competitions go to the website above and click on 2024 Entries.

Winners of both competitions will be judged by an independent judging panel on Friday, 25th October.

P.S. – **Game:** In previous years one of our local game keepers, Robbie, has had an afternoon stall selling prepared, local game off his estate. He won't be here this time but he will still have plenty of local game available for sale if you ring him on 078840 32692. **Roger Clark**

T@3

On 24th October, we will be holding T@3 at Barn Cottage, Weston Road. It would be most helpful if you could let one of us know if you are coming and if you would like a lift. We look forward to another enjoyable afternoon with tea and scones (and other goodies) Do come! Viv Anscombe (862445), Barbara Anderson (862627) and Jill Lestrille (862131).

Upton Grey Autumn Festival bonfire, fireworks and evening entertainment – Saturday 26th October.

This year we have a full evening's entertainment as well as our usual bonfire and professional fireworks display. We also invite you to display your Guy Fawkes and / or Jack o' lanterns (carved pumpkins) around the village during the week before; cups will be awarded to the 'Best Guy' and 'Best Jack o' lantern'. The evening's entertainment is centred around a beer festival in a marquee in the Hoddington Arms (the Hodd) back garden with disco dancing and BBQ-style food to buy. Normal drinks are also available.

You are invited to join the procession as it gathers outside the Hodd at 6.00pm, when mulled wine will be served, and then our church bells will ring an autumn peal as the procession leads us onto the Hoddington Estate for the bonfire and professional firework display. Then back to the Hodd for an evening's entertainment in the marquee.

No table reservations will be taken for this and the whole marquee and all tables inside the Hodd will be given over to this event. Entrance for the evening will be ticketed at £10.00 per adult and half price for children – all ticket proceeds going to St. Michael's Hospice – a very well-deserving charity. Be sure to invite your friends or family down for the evening for this great event.

Tickets for the Hodd marquee event will be available from the Hodd in advance and a limited number can be bought on the door. Separate tickets for the bonfire and fireworks are available from the Shop, the Hodd or Roger Clark, rogerclark@btinternet.com, 01256 862776 and are still only £10.00, but unfortunately we will have to charge half price to children as last year we were barely able to cover the ever increasing costs of the firework display. A limited number of tickets will be available at the gate to the estate but please purchase them in advance in order to speed up entrance to the field. Profits for this event again go to St. Michael's Hospice.

Car parking for all events is free in Church Meadow.

Upton Grey – Service of Light 27th October

A service for all the family. Enjoy crafts, games, drama and songs – all ages welcome! Young and old! Crafts from 4.00–5.00pm, followed by a short service, candlelight procession, hot dogs and mulled cider.

Save the Date

Save the Date! Saturday 1st March 2025. Upton Grey Reels Night.

Save the Date!

Please put next year's Upton Grey Safari Supper in your diaries – it will be on **Saturday 22nd March 2025** starting at 7.30pm. **Julia Harker**

Upton Grey Ladies Group

Upton Grey Ladies Group meets every month, either for a pub lunch, theatre outing, garden or National Trust visit etc. We usually meet during the first week of the month and most often on a Thursday. We number between 30 and 40 members and would welcome new members to join us.

Viv Anscombe 862455

HERRIARD AND WINSLADE NEWS

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Herriard Village Group on <http://www.Facebook.com>

Harvest Festival Church Service, Harvest Supper and Auction

Our Harvest Festival Service will be on **Sunday 13th October at 10.00am**. Please do join us for this celebration and thanksgiving for Harvest 2024 – everyone is very welcome indeed.

The church always looks stunning with an abundance of seasonal produce and flowers, and



we will be collecting contributions for the local food bank during the service.

Our Harvest Supper and Auction will be at The Hub on **Wednesday 16th October at 7.00 for 7.30pm**. *You do need to*

book your places beforehand – please contact Gemma on 01256 381354 before Friday 4th October.

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Foodbank at St Mary's, Herriard with Winslade

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TUNWORTH NEWS

Coffee & Cake: Thursday 3rd October 10.30am

On the first Thursday of the month, we meet for Coffee and Cake in the church porch. Please do join us if you are at home and fancy taking a break from online work.

Tunworth Parish Meeting and Harvest Supper, Friday 4th October

The Tunworth Parish Meeting will be held at the Shoot Lodge at 6.00pm on Friday 4th October followed at 7.30pm by the Harvest Supper. Cost £10 per head. RSVP by 2nd October to Tunworthparishclerk@gmail.com

Prayer Hour: Saturday 5th October 9.00am

On the first Saturday of the month, we have a Prayer Hour. We meet and pray in the church for everyone in the parish. If you would like to join us or would like us to pray for a particular matter, then please contact Mark.

Tunworth Home Group

The Tunworth Home Group usually meets fortnightly on Wednesdays from 7.00 to 8.00pm at The Orangery, Hackwood Park, to study Bible passages and Biblical themes. **The October dates will be the 9th and the 30th, studying Acts.** If you would like to know more or to join, then please contact Gabrielle.

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WESTON PATRICK & WESTON CORBETT NEWS

Harvest Festival

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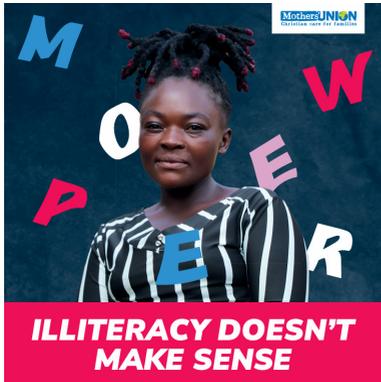
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Our local branch will meet on Monday 7th October at 7.30pm at the RAF Chaplaincy Centre when we will find out more about this new campaign. If you would like more information about the activities of the Mothers' Union, please contact me Sue Murphy, 01252 845011 or email suemurphybranch@outlook.com

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For more information, please contact – The Treloar's Events Team: events@treloar.org.uk or see the website: www.dummerfair.org.uk

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All funds raised from this event will go towards helping the young people at Treloar's. Treloar's School and College provides education, care, therapy, medical support and independence training to young people with physical disabilities.

When: Thursday 31st October at 5:30pm–8:00pm

Where: Treloar's Powell Drive, Holybourne, Alton, Hampshire GU34 4GL. Tickets: Adult: £10.00; Child £5.00; Family of four: £25.00

Head to the Treloar's website to purchase your ticket:
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News from Basingstoke and Deane Disability Forum

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Time: 18.30 - 16.00

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Christmas Fair:

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Ticket proceeds from these events go directly towards securing essential equipment for our local hospitals.

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Autumn has definitely arrived!

It may be chilly and at times more than a little wet, but the weather does not deter our members from enjoying themselves! Our 'garden trip specialist' Pam, has recommended us two gardens to visit to view the splendour of autumnal colour; Westonbirt Arboretum, Gloucestershire and closer to home, Winkworth Arboretum near Godalming.

Our groups Walking for Pleasure and Nordic Walking are also out enjoying the change in seasons first hand. Walking for Pleasure revisited a favourite walk around Crondall. The group maintain the fresh air and exercise leads to a guilt-free pub lunch!



Wings and Wheels continue with their mix of visits and visitors. Visits range from British Airways HQ, to the RAF Welford Museum and more locally The Phoenix, Hartley Wintney; original home of the Vintage Sports Club. Their most recent visitor was Peter Le Gros speaking about Air Traffic Control.

Meanwhile indoors, some members of Craft and Chat had already begun work on Christmas presents! However, there was also the usual wide variety of projects taking place, including the 'upcycling' of an old teapot using colourful paints.



Family and Social History got the new term started with a reminder of the record sources available for research before the 1841 census plus a member's fascinating account of tracing his family members, The Hignettes.

Of course there is always time for computer research and refreshments! Science and Technology recommends us to listen to the 'In Our Times' programme on Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle. Perhaps a perfect comment on our times!

To find out more, please visit our website.
www.odihamu3a.org.uk



Do you gamble too much, or too often?



Fresh Start is a nine-week course that has been run by Harvest Church in Alton since 2019. It's to help anyone with a life-controlling habit such as smoking, gambling, drinking, over-eating, internet addiction, shopping compulsions, drugs, etc. – in fact any habit which once might have brought you comfort or fun, but is now spoiling your daily living.

Fresh Start is based on principles from the 12-steps-of-recovery process, backed by 1-to-1 coaching and a support group of others wanting to tackle their habits. And it's free and completely confidential. See <https://harvestchurch.uk/fresh-start>

Did you know that:

- 44% of people in the UK gamble. 27% do it in-person (lottery, bingo, bookies etc.), and another 27% gamble online.
- 2.7 million people are either 'at risk gambling' (experiencing moderate harm) or 'problem gambling' (serious harm).
- Many gamblers act secretly – often online at night – concealing it, even to their partners.
- On average, 6-10 other people are affected by a problem gambler's activities: typically friends and family.
- Gambling has the highest suicide rate of all addictions – 409 suicides were attributed to gambling in the UK last year, and the real figure may be much higher.

The next course will start with an Introduction session on Wednesday 9th October 2024, 10.30am–12.00noon, at Alton Maltings, led by Mark and Anna. If you, or anyone you know, needs a fresh start, register for the course by calling Mark Rumsby on 07769 030913 or freshstart@harvestchurch.uk.

Don't fudge it – Budget !

Not enough money at the end of the month – or put another way, too much month at the end of your money? Down to your last beans? CAP Money Coaching is a free service to give you the knowledge, skills, tools and confidence to better manage your finances. Anyone can benefit – from seasoned budgeting experts to those struggling to get to grips with their spending. In two workshops, you will get expert teaching and guidance from financial specialists across the UK through a series of videos. The course covers: building a balanced household budget; spending intelligently and cutting costs; keeping track of what you spend (with a free online tool); saving regularly; and using credit wisely. There are activities and discussions to help you apply it all in real life. See www.capuk.org/trymoneycoaching

The Money Coaching course will run at Alton Maltings on Wednesdays 9th and 16th October, 10.00–12.30pm. To book your free place, email catherinebrown@capuk.org or call 07501 914563.

HALLS FOR HIRE

Upton Grey Village Hall can be hired at a basic rate of £12 per hour. Tables and chairs are also available to hire. There are kitchen facilities, including china, cutlery & glasses, central heating, sound system, stage and disabled access. If you don't know the hall, we would be happy to show you round. To book, or if you have any questions, please contact Jane Hanbury 01256 862681 email: ajhanbury@btinternet.com.

The Herriard Village Hub, Herriard, available for hire: wedding receptions, functions, parties, meetings, and events. Fully licensed bar, full kitchen facilities, garden, tables, chairs, sound system, disabled access, central heating, pool table and darts. To reserve, please see booking form found at www.herriardvillagehub.co.uk or email bookings@herriardvillagehub.co.uk.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – OCTOBER 2024

NB: All Church Services are listed under CHURCH NEWS near the front of the magazine

OCTOBER DATES

4th Oct	Fri	Tunworth meeting / Harvest Supper, Shoot Lodge	6.00/7.30pm
9th/10th October		Dummer Xmas Fair, Dummer Cricket Ground	6.00pm/9.00am
16th Oct	Wed	Harvest Supper & Auction, Herriard Hub	7.00/7.30pm
18th Oct	Fri	Film <i>Swede Caroline</i> , Cross Barn, Odiham	7.00pm
24th Oct	Thur	N Warnborough Garden Club, NW Village Hall	2.10
24th Oct	Thur	Tea@3, Barn Cottage, Upton Grey	3.00pm
25th Oct	Fri	Film <i>Edward Scissorhands</i> , Cross Barn, Odiham	7.00pm
26th Oct	Sat	Upton Grey Autumn Festival	6.00pm
27th Oct	Sun	The Table, North Warnborough Village Hall	5.00pm
31st Oct	Thurs	Alton Hallowe'en event, Treloar's School, Alton	5.30pm

ADVANCE DATES

10th Nov	Sun	The Table, North Warnborough Village Hall	5.00pm
15th Nov	Fri	Film <i>Miss Saigon</i> , Cross Barn, Odiham	7.00pm
17th Nov	Sun	Herriard Christmas Fair, Herriard Hub	11.00am
22nd Nov	Fri	Film <i>Thelma</i> , Cross Barn, Odiham	7.00pm
24th Nov	Sun	Deane Sinfonia Classical concert, All Saints, Odiham	7.00pm
10th Dec	Tues	Hospice Carol Service, All Saints, Odiham	6.00pm
1st March 2025		Upton Grey Reels Night, UG Village Hall	
22nd March 2025		Upton Grey Safari Supper	7.30pm

REGULAR EVENTS

Each Mon/Thu		Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	2.00pm
Each Sat		Odiham book exchange, Bridewell, Odiham	10.00am
Each Mon		Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	10.00am
Each Tues		Prayer group, 4 Little Hoddington	5.00pm
Each Thurs		Coffee, Tea & Cake Morning, Hub, Herriard	10.00am
Every 1st Thurs		Coffee & Cake, Tunworth church porch	10.30am
Every 1st Saturday		Prayer Hour, All Saints Tunworth	9.00am
2nd & 4th Monday		Coffee Morning, Upton Grey Village Hall	11.00am
Every 4th Wed		Coffee Morning, Weston Patrick Village Hall	11.00am

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