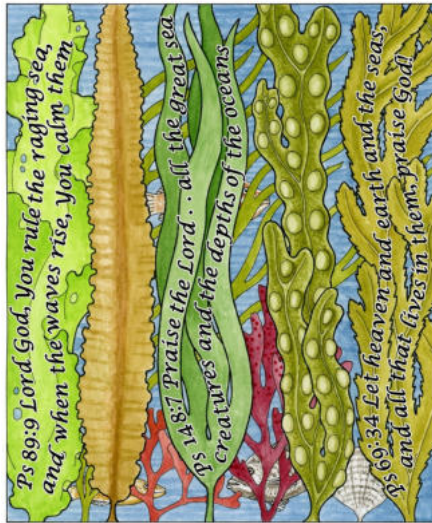


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*From Debbie Musselwhite·*

## *Lay Worship Leader and Lay Pastoral Assistance*

Hello Everyone,

On a wet and chilly June day, it feels strange to find myself writing for July, a month of looking back and looking forward. In the life of the Church, we are invited to slow down, to reflect, to give thanks for signs of growth, for Christ's presence in the past, and the present,

The church has begun the season called Ordinary Time. It is not ordinary because it is unimportant. Rather, it is the time in which we grow steadily in faith, learning more deeply about the life and teaching of Jesus, and about his friends and followers. The green vestments remind us of life and fruitfulness, and of God's goodness in the beauty of creation. It is a season that prepares us for the future with hope, encouragement, and trust in God's continuing presence.

As the school year draws to a close, many of our children and young people will mark this important moment by attending an end of year church service. It is a chance to say thank you for friendships that have grown, and for the care and encouragement given by teachers, support staff, governors, volunteers, and all who help our schools to flourish. As pupils and staff prepare for a well-earned summer rest, we give thanks for all that has been achieved, and remember that Christ is present in these moments of change, celebration, and new beginnings.

The Parish Fête in July is another joyful sign of that same community spirit, bringing people of all ages together in friendship, celebration, and shared enjoyment. It is a chance to meet others, make new friends, and take part in parish life, whether by helping, joining in, or simply offering a warm welcome. For families who are new to the area, it can be an especially valuable occasion, opening the way to new friendships, new groups to join, and a growing sense of belonging within the parish family.

In July we also remember St Thomas, St Mary Magdalene, and St James, disciples who moved forward after the great events of the Ascension and Pentecost. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, they moved from hesitation and uncertainty to courage, wonder, and faithful witness. Their example speaks to all who travel during these holiday weeks: families setting out to discover new places, and all of us called to discover Christ anew and to share his love wherever we go.

Wherever July takes us, may we walk with courage, patience, and trust, knowing that Christ goes with us.

Best wishes

*Debbie*

# Cathedral canons

In medieval times every cathedral was run by its Dean together with a 'committee' of clergy, each chosen by the Bishop. The committee was called the Chapter, and its members were called canons. Each canon would have their own seat in the cathedral, known as a stall, and often each stall would be named after a saint, or after a place in the diocese. Today the Cathedral has various committees, recommended after a national review of Church of England Cathedrals - under a new Cathedrals Measure which came into effect in 2021.

So what is a canon these days?

Most canons are honorary, chosen by their Bishop and given the title 'canon' in recognition of their contribution to the life of the diocese as a whole. I was invited to become a canon in recognition of my contribution to parish life and as Rural Dean of Salisbury.

The College of Canons meets twice a year to understand and ask questions concerning Salisbury Cathedral's vision, values and strategy. We can be invited to preach in the Cathedral once a year.

Just one of the exciting projects in the year ahead for the Cathedral is its partnership with Wyvern St Edmund's Academy and Swindon and South Wiltshire youth work to support pupils who are finding school attendance difficult through a 'mentoring' scheme.

How is someone made a canon?

The Bishop makes the nominee a canon at a ceremony called a collation, during which a canon is given their stall by means of an installation. In Salisbury Cathedral each stall has a shield to represent the individual after whom it is named. I was installed in the Bricklesworth stall - placed there by two fellow canons. I chose Revd Canon Craig Ryalls, as my long term colleague from Salisbury Deanery and assistant Rural Dean, and Revd Canon Timothy Daykin, long term colleague from my time in Southampton City Centre Parish, who is now on the Cathedral Chapter. Thankfully my sponsors did not push me into the stall too hard! Interestingly, one of my predecessors in Bricklesworth stall was the late Charles Tunnacliff Dimont (1872-1953) Principal of Salisbury Theological College, (1913-1936).

Thank you to all who came along to support me – I really appreciated you all being present, to see the installation, pray evensong and listen to some wonderful thundering organ music followed by nice wine and conversation!

Revd Becky

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## New housing estates

On Friday 10 July Revd Sophie is leading a walk with times of prayer around Chapel Gate and Wilton Gate hopefully meeting some of the residents. Do join her.

Meet in the Parish Hall car park at 10.30am.

# CLIMBING WALL AGAIN TOP OF THE BILL AT THE HARNHAM FUN DAY AND PARISH FETE

Saturday 25 July, 2 – 5 pm

Harnham Parish Hall and Scout Hall and Field, Lower Street,

Last year, one of the prime attractions at Harnham's Fun Day and Parish Fete was the Climbing Wall provided by Salisbury City Council. The long queues of excited kids made that clear! This year's organisers, Harnham Parish and Harnham Scouts, were for a while anxious that the City Council's changing priorities would mean no climbing wall. But now, thanks to the award of a community grant from the City Council, the climbing wall will be back!

However, there will be tighter protocols. So if you are coming with children, or grandchildren, please note that a parent will need to sign an I-pad consent form for the first go on the wall (an ink stamp will cover return visits), and it is essential that children don't wear loose clothing (shorts for boys and girls are preferable), chains or loose jewellery or rings, and have suitable footwear or bare feet.

We are also delighted that Jodie the face painter will be back, to bring all sorts of smiles to countless young faces, funded again by Wiltshire Council Housing. But that's not all! There will be an arena programme including Sarum Morris dancers, live music from Maerfolk, a children's disco from Connor of Astrella Football (well known to many local schools), and activities led by the Scouts, as well as an activity table from Salisbury Museum.

The Harnham Garden Society will be running a plant stall, Harnham Harvest Table will be launching its summer season, and there will of course be Parish stalls selling books, cakes, sweets, bric-a-brac, as well as craft stalls with all sorts of goodies. There'll be plenty of chances to try your luck on the raffle, the bottle tombola and 'water into wine', coconut shy, pick a stick or hook a duck. The toddlers can get stuck into Messy Play, and families can retreat to Wiltshire Family Hub's sensory tent. All ages can head for the cream teas in the Parish Hall, burgers in the Scout Hall, ice creams, soft drinks, and there'll be beer or pimm's at the bar. As if that wasn't enough, you can also give one of Dorset and Wiltshire's fire engines a going over, or say hello to our Community Police Team - unless they are called to an emergency!

All this fun and games in the summer sunshine (we hope!) for a £1 donation for adults at the gate. Just promise to give us your feedback at the gate on the way out!

PS We still need volunteers in key roles to help it all run smoothly. If you can help, and haven't yet signed up, please get a form from one of our churches  
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# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

*Heavenly Father in this summer month, help us to be more aware of the warmth of your love. Enable us we pray, to share it with all people, that others may be inspired to 'Join Us, Join In'. Amen*

Last month saw the National Celebration of 150 Years of Mothers' Union with an anniversary service in St Pauls Cathedral on 11 June bringing together members, senior church leaders and many other supporters.

The cathedral was filled with over 1500 members gathered to give thanks for a movement that has grown from a small parish initiative in Hampshire into a global Christian Organisation of over four million members in more than 80 countries.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd. and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally preached at the service reflecting on both the legacy of Mary Sumner and the continued relevance of Mothers Union today.

This was shortly followed by our own Diocesan Service in the Cathedral on 13 June with a picnic following the service.

Here in Harnham our June meeting was a Celebratory Party with tea and games. Our Harnham celebrations will conclude with a visit to Old Arlesford Church on 23 July. Here Mary Sumner founded the Mothers' Union beginning as a small group supporting mothers in Christian faith and family life.

Over the past 150 years MU has continually adapted to meet changing social needs all the while remaining rooted in its Christian faith. Today members support communities through local outreach, parenting initiatives, literacy programmes, campaigns to tackle gender-based violence, advocacy and prayer.

### Future Dates

**Thursday 23 July** Outing to Old Arlesford with a service in the Church followed by Lunch.

**Tuesday 28 July 12 noon** Salisbury Cathedral Diocesan Communion.

**Sunday 9 August** Mary Sumner Day

If you require transport, please contact Katharine Callard on 01722 501200.

With love  
Pat Davidson

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### Bucket list

I'm proud to announce that I have completed the first item on my bucket list.

I have the bucket.



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## First Wednesday Talk in July

**On 1 July** we have something a bit different. Instead of welcoming an individual speaker we have an opportunity for all of us to take part in some discussion of our community. Harnham is a great place to live and, no doubt, we all value the community of which we are a part, but it's changing isn't it? All communities change because people change but our community is growing too. New housing will bring new people. How can we make sure that the community that is Harnham can become a positive and co-operative one in which all of us can thrive?

What do we value about our community?

How do we think things might change?

How can we all contribute to making our community good for everyone?

Our discussion will be led by a panel including Revd Becky, Helen Donnelly of Harnham Church of England Junior School, local Councillors and other community leaders. Do come and have your say at this **Community Forum**.

As always our FWTs begin at 7.30pm, and we break for wine in the middle. Entry is free but donations are always welcome.

See you there

Revd Michael Camp

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## Sea Sunday - 12 July

Sea Sunday is the day each year when churches worldwide come together to pray for seafarers, and to support The Mission to Seafarers' frontline ministry to them.

Seafarers are essential to everyday life, yet many work unseen, facing long periods away from home, isolation, and often dangerous conditions. Sea Sunday offers an opportunity to pause, and give thanks for the men and women who keep our world moving.

The Mission to Seafarers works in ports across the world. In 2025 alone, it made over 48,000 ship visits, provided shore leave transport for more than 150,000 seafarers, and ran programmes on family support and suicide prevention.

These moments of care - a visit on board, practical help ashore, or someone to listen - can make a profound difference to seafarers far from home.

For Sea Sunday 2026, the theme is 'Harbours of Hope: The Church Alongside Seafarer', inspired by Matthew 25. This theme celebrates the local church as a place of welcome, refuge, and hope - a community offering both spiritual and practical safety to those who work at sea. It invites congregations to reflect on how they can stand alongside seafarers through prayer, hospitality, generosity, and justice.

There is a wide range of free downloadable resources on Sea Sunday, which can be found at: <https://www.missiontoseafarers.org>



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# ECO CHURCH

*Where were you when I (the Lord God) laid the earth's foundations? Tell me if you know and understand. Who settled its dimensions? ... Do read on Job 38 4- 5*

I expect many of you may have already seen the 'National Emergency Briefing', a film documenting the scientific evidence on the climate and nature crisis. It is stark, but there is hope and ways forward, and I would urge everyone to see it. If not, for more information see [www.nebriefing.org](http://www.nebriefing.org)

It is generally accepted that the universe came into being because of the Big Bang about 15 billion years ago. Initially the universe was miniscule, smaller than a pin head: however, over the decades the universe has slowly but steadily grown due to the intricate 'conditions of origination.' Scientists warn us that if any of these original conditions or any of the laws of physics had been even the slightest bit different, our universe would never have been able to come into being. One example, Stephen Hawking tells us, 'Had the density of the developing universe been as little as one part in a thousand billion greater or less than it was, the universe would either have collapsed within 10 years or been completely empty.'

Today our scientists are warning us and encouraging us to change our lifestyles if we are going to maintain this fine balance and save our world as we have known it.

Professor Paul Behens tells us the 'Choice is stark'. 'A plant rich diet is a win-win for everyone.' 'Switching to a plant-rich diet is the biggest lever for improving food security. Animal agriculture uses about 88% of UK farmland, whereas plant rich diets could cut agricultural emissions by 80%, free up an area of land almost the size of Scotland and allow the UK to feed more people from less land.'

Angela Francis, a policy expert in green economics, tells us 'Today's markets are broken, as they assume a stable climate, clean air, fresh water and functioning ecosystems.' She believes 'the economics are clear, action is cheaper than inaction.' She confirms that 'net zero is affordable and it pays back. The UK investment needed is around 0.2% of GDP per year and would be largely funded by the private sector with clear long-term returns.'

Research confirms 'Faster transition is cheaper as a rapid energy transition saves \$12 trillion globally, compared to sticking with fossil fuels: more than twice the savings of a slow transition.'

Climate action cuts the cost of living - inflation would have been significantly lower if we had decarbonised power, heat and food systems earlier; delay has already made households poorer.

As Pope Leo states in his encyclical 'Our task is not only ethical or technical, it is ecological in the deepest sense for it concerns a new dimension of our common home'.

Joanna Woodd

## HARNHAM HARVEST TABLE IS BACK THIS MONTH!

Harnham Community Network is delighted to announce that Harnham Harvest Table is back for its 7<sup>th</sup> summer season, starting at the Harnham Fun Day and Parish Fete on Saturday 25 July from 2pm – 5 pm in the Parish Hall Field.

Thereafter, it will be open every Saturday morning from 10 – 12 noon until Saturday 3 October. The venue alternates between the Parish Hall Field, and beside the Cricket Pavilion on Harnham Recreation Ground – see the poster for dates.

Share the harvest and support each other. You are invited to bring any fresh produce you can spare from your gardens or allotments, or just come and take what you can use of your neighbours' surplus. It's all about sharing and reducing waste. All are welcome.

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Sat 22 Aug	10am-12noon		✓
Sat 29 Aug	10am-12noon	✓	
Sat 5 Sep	10am-12noon		✓
Sat 12 Sep	10am-12noon	✓	
Sat 19 Sep	10am-12noon		✓
Sat 26 Sep	10am-12noon	✓	
Sat 3 Oct	10am-12noon		✓

Once again this year, any surplus at the end of the session will find good homes through Salisbury Pantry. Also this year, the Harvest Table volunteer team are offering to pick fruit trees where the owner isn't in a position to do so themselves. Do you have a fruit tree which you can no longer manage, where the fruit will otherwise go to waste? Get in touch, and we will see what we can do – text Helen on 07712 048023, or email [harnhamcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:harnhamcommunity@gmail.com).

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## THE LOCAL SCHOOL AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Harnham Community Network's sixth Annual Meeting was addressed by the Headteacher of Harnham C.ofE. Junior School, Mrs Helen Donnelly, whose talk gave a fascinating and disturbing insight into the way attainment in school can be affected by social deprivation. The school is attempting to narrow the gap between its 23% of pupils who qualify for the Pupil Premium on account of their family's circumstances, and the other 77% who are less socially disadvantaged. She said the school puts tremendous emphasis on welcoming, praising and rewarding children, so that they feel they fully

belong and develop a sense of aspiration for their future lives. Helen Donnelly particularly emphasised that more community involvement in her school would be extremely valuable to complement what the teachers are already doing. This could involve listening to children reading, supporting their gardening, or other clubs, or just talking with children. Anyone at all interested in volunteering to support the education of Harnham's children in these ways is invited to email for more information to: [office@harnham-jun.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@harnham-jun.wilts.sch.uk)

In presenting the Network's Annual Report to the Annual General Meeting that followed, the Chair, Charles Woodd, highlighted the impressive portfolio of activities that seek to further the Network's aims of building community, reducing waste, and enhancing the local environment in Harnham. These include established activities such as the twice-weekly Coffee and Chat sessions, which also host Harnham's Wellbeing Walkers twice a month, the Harnham Harvest Table which is due to return on Saturdays from 25 July, the monthly Film Night, and the Seed Exchange and Recycling Bin open 24/7 in the Parish Hall car park. He also referred to the regular Spring and Christmas Sharing tables. In addition, the last year saw a Harnham-wide litter pick, and the launch of a Harnham History Walk.

A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts can be downloaded from the Network's website, [www.harnhamcommunity.org](http://www.harnhamcommunity.org) or requested by emailing [harnhamcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:harnhamcommunity@gmail.com).

The AGM elected the officers and committee members for the coming year, when an important area for further exploration will be what role the Network can play in ensuring that our hugely expanding community has the facilities and community meeting space that it needs to thrive.

Charles Woodd, Chair

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## Ode to Spell Checkers

I have a spelling checker  
I disk covered four my PC.  
It plane lee marks four my revue  
Miss steaks aye can knot see.

Eye ran this poem threw it.  
Your sure real glad two no.  
Its very polished in its weigh,  
My checker tolled me sew.

A checker is a blessing.  
It freeze yew lodes of thyme.  
It helps me right awl stiles two reed,  
And aides me when aye rime.

Each frays comes posed up on my screen  
Eye trussed too bee a joule.  
The checker pours o'er every word  
To cheque sum spelling rule.

Bee fore wee rote with checkers  
Hour spelling was inn deck line,  
Butt now when wee dew have a laps,  
Wee are not maid too wine.

And now bee cause my spelling  
Is checked with such grate flare,  
There are know faults in awl this peace,  
Of nun eye am a wear.

Two rite with care is quite a feet  
Of witch won should be proud,  
And wee mussed dew the best wee can,  
Sew flaws are knot aloud.

That's why eye brake in two averse  
Cuz Eye dew want too please.  
Sow glad eye yam that aye did bye  
This soft wear four pea seas.

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## It's not just policy, it's personal.....

In response to the Makin Report, the Church of England is running a campaign to publicise how to report safeguarding concerns, both current and non-recent. They have produced an information pack to help people recognise abuse and have the confidence to report it. Copies of the posters are in both churches and the Parish Hall.

Safeguarding in the Church of England is not simply about complying with guidance or completing the right forms; it is about people and how we live our faith. At the heart of every safeguarding concern is a person who has taken a brave and costly step to speak out. How we listen, how we explain the process and how we carefully handle the information we have been given can make a profound difference to whether someone feels believed, respected and protected.

Anyone in the church community may find themselves receiving a safeguarding concern and it is common to feel anxious about reporting a concern and the concern itself may be upsetting, so the following information is designed to help you know how to respond confidently.

### Barriers to Reporting:

#### What if it feels like interfering?

When someone shares a concern with you, it is often because they want help. They are trusting you to do something with what they have shared. A safeguarding concern is never just a private matter, and you are not being asked to take sides or make a judgement. You are being asked to pass the concern on so that someone trained to help can take it from there. Keeping people safe and supported is at the heart of what we are called to do. That is not interference. That is care.

#### What if you are not sure it is serious enough?

The code does not ask you to investigate or to be certain. It asks you to refer, and to let the right people take it forward. If you are unsure, speak to your Safeguarding Officer or the Diocesan Team. They are there to help you work through it.

#### What if someone has already reported it

Report it anyway. You cannot know what has or has not been shared and every account matters. There is no such thing as reporting too many times when a person's safety is at stake.

#### What if someone told you something in confidence, or asked you to keep it a secret?

It takes courage for someone to share something difficult, and that matters. But a request for confidentiality cannot come before someone's safety. Referring is not a betrayal of trust. In many cases, it is the most caring thing you can do.

#### What if it involves someone senior or well known?

This is often the hardest barrier of all. The *Reporting Safeguarding Concerns and Allegations* Code exists precisely for moments like this. Seniority does not

change the process, and you will not be left to handle it on your own.

What if it happened a long time ago?

Non-recent concerns are still concerns. Time does not change the obligation to refer, and it does not make what happened any less important to the person who experienced it. If someone shares something that happened in the past, they may have questions about what happens next and what will be shared. Where you can, be honest with them about the process. Your Safeguarding Officer can help you navigate this conversation and make sure the person disclosing knows what to expect.

Remember the 4 “R’s”

**Recognise:** Be alert to signs or disclosures of abuse.

**Respond:** Listen carefully and take what is being said seriously.

**Record:** Make a written record of what has been shared.

**Refer:** Share any concern with the Safeguarding Officer and relevant authorities.

Many parishioners attended a Safeguarding Training session in September 2023 so will need to update the training this year. This can be done online via the Church of England training portal. Please let me know when you have completed it so I can update the Parish database. I will organise a face-to-face session for those who find online training difficult. Please look for further information on the notice sheet.

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## HARNHAM FILM NIGHT

Wednesday 15 July, 7 for 7.30 pm, Harnham Social Club

July’s film is *Hamnet*. Based on Maggie O’Farrell’s bestselling novel, *Hamnet* is a beautifully crafted historical drama that imagines the story behind Shakespeare’s *Hamlet*. Focusing on the lives of Shakespeare, his wife Agnes, and their family, it is a poignant and deeply moving exploration of love, loss and the enduring power of art.

Entry £5, no booking necessary, all welcome, bar open all evening.

If transport is a difficulty, a free taxi service courtesy of All the Sevens Taxis is available. Please contact Charles Woodd on 07962 213494 or visit email [harnhamcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:harnhamcommunity@gmail.com).

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### Flight path

Windsor Castle, outside of London, is directly in the flight path of Heathrow International Airport. While a group of foreign tourists was standing outside the castle admiring its elegant structure, a plane flew overhead at a relatively low altitude, making a tremendous noise.

One particularly annoyed tourist demanded: “Why did they build the castle so close to the airport?”

# The story behind the hymn

*Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;*

The year was 1809, and Vienna was under bombardment by Napoleon's troops. The great Austrian composer, Haydn, then old and frail, asked to be carried to his piano. There he made his own defiance of Napoleon, by solemnly playing through his composition 'Emperor's Hymn'. Haydn had composed it for the Austrian Emperor, Franz II's birthday on 12 February 1797. Haydn never touched his piano again, and died a few days later, aged 77.

That is where the tune for this well-loved hymn came from. It quickly became the tune of the Austrian national anthem. It was later even adopted by the Germans, as the tune for August Heinrich Hoffman von Fallersleben's (1798 – 1874) anthem Deutschlandslied, which began with the famous words: 'Deutschland uber alles' (Germany before everything). In the ensuing political upheavals, the tune survived as the German national anthem, but was abandoned by the Austrians in 1946.

In the meantime, the tune had also reached England, as early as 1805. It was then that the words of a hymn by John Newton were first paired up with it. This meant that when the Austrian Emperor Franz visited his grandmother Queen Victoria, at Windsor Castle, he most likely would have sung his own national anthem tune (known as Austria) to English words written by a converted slave trader turned country vicar!

John Newton's inspiration for this hymn comes from Psalm 87: 'Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God' (vs3) and also a text from Isaiah 33:20-21: 'Look on Zion... there the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams...'

John Newton's hymn celebrates the joy of knowing that the Church is the new Jerusalem (Zion) where God abides. He rejoices that God protects his people and promises to supply their needs. He leads them into the Promised Land, just as long ago he led the Israelites through the wilderness to their Promised Land. Back then, he led them with a fiery and cloudy pillar; now we have his very Spirit within us, to guide us each step of the way home.

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## FIFA World Cup

Many across the world are united in watching the World Cup in the United States, Mexico and Canada. However, football is more than just a game; it can illustrate some key points about the Christian life. As Paul writes: *'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.'* (Philippians 3:13b,14).

*A prize to be won:* The dream of every player in the competition is to be able to hold up the World Cup themselves. Christians grasp to the prize of eternal life, God's gift to us of relationship with Jesus for now and eternity. However, there's an important difference between football and the Christian faith. To win the

World Cup you have to be good enough, while Christ's love for us is underserved and not dependent on how well we've done.

*Training to be undertaken:* If a team is going to win the World Cup, training is vital! Our training, as Christians, starts the moment we accept the gift of God's life. On a daily basis, we train ourselves to say *no* to the wrong things in our lives. As we build up our *godly muscles* we are better able to choose to do what is right in God's eyes. To enable us to do all this we need to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, studying the Bible and being part of a church and small group. How is your training going?

The former Liverpool Manager Bill Shankly famously said, '*Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that!*'

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# What's the Big Idea?

## An Introduction to the Books of the Bible

### 1 Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians is the earliest of Paul's letters, written when he was in Corinth during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:1–18) in 49–51 AD. Thessalonica was the capital of the Roman province of Macedonia, as well as being a flourishing centre for trade and philosophy. After founding the church (Acts 17:1–9) Paul was forced to leave, when he was falsely accused of speaking against Caesar. As the new Christians were left with little spiritual support, Paul wrote this letter to encourage them.

Paul addresses a number of issues throughout this letter. As they weren't expecting persecution, Paul reminds them that this is normal Christian experience (3:3–4). He also challenges those in the church who were living off wealthier Christians rather than earning their own living (4:9–12; 5:14).

However, the most prominent theme in letter is the second coming of Jesus. It is mentioned in every chapter of the book (1:10; 2:19–20; 3:13; 4:13–18; 5:1–11, 23–24). The Thessalonian were unclear about the timing of the day of the Lord (5:1–2). Some church members had died (4:13), and people weren't sure what would happen to them at Christ's return (3:10; 4:13). However, Paul assures them that when Jesus returns, the dead in Christ will rise to meet the Lord with the living (4:15–17). Therefore, believers don't need to fear God's wrath, but rather are assured of inheriting his salvation.

Living in the light of Christ's return calls for holy and blameless lives (3:11–4:8; 5:23). '*May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*' (5:23).

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I can take my telescope and look millions of miles into space; but I can go away to my room and in prayer get nearer to God and heaven than I can when assisted by all the telescopes of earth. – *Isaac Newton*

## LEARN, LAUGH, LIVE; TEDDY & FANNY

The summer edition of *u3a Matters*, the national magazine that Spire *u3a* members receive several times a year, has just landed. Full of ideas for activities, trips and holidays it is aimed at a membership who love to *learn, laugh and live*. It is just one of the benefits that Spire members enjoy, having given up full-time work.

At Harnham in June we enjoyed Dr Gillian White's Hugely Huggable History of the Teddy Bear. Liz Thornton writes: "Gillian delivered an engaging and lively talk on the history of the Teddy Bear, whose story spans the twentieth century with ups and downs mirroring history but who endures today as a favourite toy of comfort for both children and adults alike.

"We learned that it all began with Margarete Steiff in Germany, a polio sufferer, who made children's clothing for a living. Using material offcuts she also began to make toy animals which rapidly became a success. The business grew with the design input of her nephew Richard who had the idea to make a bear. The quality of the fur was important to him, and initially it was made with expensive mohair. He exhibited the bear at the Leipzig Toy Fair of 1903 and a New York buyer ordered 3000. Thus the global brand of the Steiff bear with the trademark button in its left ear was born.

"The Teddy Bear was reputedly named after the US President Theodore Roosevelt and production in America grew with Michtom's Ideal Novelty and Toy Company. The UK also started to manufacture Teddy Bears in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Bears were made to commemorate events of the time – thus Steiff produced a black mourning bear after the sinking of the Titanic and small mascot war Teddies accompanied soldiers to war.

"Postwar saw character and coloured bears and even novelty make-up bears. Over the years famous literary and film bears such as Winnie the Pooh, Rupert, Sooty and Paddington have entered our culture.

"Teddy Bears have become highly collectable items and the rarer and older bears change hands at auction for eye-watering sums of money.

"From Richard Steiff's original design the Teddy Bear has developed in form, style, colour and material but is still today an enduring toy giving safety and companionship whatever your age. As proof of that, sitting with the audience were the cherished teddies, lifelong companions of Mark Wilson and Chris Hayman."

Annual sub is a mere £18. For more info see <https://spire.u3asite.uk/about/> or just come along on Monday 13 July when Christine Mason will be telling us about Nelson's Wife, Fanny.

Doors open at The Memorial Hall at 10am for refreshments.

# Wordsearch for July

It was 250 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1776, that the US Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress. The original signed parchment still exists, behind bullet-proof glass at the National Archives in Washington.

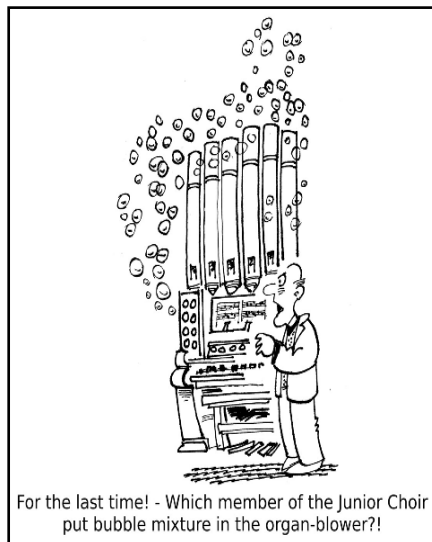
An original draft of the Declaration was made by Thomas Jefferson, and was amended by Benjamin Franklin and John Adams. It runs for only 1,320 words. The Declaration included the phrase: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."



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Independence  
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Continental  
Congress  
Washington  
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Thomas  
Jefferson  
Benjamin  
Franklin

John  
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Creator  
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Liberty  
Pursuit  
Happiness

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## All in the month of July

It was:

250 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1776 that the US Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress.

175 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1851 that Charles Bannerman, British-born Australian cricketer, was born. He scored the first-ever run in Test cricket, and also scored the first century in Test cricket.

125 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1901 that Dame Barbara Cartland, romantic novelist, was born. She wrote 723 novels, including 23 in a single year, and sold more than one billion copies of her books. Died 2000.

100 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1926 that Leopoldo Galtieri was born. As president/military ruler of Argentina, he ordered Argentina's invasion of the Falkland Islands.

90 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1936 that the speaking clock telephone service was launched in the UK.

80 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1946 that the King David Hotel in Jerusalem was attacked. The Irgun (a militant right-wing Zionist group) bombed the hotel which housed the British administrative headquarters for Palestine. 91 people were killed.

60 years ago, on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1966 that the 1966 FIFA World Cup final took place. England beat Germany 4 – 2. English player Geoff Hurst became the first (and only) player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup final.

50 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1976 that Operation Entebbe took place. Israeli commandos staged a counter-terrorist hostage-rescue mission at Entebbe Airport in Uganda, following the hijacking of an Air France plane on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

Also 50 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1976 that NASA's Viking 1 lander successfully landed on Mars, and sent back the first photographs from the surface of Mars.

Also 50 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1976 that the pier-head of Southend Pier in Essex was destroyed by fire. It is the world's longest pier. It re-opened in 1986, but then a tanker crashed into it, creating a 70-foot gap. It reopened again in 1989, but two further fires, in 1999 and 2005, caused significant damage. It reopened in July 2012.

40 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1986 that the marriage of Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson in Westminster Abbey took place. They became the Duke and Duchess of York and divorced in 1996.

Also 40 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> July 1986 that British estate agent Suzy Lamplugh failed to return from an appointment in London, sparking the biggest missing person investigation since Lord Lucan. She has never been found.

30 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1996 that candidates taking the British driving test also had to pass a written exam for the first time.

Also 30 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1996 that Dolly the sheep was born. She was the first cloned mammal at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh. Died in 2003.

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Meetings held in Harnham Memorial Hall,  
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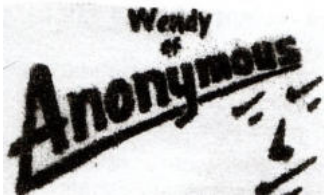
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## Parish Prayer Diary for July

- 5 St Paul's Church and St Thomas' Church  
Charities and Fundraisers, especially those who align with our values,  
based in the Parish/Diocese supporting the Sudans and Clergy  
Highlands Road and Romer Road
- 12 Sea Sunday. Royal Navy and Merchant Navy, Sea Cadets, RNLI,  
Coastguards and all who keep our beaches safe and clean  
Harnham Women's Group  
Kent Road and Suffolk Road
- 19 Summer and Holiday Playschemes  
The Mothers' Union including Harnham Branch  
Parsonage Green and Sussex Road
- 26 For climate justice in action  
All who hire Harnham Parish Hall and Harnham Memorial Hall  
Saxon Road and Wesley Court

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### Prayer for July

#### Time Prayer

Father,

We are all so busy. We rush here and there, trying to meet deadlines, trying to fit more and more into our already full days. So often we seem to run out of energy and time. Sometimes we wonder what it's all about.

Help us, Lord to recognise that we *have* time. You have given us every day of our lives. Help us to choose wisely how we use our life time. Help us to spend time with you first; to learn your ways; to encounter the living Jesus in the Bible and in prayer. And everything else will fall into place.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

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#### All in the month of July contd

25 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2001 that Barry George was convicted of killing British TV presenter Jill Dando in April 1999. He was sentenced to life imprisonment, but later acquitted and the case remains unsolved.

20 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2006 that Twitter, the online micro-blogging service, was launched.

15 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011 that South Sudan gained its independence from Sudan. It is the world's newest country.

10 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 that Theresa May became Prime Minister (until 2019) after David Cameron resigned following the UK's referendum on leaving the European Union.

Also 10 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> July that Hillary Clinton became the first woman to be nominated for President of the USA by a major political party (Democrats).



# READINGS FOR JULY

5	Fifth Sunday after Trinity	Readings tba
12	Sixth Sunday after Trinity Acts 17:16-34	Matthew 16:13-20
19	Seventh Sunday after Trinity James 2:14-17	John 1:36-39
26	Eighth Sunday after Trinity Exodus 33:12-33	Luke 17:18-23



## WHATS ON IN JULY (E&OE)

### REGULAR EVENTS

Coffee and Chat every Wednesday & Saturday in Field View Room 1000 –1200  
 Wellbeing Walk (30mins) 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 1000 from Parish Hall  
 Pause for Prosecco in Field View Room 2nd Thursday 1930

*FOR ALL SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES AND PLACES SEE I/S FRONT COVER*

1	First Wednesday Talk in Parish Hall	1930
8	Salisbury Folk Club at Harnham Social Club	1930
10	Walk to new housing estates. Meet Parish Hall car park	1030
12	Messy Church in Parish Hall	1500-1630
13	Spire u3a meeting in Memorial Hall	1000 for 1030
15	Ecumenical Prayers for peace in Cathedral Trinity Chapel	1200 -1230
15	Harnham Film Night at Harnham Social Club (Doors open 1900)	1930
17	Harnham Garden Society meeting in Memorial Hall	1930
21	Magazine Collation in Parish Hall	1230
23	MU Anniversary Outing to Old Arlesford	
23	PCC meeting	1900
25	Parish Fun Day and Fete along with Harnham Harvest Table	1400-1700
28	MU Diocesan Communion in Salisbury Cathedral	1200

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## Summer Sermon Series

Our summer theme for sermons is 'Faith questions!' The worship committee noticed that some of these questions have been circulating in our congregations' minds and conversations and more recently as part of our wider community and society's discourse. The theme will run for seven weeks from the second week of July until the end of August. We hope that it will aid our thinking, discussion and discipleship and even educate and equip us to answer them if other people ask us similar ones!

'What significant proof is there that God exists? How can we be disciples? The importance of asking questions- faith and doubt. Why is there suffering? Where is God in the suffering? What is the purpose of the church and what keeps people from trusting and valuing the church? How do Christians cope with periods of dryness or frustration in their life as believers? What place does Christian discipleship have in a modern democratic society?'

Revd Becky

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