

The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter

October 2016



For your diary

<i>9th</i>	<i>Family Communion</i>	<i>St. Paul's Church</i>	<i>10.00am</i>
<i>9th</i>	<i>Parish Council Meeting</i>	<i>The School</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>
<i>15th</i>	<i>OCTOBER DEADLINE</i>		
<i>16th</i>	<i>Pet Service</i>	<i>St. Paul's Church</i>	<i>4.00pm</i>
<i>21st</i>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>	<i>St. Paul's Church</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>

CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

DATE	TIME	PLACE	SERVICE
SERVICES AT CULHAM			
Sunday 9th	10 am	Culham	Family Communion
Sunday 16th	4 pm	Culham	Pet Service
Sunday 30th	6 pm	Culham	All Souls Service
Join us for coffee and a chat after Sunday morning services at Culham Church! All welcome			
Come along for informal prayers at Culham Church on Thursday mornings between 8.15 and 9.00 am			

SERVICES ELSEWHERE			
Sunday 2nd	8 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	10am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
Sunday 2nd	10 am	Long Wittenham	Family Service
Sunday 16th	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
Thursday 23th	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
Thursday 27th	2.30 pm	Long Wittenham	Pram Service
Sunday 23rd	8.30 am	Little Wittenham	Holy Communion



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Crime prevention advice

There are simple steps you can take to protect your home. Look at your home through the eyes of a burglar. Are there places you could break in without been seen? If you have forgotten your keys but can still get in, so can a burglar! Make sure your windows and doors are locked. Do not leave car keys, door keys or valuables near a letterbox – hooks can be put through letter boxes to access them. Ensure garden gates and outbuildings are secure. An alarm is a good investment as many burglars will avoid breaking into a home that has an alarm. For more information or a free home survey please contact PCSO Sue Harris via email on Sue.Harris@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Please also be aware with the darker nights getting earlier to consider buying a timer light which comes on if you are out.

Village News



ANNA SHACKLETON

Friends of St Pauls presents

Concert at St Pauls

Culham Friday 21st October

At 7.30 pm

A performance by Anna Shackleton who currently resides in Culham will include songs by Ravel, Falla and Rodrigo.

Tickets priced at £10pp this includes a buffet supper during interval with a bar available

Tickets Available from Philip Owen 01235555223 or email stpaulsculham@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE RAILWAY INN - PAULINE DAVIDSON

I would like to invite senior citizens of Culham, aged 65+, to The Railway Inn on **Saturday 12th December 2015** for a Christmas Party, from **2 to 6 pm**. This offer is limited to 30 people who must be Culham residents. It will include:

- Free 4 Course Turkey Meal and refreshments.
- Entertainment, Bingo and Raffle

If you want to come, please fill in and return the tear-off reply slip below. Please note that we need to know if you have any special requirements, such as :-

*Do you need to be picked up?
Will you be in a wheelchair?
Are you on a special diet?*



To Pauline Davidson, The Railway Inn, Culham, OX14 3BT (tel. 528046)

I would like to come to the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party at The Railway Inn on **Saturday 12th December 2015**.

Name

Address.....
.....

Telephone number

*Special needs – please **CROSS OUT** if **NOT** needed*

Please could someone give me a lift?

I will be in a wheelchair.

I am on a special diet – i.e.



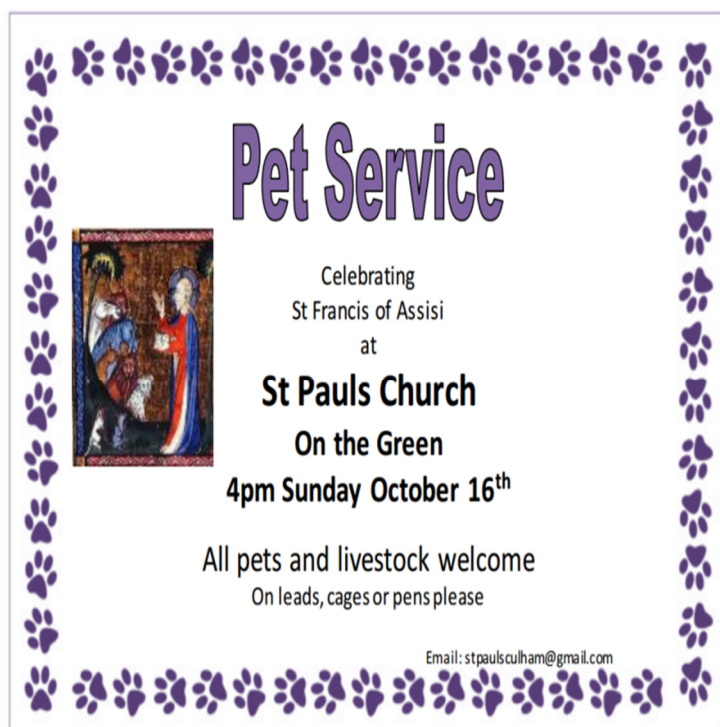
Talking Point by Reverend Jennifer Morton, Assistant Curate in the Team

The end of September and beginning of October is the season in the Churches year when we celebrate harvest time, think about God's goodness to us and remember the work of the farmers who grow our food in the fields around us. Therefore it seems particularly appropriate, when our thoughts turn to giving thanks for what the land produces and how this might be shared with others, that, all being well, we will be welcoming visitors from South Africa who run the food project that the churches in the Dorchester Team support. This project is based in the small community of Boegoeberg in the Oxford link Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman and undertakes to feed those preschool children who had no guaranteed meal with one good meal a week. With our support this has been extended to three meals a week. I hope that while Sarah, Susanna (Cheeks), Natalie and Theresa are here you will find an opportunity to meet with them and hear firsthand about what they are doing in their community.

Of course at this time of year we may be able to share with others surplus produce from our own gardens but for those of us not blessed with green fingers this probably means either buying groceries to donate or giving the cash. I wonder then how often we stop and think about how we spend our money. Maybe we feel we have barely enough to manage ourselves and there will have been families across this country who has struggled to feed their children during the holidays when there are no free school meals available.

Those of us who are more fortunate are able to donate to causes close to our hearts or raise money on their behalf. This includes the churches in our communities, which depend on the generosity of parishioners to keep them open. Many other organisations also depend solely on such generosity and the RNLI springs to mind. You can now play an RNLI Lottery, an interesting development, and it made me wonder whether the possibility of winning a prize was a greater incentive than just donating to a good cause. For example during the Olympics it was evident how dependent on profits from the National Lottery our successful athletes are but I am not sure if as much would have been raised directly.

Whatever our circumstances we all have choices to make when using the resources we have, financial or otherwise, and harvest time seems a good opportunity to consider these once more.



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'I sat down and imagined how I'd feel if I was totally housebound. I know the importance of having literature and company in my life now I'm living alone, so I thought it's important to reach out to others who may not have much contact with the outside world. [...] It's fulfilling and very rewarding. The ladies I deliver to are keen to chat and talk about the authors and the plots.'

Your county council has launched a new campaign appealing for home library service volunteers to help less able people in their community by choosing and delivering books to those who cannot get to a library.

Who benefits? Anyone who cannot get to a library, including the elderly and many disabled people across Oxfordshire who need a volunteer to bring library services to their door. They need a friendly face that can stop by once every three weeks to bring them some new books or CDs and stop for a little chat.

Is the home library service really so important? Yes – the home library service brings entertainment, pleasure and human contact to people, where they may otherwise have none.

Could you spare a little time? Schedules can work around you and you can organise the drop off times directly with the people you deliver to, meaning you can fit it around your busy life. Expenses are reimbursed and you can do as many or as few journeys as you wish.

Visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homelibrary or contact your local library to find out about volunteering for the home library service and helping people near you.

Volunteer for Oxfordshire's Water-Blitz

Volunteers needed for one day only! Schools, local groups and individuals are invited to take part in the county wide water blitz. Check the water quality of your local stream, pond, ditch or river and help build a water quality picture for Oxfordshire. For your free sampling pack register today by emailing hilary@wildoxfordshire.org.uk and join in on 3rd October. EarthWatch have volunteered to handle the data and map all results on their global water-hub with the resulting data available to everyone involved.



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Report to Parish Councils from CLLR Lorraine Lindsay-Gale – September 2016

SODC LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION Culham Science Centre The County Council's response to the Plan is lengthy. In summary with relation to this area it states: "Oxfordshire County Council supports a focus on growth within Science Vale, which is the area concentrated around the three science parks at Harwell Campus, Culham Science Centre, and Milton Park, which also include two enterprise zones and at the centre of which is Didcot. Although many of the opportunities for growth in that area have already been identified, additional growth at Culham Science Centre would help reinforce the Science Vale focus, deliver a sustainable community, deliver jobs and infrastructure to benefit the wider area. The current development proposal for Culham could be an international exemplar for sustainable communities, fit well with the emerging Didcot Garden Town and enable more success for the Science Vale." The planned new road from Didcot, the river crossing and a Clifton Hampden bypass would be viable prospects if such a vision was adopted.

OXFORDSHIRE COMET: THE NEW BOOKABLE TRANSPORT SERVICE Several communities in my Division are already taking up this new OCC service and I would encourage those who have not yet done so to investigate whether it would be a good thing for their residents too. The Oxfordshire Comet is a not for profit, bookable transport service for those who can't access suitable public transport. It can be booked for any type of trip, whether it's to meet friends in town, travel across the county, attend an appointment or pop to the shops. The service is available 10.15am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday (not Bank Holidays). It uses vehicles that normally take children to school and adults to day care centres. (OCC identified the times of the day when they weren't being used and are making them available so that residents can make the journeys they want.) Because OCC already owns these vehicles, the Council only has to cover running costs, meaning charges are low for passengers. More information can be found here:
<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/oxfordshire-comet>

Culham Parish Council (CPC) notes by Andrew Steele – September 2016

- Community groups can apply for grants of £10k-£100k from the Revenue Grants scheme.
 - The Local Plan for South Oxfordshire consultation period is now closed - SODC are considering the responses.
 - The devolution plans studies recently carried out by SODC and OCC have been published and can be found at <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/about-us/devolution>.
 - From 3 November, SODC will only empty green wheelie bins if the recycling in them is **loose** or in **clear sacks**. This is to help in recycling.
 - Electric blankets will be checked free of charge in Abingdon on Thursday 06 October. Ring 01865 815000 (option4) or email communityengagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk or an appointment.
- CPC matters**
- From Morrells - A planning pre-application for the Waggon and Horses has been submitted to SODC.
 - There is no clear completion date for the works on the Sutton weir but feed in tariff surveys are expected at the end of September.
 - The church (St Pauls) will be investigated as a possible venue for future polling station use.
 - A report on road safety at the school in Thame Lane is to be chased up.
 - A Christmas tree for the Green will be ordered soon. A plan for future tree planting around the village will be instigated.
 - Village grass cutting and its funding by CPC will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - The Culham Community Building voting has completed. A meeting of the sub-committee will assess the results.
 - Culham Show 2016 is in progress for Saturday 24 September.
 - A gate from the lock car park to the lock is being pursued with the Environment Agency for their thoughts.
 - The village bus service times have changed recently, again. **Please check the latest timetables.**

Culham Parish Council (CPC) next meeting:

Monday 9th October 2016 at 19:30 at the school.

As ever all villagers are welcome to attend - please come along even if you have no specific items to present/discuss.

The Earth Trust Events for October



All events take place at the Earth Trust, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ unless otherwise stated. Please see website for a full list.

Autumn Water Festival

Sunday 2nd October, 11am-4pm

Join us for our annual autumnal celebration of water and wetlands! See web for full details. £6 adult, £3 child, £15 family. Book online (incurs a booking fee) at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson or pay on the gate.

Tree Climbing

Monday 24th October, 10am-5pm

Use ropes and harnesses to access the treetops in Little Wittenham Wood! 1hr sessions with The Great Big Tree Climbing Company; minimum age 6yrs (no maximum!). £20 per participant; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson.

Woodland Adventure

Wednesday 26th October, 10am-12pm

An expedition for 5-8 year olds. Use your detective skills to discover the Earth Trust's woodland, where we'll explore, build and play. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free. No need to book.

Wildlife Wednesday at Wallingford Castle Meadows

Wednesday 26th October, 2pm-4pm

Our roving Wildlife Wednesday visits a different Earth Trust community nature reserve during each school holiday. This half term, come out and play at Abbey Fishponds (OX14 3UB); learn about local wildlife and have lots of outdoor fun! £2 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free; no need to book.

Discover and Play

Friday 28th October, 10am-12pm

Forest School for the under-5s. Join the Earth Trust for a morning of play and discovery in our woodlands. Forest School offers hands on learning experiences in a natural environment. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free. No need to book.

Spooky Dusk Discovery Walk

Sunday 30th October, 5.30pm-7.30pm

If you go down to the woods tonight, you're sure of a big surprise! Come and explore Little Wittenham Wood at twilight. Don't forget your torch. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential: 01865

Earth Trust, Little Wittenham, Oxfordshire, OX14 4QZ

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ST PAUL'S CHURCH

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