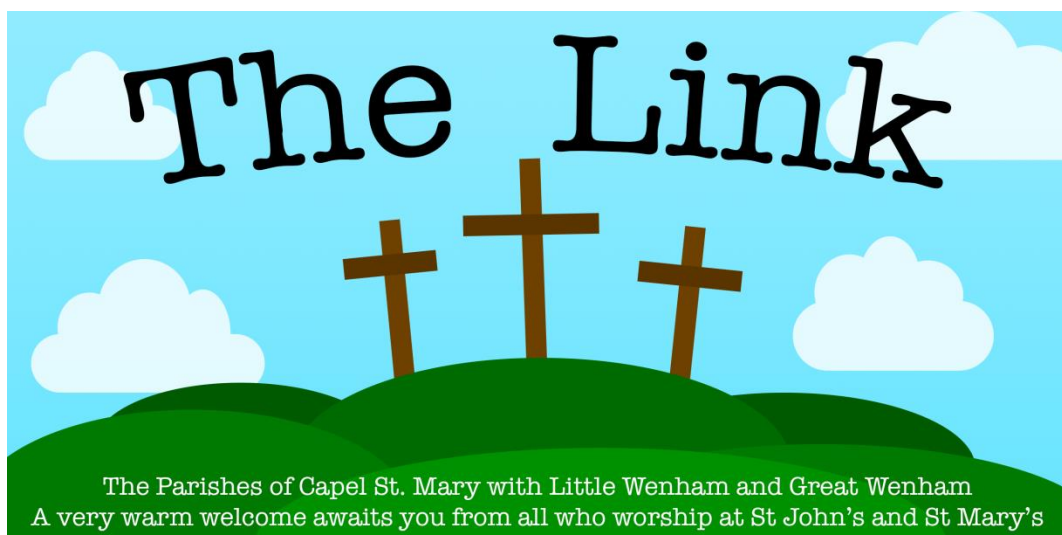




**13 JULY
2025**



With prayer & faith in God we seek to engage with the community - *inside* we enrich & equip: *outside* we give & care.

A warm welcome from Rev Sally Letman and everyone at St Mary's!



**TODAY'S LINK NEWSLETTER FOR:
13 JULY to 27 JULY 2025**

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WORSHIP TIMELINE

St Mary's is open for private prayer every day.


2025

13 July, 9.30am, St John's, *Morning Prayer*
10.45am, St Mary's, *Holy Communion.*

15 July 7.00pm, The Rectory, *No.3 Benefice Growing in God Mission Plan*, bible reading, prayer, reflection & discussion.

16 July, 10.00am, St Mary's, *Benefice Holy Communion*

20 July, 9.30am, St John's, Holy Communion.
10.45am, St Mary's, Family Service - Rev Adrian. 12
midday, Baptism of Struan McKendrick

21 July, 2pm, St Mary's, *Compassionate Cafe* 

22 July, 7.00pm, The Rectory, *No.4 Benefice Growing in God Mission Plan* bible reading, prayer, reflection & discussion.

23 July, 10.00am, St Mary's, *Benefice Holy Communion*

27 July, 9.30am, St John's, *Family Service*
10.45am, St Mary's, *Holy Communion.*

28 & 29 July, 10.00am - 3.00pm, *Spud Club Summer Activity Days* (Help needed please!)

30 July, 10.00am, St Mary's, *Benefice Holy Communion*

3 Aug, 9.30am, St John's, *Holy Communion.*
10.45am, St Mary's, *Holy Communion.*
12 midday, *Baptism of Rebecca Richards.*

6 Aug, 10.00am, St Mary's, *Benefice Holy Communion*





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzJMZom6NBs>

A man with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue button-down shirt, is performing on stage. He is holding a light-colored acoustic guitar and singing into a microphone. The background is dark with some stage lighting.

I want to walk with Moses on streets of gold
And dance with David before your throne
To thank You face to face for the grace You've given
I want to see my children run into Your arms
And worship the Saviour who wears my scars
There's an ache in my heart
I'm homesick for Heaven



Fourth Sunday after Trinity - Readings

New Testament Readings

Paul's letter to the Colossians 1, 1-14.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God.

This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.



Luke 10, 25-37.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "*Teacher*", he said, "*what must I do to inherit eternal life?*"

He said to him, "*What is written in the law? What do you read there?*"

He answered; "*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.*"

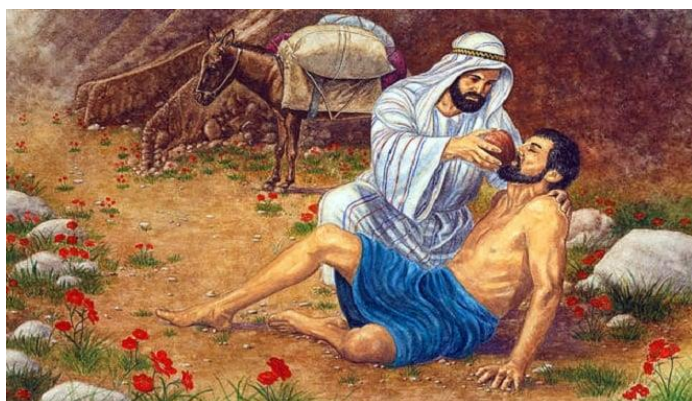
And he said to him: "*You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.*"

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus: "*And who is my neighbour?*"

Jesus replied: "*A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.*"

"*Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.*"

"*But a Samaritan while travelling came near*"



him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.

"He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. "Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

"The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

He said: "The one who showed him mercy". Jesus said to him: "Go and do likewise."

Sally's Reflection

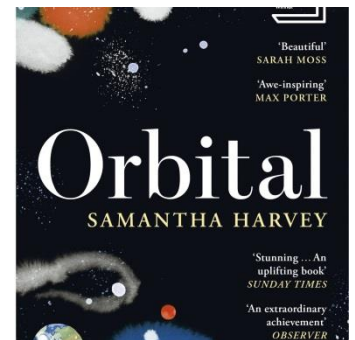
Colossians 1:1-14 and Luke 10:25-37

"Heavenly Father, through weak human words, give us grace to hear your true and living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord"

I am reading a book called *Orbital*, by Samantha Harvey.

It is about astronauts looking down and circling earth. Six astronauts from Japan, the US, Britain, Italy and Russia. They work together and orbit the earth, across prejudices and counties. Nothing is off limits, except the toilets: the Russians insist on their astronaut having their own.

From space there are no boundaries, wars cannot be seen, only weather patterns and beauty. They are overcome with the beauty of the place they call home, the author writes: '*The earth, from here is like heaven. It flows with colour. A burst of hopeful colour.*'



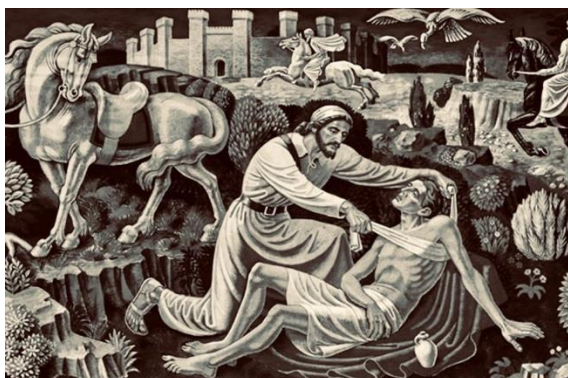
My understanding of the Kingdom of God is all we have to do is to look for glimpses as it breaks through, and from the perspective of space that's what they are experiencing.

And yet, to us on earth and the lives we are living, as generations have lived before us, it is a time of conflict and of hate. Where divisions are drawn up, battle lines drawn, might is right and individualism, isolationism and suspicion rules.

Where borders are drawn and fought over and the only people who suffer are not the people in power.

And in the midst of then and now, Jesus asks us, '*who is my neighbour*'? A story we have heard for years, we know the plot and how it ends and it has become blunted for us, we have heard it so many times, we understand, but today, let us reimagine it, let us look at it from the perspective of today and our lives.

An expert in the law, the law of Moses, challenges Jesus, a test and Jesus, as he often does, answers a question with a question, what does the law say he asks?



And he quotes from Leviticus, '*You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.*'. (Easier said than done).

Then comes the story of the man who fell into the hands of robbers and was left half dead. The class of persons that go by are presented in descending order of dignity; and we see they 'see' but that they pass by. The Priest and then the Levite, their religious duties in the Temple, demand they are not contaminated from contact with the dead. And then comes a Samaritan, hated, loathed and the audience would expect him to rob the poor half-dead man.

Instead, he 'sees' and is full of compassion, and he is the one who fulfils the duties of mercy and hospitality. He was moved with pity, bandaged him, transported him, and tended to him with wine and oil.

And he paid the innkeeper for his trouble.

And Jesus asks, *'which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to this man?'*

For the listening audience there would have been a shudder of shock, Good and Samaritan are never together. And so, the notion of neighbour has to be revised.

The Samaritan is the despised alien; he has broken through barriers and ministered to a person in need. We must let go of hatred and prejudice towards others. *We must love because Jesus loved us first.*



And how do we do that; it is very hard. The alien is despised, anyone who is different from us.

But in the Colossian reading where Paul reminds us, that hope is laid up for us in heaven, and we must endure with patience and joyfully give thanks at all times. And by giving thanks we must:

- * *Share the Gospel;*
- * *Help those in need; and*
- * *Love our enemies.*

C. S. Lewis said: *"do not waste time bothering whether you 'love' your neighbour, act as if you do."*

When you behave as if you love, eventually you will come love him. Amen.



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**Two more opportunities for us to
prepare and build our Growing in God
Benefice
Mission**

Plan

Rev Sally says: To begin our plan I am offering a number of evenings centred on a bible reading and prayer for reflection and discussion.

We shall have a gentle “brainstorming” to see what collectively we see the way forward for us in faith...

This is all part of the next stage of us growing our churches and will be held at the rectory on the following evenings at 7.00pm:

15 JULY, AND 22 JULY.

The last two meetings have been inspirational – with loads of enthusiasm and bright ideas. The last one was held on a sweltering evening in the Rectory garden!

All are welcome



Our Summer Spud Club

Activity Days are:
Monday 28 July and
Tuesday 29 July

*From 10.00am to 3.00pm -
helpers from our
congregations are needed
please.*

**Contact Rev Sally if you
can assist by getting involved.**



High in St Mary's Tower.

As work on repair and refurb of St Mary's fabric proceeds apace, Ed Dale checks, with an expert eye, the first tranche of work carried out in late June.



We Do Like To Be Beside the Seaside

Especially following a morning of intense Safeguarding study at Aldeburgh Church Hall and followed by fish 'n' chips on the prom (gratis of Rev Sally).





A CHALLENGE TO RETAIN OUR EXCELLENT CHAPLAIN

Dave Owen, pastor & senior leader at Capel Community Church says:

Hi everyone

I hope that you have been able to follow the developments of Philip Morphy's first year at East Bergholt High School, and have been encouraged by the feedback of his positive contribution into the school.

I just wanted to bring you all up to date regarding the financials for Philip.

His contract will **end in October** this year, and CYM are currently reviewing the financial support likely to be available so that they can continue to employ him for a second year.

To continue with two days a week on a term-time contract will cost us approx £12,000 for 12 months (this includes Philip's pay, employer's NI & pension contributions and all staff management overheads).

There is approx £3,000 surplus from the first year, which means that ***we will need to find £9,000.***

Simon Scott (CYM) is investigating if those who are currently giving monthly direct to CYM are willing to continue.



It would be helpful to start conversations with our respective church boards/committees to determine the (church) level of support, and then to remind our congregations of the ongoing need for either regular or one-off gifts.

For those able to make contributions now, the best method is to send them direct to CYM.

Bank of Scotland
Christian Youth Ministries
Sort Code: **12-16-39**
Account Number: **00168040**
Reference **EBHS Chaplain**

Or contact me on: 07752921135
Capel Community Church
Days Road, Capel St. Mary, Ipswich IP9 2JW





GRANTS UPDATE

St Mary's Church, Tattingstone awarded grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund



The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church

Tattingstone in Suffolk has been awarded a grant of £232,000 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund towards its project of making the church more accessible to all.



Lyn Tomlinson, churchwarden, explained:

"This funding will allow the PCC to embark upon their long wished for project of installing a toilet and kitchenette, levelling the floors for easy access, and complete redecoration. St Mary's will become much more welcoming and accessible, benefitting worshippers, visitors, the local school and heritage groups."

St Mary's is a Grade 2* Listed church that stands in the middle of the village and dates back to the 1200s. When Constable visited Tattingstone he made sketches of St Mary's Church which are now in the Victoria & Albert Museum.

Lyn added: *"The building works are planned to commence at the end of July and be completed around December 2025."*

"Our project will continue into 2026 with various Local Heritage events. There will be exhibitions, 'Have a Go' workshops such as art based activities, research into local history, local heritage walks and wildlife tours. St Mary's would warmly welcome volunteers to assist with any of these activities."

"Funding for this project is made possible through the generosity of National Lottery players, who raise £30 million each week for good causes across the UK."

Linda Smalley, churchwarden added:

"We are excited for the future and the opportunities that the church's transformation will have, thanks to support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund and National Lottery players. New facilities and easier access will equip this beautiful historic church for a bright future and will help us enhance the warm welcome the building provides for regular and new visitors alike."





The Friends of St Mary's, Registered Charity
Number 286971

Another huge success for this June's Scarecrow Trail -



Jim Hill says:

This year the number of Scarecrows increased by 4 from last year's 43 up to 47, and I have to say that I think that the overall quality was as good as, if not better than, any previous year since I've been involved with the Trail



CHILD FRIENDLY WINNER

This year we only had four Children's entry forms returned for marking! Unfortunately none of them came close to being all correct so we decided not to give out the main prize of a bag of sweets but to award an "A" for Effort to all the children who completed their forms and handed them in, and give them all a small

bag of sweets each, and they were **Arlo, Sophie & Teddy, Freddie & Martha, and Megan.**

I am trying to fathom the reason why we had so few returned and have come up with the following possible reasons.

- There were too many names on the list (it was nearly as long as the Main List);
- The clues were too difficult for younger children (I was asked last year to include up to 11 year olds),;
- It was just too hot.

If anyone would like to make a comment on this I would be pleased to receive them

MAIN LIST WINNER

We had four 100% correct entries returned and they were from **Mark & Chloe Askew, Amy Lock, Sue Askew & Nathan Mills, and Tanya, Nasser, Ollie & Jacob De-Nijs.**

We put the four Forms into "the hat" and my neighbor Phil pulled out the De-Nijs Family, so the tin of sweets went to them (pic right) . Commiserations to the other three all correct entrants, and well done to everyone else who got all



the way round but didn't quite manage to connect all the clues to the correct Scarecrow. I know it was tough this year as there were three Minecraft Scarecrows, although I am told by those who know (not me) that there were sufficient physical clues on them to match them to the correct written clue.

There were also two Snowmen, but again anyone who had seen Olaf from "Frozen" singing "In Summer" (including me this time) should have been able to work that one out.

FAVOURITE SCARECROW

For a change it was obvious as soon as the entry forms started coming back that it was going to be a one horse race. The only other Scarecrow that got a slight look in was ***The Very Hungry Caterpillar*** at 2 Snowcroft with 17% of the vote, but the overwhelming winner with a whopping 70% of the vote was ***ET and Elliott with bike and soundtrack***, (pic top of page) at 144 The Street.

So for the second year running the Ramsell Family, Kate & Sam, children Sebastian, Philippa and Thomas, Sam's Mum Debbie and Kate's Dad Colin, win the tin of sweets (pic left).



There were lots of other excellent Scarecrows which I was really surprised didn't get any votes.

If you didn't manage to get round and see them all, I will be posting photos of all the Scarecrows with their clues on Facebook Capel St Mary Noticeboard so have a look and see what you missed.

Incidentally, Kate & Sam have told me that they will not be making a Scarecrow next year, so if there are any of you Scarecrow makers

out there who are feeling competitive, I know of at least a couple, now is your chance.

THANKS

particularly to everyone who made a Scarecrow, we hope you enjoyed making it and devising those sometimes torturous clues and those wonderful poetic clues (although not too many of the latter next year please as it's difficult to fit them on the entry form), and also to all those who braved the heat and took part in the Trail.

Thanks also to Drayton Insurance Services, Bypass Nurseries Garden Centre, and Capel Library for selling the Entry Forms, and to Capel Capers, Look Magazine, The Link, Capel St Mary, Copdock and Bentley Primary Schools, Facebook Capel St Mary Noticeboard and everyone else who puts up a poster, for their help in publicising The Trail.

Special thanks also to the team of stalwart volunteers for dispensing tea, coffee and cake on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, and to all the volunteers who made the cakes, buns and biscuits for us. ***Jim Hill***

And Jim identifies all the entries

	Address	Scarecrow Name
1	Anvil Cottage, London Road	Hard pressed for a tangy snack
2	Acorns, London Road	Help is on the way dear
3	22 White Horse Road	Some day I'm gonna be a real boy!
4	11 Long Perry	Pea shooters & slingshots he's been the star of The Beano since 1951
5	6 Homefield	You can't see me
6	11 Mowlands	Reach For The Sky
7	16 Mowlands	A man to look up to
8	1st Capel St Mary Brownies 2 White Horse Road	It's in here somewhere
9	13 Playfield Road	My friendly rival is a hedgehog
10	4 Bushey Close	Set Sail to The Garden, but which one?
11	5 Smithers Close	A Hardy alien with a nasty bite
12	11 Smithers Close	The Nether
13	1 Little Grove	no man
14	7 Chapel Close	I am a
15	Capel Library, The Street	A guest who came to tea and ate everything
16	11 The Street	What's your favourite Era?
17	Tudor House, 1a The Street	I have been here before
18	23 Barnfield	Let down your hair
19	16 Little Tufts, Samford Gardens	Wendy
20	9 Foxglove Road, Samford Gardens	I'm a zombie but not very slow, riding a chicken off I go, from Minecraft I come to play, can you find me today
21	29 Yarrow Close, Samford Gardens	Room for more
22	6 Glebe End	Definitely not Russell
23	7 Broom Way	Mix and match to change my face
24	12 Two Acres	Phishing
25	66 Thorney Road	Cleanliness is next to Godliness
26	3 Peters Grove	I'm sticking right here in the family tree
27	52 Thorney Road	Humpty Dumpty
28	2 Snowcroft	on Saturday he ate through
29	49 Thorney Road	He makes good chicken
30	30 Thorney Road	What's your favourite scary movie?
31	12 Aisthorpe	Odlaws Foe
32	17 Thorney Road	I Am The Way, The Truth and The Life!
33	87 The Street	CHEESE
34	Russets, Cedars Lane. Capel Beavers/Cubs/Scouts	so out of order I am
35	124 The Street	I love the sun, but the sun hates me!
36	1 Days Green	Scary looking
37	2 Roe Deer Drive, Saxon Meadow	Everything Is awesome
38	11 Roe Deer Drive, Saxon Meadow	Welcome to The Dollhouse
39	Cedars House, Mill Hill	Our Scarecrow is Wicked!
40	144 The Street	No phone signal here, not even on roam, so rely on your heart if you want to go home.
41	Orchard House, 138 The Street	A Fruit Machine???
42	Church Cottage, 134 The Street	Hansel and Gretel
43	Church Garden 2nd CSM Brownies	Harry Potter and the Magical Owls
44	Church Robin's Childcare	32 Windsor Gardens
45	Church Mo & Ondra	Rozzum unit 7134
46	Church St Mary's Prayer Group	Found in the bullrushes
47	Church Capel CEVC Primary School	YTNOM "he can move mountains"

Another brilliant social and fundraising event from Jim and Mo Hill!!

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ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD GETS NEW COMMONWEALTH GRAVE COMMEMORATING PRIVATE EDGAR PITTOCK 1884-1917



Paul Adams says: *"We were visited by a representative of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission who said that they planned to refurbish St Mary's only war grave - that of Edgar Pittock."*

"However, Mel and I noticed recently that a totally new stone has been fitted and it looks terrific."

Paul pointed the [LINK](#) in the direction of Capel St Mary Memorial Website where we learnt about the soldier who lies in our churchyard.



Edgar was the son of Joseph Haste Pittock and Harriet Pittock and the husband of Agness Miles who he married in 1911 and lived in the street Capel St Mary Suffolk, Edgar was one of ten children all born in Capel St Mary.

Edgar's siblings were Charlotte born 1866, George born 1867, Ada born 1869, Alice born 1872, William born 1873, Arthur born 1875, Deborah born 1877, Alfred born 1879, Matilda born 1882, and Edgar himself born 1884. They were all educated in Capel School. After leaving school Edgar started work as a gardener and went on to become a gamekeeper prior to joining the Army.

Full military funeral comes to Capel

Edgar had enlisted in the Suffolk Regiment in July 1915 after a very enthusiastic recruiting meeting in the village. After basic training he was posted to 1st/4th Battalion of the Suffolk's and went to France with his Regiment on 18 January 1916, he was wounded by shrapnel in July and after two months in hospital in France he returned to the trenches where he contracted Pleurisy and Pneumonia and was brought back to England, on January 27th 1917. Tuberculosis set in and he died on May 11th at Ford Military Hospital Devonport.

As he had died in Ford Military Hospital Devonport from disease contracted on active service Edgar was given a full military funeral with honours. His body was carried from the hospital on a gun carriage accompanied by a military band to Plymouth station and brought by train to Capel St Mary station a firing party of the 6th Cyclists Battalion attended the procession to the grave, where three volleys were fired and the Last Post sounded, at the school the flag was flown at half-mast and the children stood outside at the salute as the cortege passed.

Edgar was posthumously awarded: The British War Medal 1914-1918 and The Victory Medal 1914 - 1919

If you look closely at the memorial you will see the Suffolk Regiment's logo and motto:



THE SUFFOLK REGIMENT

The crest of the Suffolk Regiment is a Castle and Key with the motto *Montis Insignia Calpe* underneath. The honour was given to the Regiment for the distinguished part it took in the siege of Gibraltar, 1779-83.

Montis Insignia Calpe means *The Arms of Mount Calpe*, Mount Calpe being the old Roman name for Gibraltar.

The motto of the Regiment is *Stabilis*. This means 'to stand firm' or 'steady'.



Amazing Birds No.1



Whilst visiting Grimsey Island (north of Iceland and in the Arctic Circle) this June, Chrissie Hart captured a super shot of an arctic tern landing amongst the buttercups.





New Dawn India is one of St Mary's allocated charities for 2025.

*Carolyn Love gives news of a Craft Day -
Saturday 12 July @ Methodist Church*



We Just Create

Are you feeling the weight of everyday life and in need of a refreshing, creative escape?

If so, mark your calendars for a rejuvenating experience at the first-ever **We just create** all-day event.

This unique gathering is designed to help you unwind, connect with a vibrant community, and support a worthy cause—all in one



Event Details:

- **Date & Time:** Saturday, July 12th, from 10 am to 4:30 pm
- **Location:** Capel St Mary Methodist Church, IP9 2EF
- **Cost:** £30 (All proceeds go to the children's charity 'New Dawn India')

Join us for a day filled with creative exploration and community spirit. Engage in guided workshops such as:

- **Mixed Media Art Journaling:** Dive into a world of textures and colours as you create your own art journal page.



All materials are provided, ensuring you can fully immerse yourself in the creative process without any hassle.



This event is not just about creating art—it's about joining a playful, supportive tribe of like-minded individuals, all while contributing to a meaningful cause.

So, take a break from the routine, unleash your creativity, and make a difference.



Enjoy complimentary tea and coffee throughout the day to keep your creative juices flowing.

While lunch isn't provided, you're welcome to bring your own or explore nearby shops for a quick bite.



- **Jewellery Making:** Craft beautiful pieces to express your personal style.
- **Mini Book Making:** Learn the art of assembling delightful mini books,
- **Sewing Felt Bookmarks:** Embrace the calming art of slow stitching by creating an adorable felt animal bookmark. Perfect for gifts or personal use.

For more details or to secure your spot, reach out to Rozy at rozywalker@outlook.com or visit www.rozywalker.com

We look forward to creating with you!





BRIDGET JONES
MAD ABOUT THE BOY



Tuesday 15th July 2025 at Capel Library

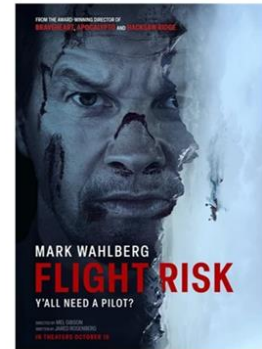
Doors Open: 7pm, Film Starts: 7.30pm

Tickets in advance: £4.50 members, £5 non-members

On the door: £5.50

Fully Licensed Bar & Air Conditioning

Latest movies showing at our
local cinema



Tuesday 19th August 2025 at Capel Library

Doors Open: 7pm, Film Starts: 7.30pm

Tickets in advance: £4.50 members, £5 non-members

On the door: £5.50

Fully Licensed Bar & Air Conditioning



COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS CAFÉ

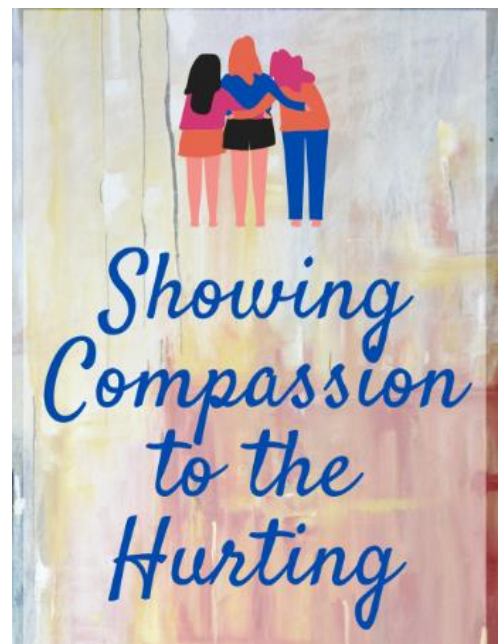
At St Mary's Church Hall has its next
meeting on Monday 21
July @ 2.00pm

Rev Sally says:

Our compassionate café has
become the in-place to
share our stories with each
other, with people who

understand what it means to lose someone you love.

There is much chatting, laughter, reminiscing and
cake enjoyed by all. The café enables us to help each other - and build a community
together.



**The next Café is on 21 July at 2.00pm. Do come and bring a friend.
You will leave feeling better! Rev Sally x**



St. Mary's Church, Capel St. Mary



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**Monday & Tuesday
28th & 29th July
10am - 3pm**

**St. Mary's
Church Hall,
Capel St. Mary**

Email: sallyjletman@gmail.com





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& Chattitude present


Music for a Summer Evening
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Therese Miller - Piano
Rebecca Welham - Cello

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ST NICHOLAS CHURCH
HINTLESHAM

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CHILDREN UNDER 12 £5
INCLUDES LIGHT REFRESMENTS AND A
GLASS OF WINE/SOFT DRINK

Tickets available from Eventbrite
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pjhollis20@gmail.com
Diane Chase 652 359
r.d.chase@uwclub.net



With thanks to Peter Hollis





Wing Walk 23 August 2025

By Griff Johns at Headcorn Aerodrome Kent

To Raise £1,000




CAPEL SEPTUAGENARIAN

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*Griff Johns to take to
the sky in aid of St
Elizabeth Hospice.*

In Aid of St Elizabeth Hospice Ipswich
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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SHOW AT WINDSOR & KEW



Lyn Says:

Hello all - many of you joined us in 2024 on our Christmas Light Show to Windsor & Windsor Great Park.

this year we are deviating a bit and going firstly to Windsor, which I think you all enjoyed, and then on to Kew Gardens Christmas Light Show.

It's been challenging finding a date at Kew where tickets were available alongside accommodating a coach and when prices were not sky high. So, we have arranged for

Tuesday 18 November leaving Tattingstone at 9 am.

We will transfer from Windsor to Kew Gardens in time for a 17.40pm entry and intend to leave between 7.30 and 8 pm.

I'm afraid that costs have risen again so we will need to charge £60 pp and would ask for a non-refundable deposit of £30 pp to secure your place and the balance due in October. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis.

If you would like to reserve a place could you reply email to both Linda and myself please. Your deposit can be made by bank transfer or a cheque send to Linda - details below.

I hope to see you in November if not before. All best wishes. Lyn

Bank transfer to:
Tattingstone PCC
Sort code: 09.01.51
A/C: 12586708

or Cheques made payable to Tattingstone PCC and sent to:
Linda Smalley
Highfield House, Tattingstone, IP92NJ

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VIEWPOINT

Marcus Walker says: "It's time to save the parishes"

Saturday's General Synod set to discuss crucial funding question for parishes

Let me explain the situation. Back in 1997 the Church Commissioners faced potential insolvency with £3.48 billion assets against £2.2billion pension liabilities.

The settlement transferred future clergy pension obligations to dioceses via the Church of England Funded Pension Scheme.

In short the parishes (and dioceses) bailed out the Church Commissioners and by 2020, the Commissioners' funds had grown to £9.05 billion against reduced liabilities of £1.48billion. Five years later, they now stand at a whopping £11.1 billion. The Commissioners' crisis is well and truly over.



The same cannot be said of dioceses and parishes.

Official Church figures reveal a devastating picture: 83% of dioceses are running deficits totalling £62 million in 2024, forcing parishes to sell clergy housing, create "mega-parishes" where single priests serve 10+churches, and extend vacancy periods that accelerate decline. ***Nearly 300 parish churches closed between 2016-2021, with 300 more planned.***

There is an obvious solution to this and we, in the *Save the Parish*, have been collaborating with a number of bishops and diocesan secretaries - and negotiating with the national church and the Church Commissioners - to work out a new financial settlement that could, if implemented, reverse so much of the decline of the last thirty years.

What is the plan?

To bring in a Measure (a church law, with power of statute) allocating 1% of the Church Commissioners' endowment annually - out of its distributable income (so we're not dipping into the actual endowment) - to Diocesan Stipends Funds.

This would mean an extra £110 million (at this year's value) available to fund clergy stipends, salaries, and pensions.

At a stroke this would erase diocesan deficits, allowing dioceses to get back to healthy growth, and would not allow them to blow the money on wasteful central schemes.

So what is happening?

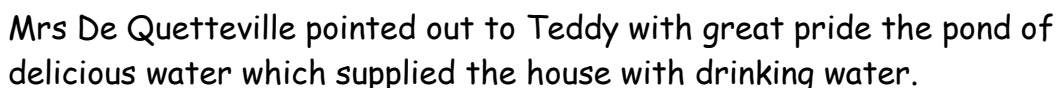
Next Saturday (12 July), the Bishops of Hereford and Bath and Wells are moving a motion (which was originally planned to be debated in February, before the next three years'



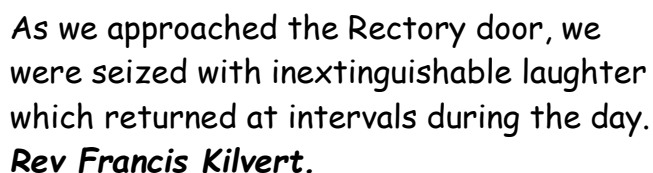
What made Rev Francis Kilvert dissolve with laughter?

St Michael's Parsonage, Clyro, Radnorshire, 1872

Perch and I went to spend the day at Brinkworth Rectory with the De Quettevilles.



At that moment, as she was assuring him that the water was perfectly pure, a large eel (newt) rose to the surface and stared at them while water spiders and amphibious beetles rowed about the pond.





PRAYER LIST FOR 13 JULY 2025

We pray for all the conflicts in the world. Also we continue to pray for David Jacobs, still bravely travelling to Ukraine.

Continued prayer support please for Philip Morphy, the East Bergholt school chaplain,

LONG-TERM SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Samantha Streatfield, Pat Gladwin,
Becky Carpendale, Rachel Martin,

SICK

Kevin Austrin, Zoe and family, Shirley Streatfield,
Penny & David Thompson, Rev Stephne.

Sandy Mansfield, Geoff Cox, Pauline Stark, Andrew Skinner, Molly Johansen, Barbara Rogers,

Doreen Parker, Eric Doe, Malcolm & Chris Fenn, Jane Hubert, Brenda Green, Angie Heath.

FOR THOSE MAKING A RECOVERY

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Please contact Hille at hillepearz@gmail.com

If people have made a recovery

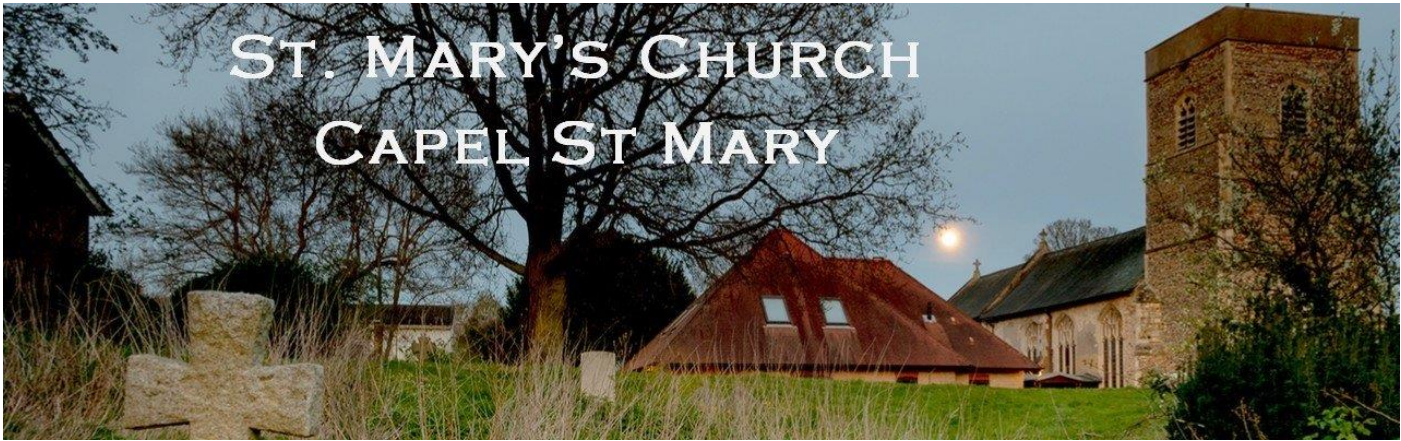


St Mary's Hall Bookings with thanks to Valerie Franklin.

JULY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12.00-15.00 Ladies Meeting Point Lunch 18.00-19.00 Rainbows	2 10.00 – Midweek Communion 4.45 – 21.00 Street Dance	3 9.30 – 10.30 Pilates	4	5
6 Trinity 3 Communion Sally/Adrian	7 10.00-12.30 Art Club 14.00 PCC Meeting 18.15-19.45 Brownies	8 18.00-19.00 Rainbows	9 10.00 – Midweek Communion 4.45 – 21.00 Street Dance	10 9.30 – 10.30 Pilates	11	12
13 Trinity 4 Communion Sally Irish Set Dancing 2.30-5.30	14 10.00-12.30 Art Club	15 12.30 Lunch Club	16 10.00 – Midweek Communion 4.45 – 21.00 Street Dance	17 9.30 – 10.30 Pilates	18	19
20 Trinity 5 All-Age worship + baptism Christening in hall 12-5	21 14.00 Compassionate Cafe	22	23 10.00 – Midweek Communion 4.45 – 21.00 Street Dance	24 9.30 – 10.30 Pilates	25	26
27 Trinity 6 Communion Sally	28 10.00 – 15.00 Spud Club	29 10.00 – 15.00 Spud Club	30 10.00 – Midweek Communion	31 9.30 – 10.30 Pilates		





ST MARY'S CHURCH EVENTS JULY to AUGUST 2025

DATE	TITLE
Sunday, 31 August 2025, 12.30pm	St Mary's Church Barbeque
Tuesday, 19 August 2025, 12.30pm	Luncheon Club
Tuesday, 29 July 2025, 10.00am	Spud Club Summer Activity
Monday, 28 July 2025, 10.00am	Spud Club Summer Activity
Tuesday, 22 July 2025, 7.00pm	Benefice Growing in God Mission Plan meeting no.4
Monday, 21 July 2025, 2.00pm	Compassionate Cafe
Thursday, 17 July 2025, 10.00am	Safeguarding Leadership Course
Tuesday, 15 July 2025, 7.00pm	Benefice Growing in God Mission Plan meeting no.3
Tuesday, 15 July 2025, 12.30pm	Luncheon Club





I bought a second hand
time machine next
Sunday.

They don't make them like
they're going to anymore.



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The Peartees spotted this poster in
Aberdeen.
An under-cover Christian perhaps?

He must run a fish'n'chip shop!

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When you go downstairs for a snack at 3.00am and smack your knee on the coffee table



Its really cool to live in the UK right now because its like the collapse of the Roman Empire but with Wi-Fi...





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