



October 2018

# Together in Wotton

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*Christians worshipping & working together in Wotton under Edge*

October. Traditionally the time to celebrate Harvest Home. Living in Wotton we are privileged to be connected to the farms and fields; we see the sun-scorched grass return to green shoots with the coming of rain. We see and hear - and get stuck behind! - tractors and trailers as they bring in the harvest.

It is a time to be thankful.

## ***Thankful people, come...***

### **Harvest Festivals in Wotton**

**Oliver Memorial Chapel, Synwell:** Sunday 7 October both at 10.15am and again in the evening at 6.00pm.

**Wotton United Church:** Sunday 7 October at 10.15am.

We are basing the harvest service in part on worship material from Christian Aid. We propose to have a retiring collection for Christian Aid and request that folk bring to the service gifts for the Food Bank.

**St Mary's:** Harvest in St. Mary's is also Sunday 7th October at 10.15am.

This will be a Family Communion where food for Food Bank can be donated (any perishable items will be sold after the service). The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch – all welcome.

In the evening there is Harvest Evensong starting at 6pm

**The Chapel of Ease in Tresham** are hosting their Harvest Holy Communion at 11am on Sunday 7 October .

**Blue Coat School Harvest Festival** St Mary's, Friday 12 October at 1.30pm

**St. Martin's in North Nibley** will be hosting their Harvest Family Service at 9.30am on 14 October.

**St. Kenelm's in Alderley** will be hosting their Harvest Family Communion at 11am on Sunday 21 October.



# Alpha starts this September in Wotton



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"It's rare to find a time and place to think and talk about the big questions of life."

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## Remembrance



Although Remembrance Sunday is in November, the churches are planning ahead. All the town's primary and junior school children, as well as Little Church, will be visiting St Mary's on 5 & 6 November to 'Experience Remembrance'. They will see why we use poppies rather than other flowers, why we remember, how the world looks now ... more details next month.

**PLUS** – does anyone still have the wooden cross sent to you in the post by the British Legion and not intend to use it? (You can still make a donation if you wish.) If so, please could you give it to Sue Marsland or Sue Plant or leave it in the Parish Office. In WW1 there were 114 men from Wotton who lost their lives and Sue P wants to put their

names on the crosses and display them in St. Mary's.

Meanwhile, having begged about 5000 knitted, crocheted and sewn poppies, it is time to affix them all to netting. Although there are organised 'Sewing Bees' at 10.30am on Mondays and Fridays, the netting and poppies are left out in the church, and you are invited to pop down at any time (well, unless there is a Service in progress), armed with darning needles and scissors, to lend a hand.

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### We've got no Vicar! On the contrary ...

With Rob and Christine Axford retired from the Benefice, we are now officially in "vacancy". However, we have an amazing team of clergy who will be filling in, taking additional services, providing pastoral care, being there should anyone need help. Rev'd Morag Langley, Rev'd Peter Marsh, Rev'd Canon Iain and Rev'd John Evans are available by contacting the Parish Office – 842175 or [wotvicsec@btconnect.com](mailto:wotvicsec@btconnect.com)

Alongside the ministry team, our churchwardens are responsible for the running of the churches – Churchwardens for St. Mary's – Jackie Excell & Alan Bell; St. Martin's North Nibley – Wynne Holcombe; St. Kenelm's, Alderley – Kay Pettifer; The Chapel of Ease, Tresham – Susan Whitfield. They too can be contacted through the parish office: - 842175 or [wotvicsec@btconnect.com](mailto:wotvicsec@btconnect.com)

*Kate Cropper*

## Praying for the Churches

In October we are asked to remember especially in our prayers, the Anglican Church of St Mary the Virgin.

This is particularly pertinent in this time when there is a vacancy for a new priest and there is more work for the remaining Ministry team and for the Churchwardens.

It will also be a time of change for Kate Cropper, the Church Secretary, and indeed for all the members of the Church and we pray that the right candidate will come forward to take on the lead role.



### Quaker Week - 30 September – 7 October

Wotton Quakers would like to invite you to the following events:

A meeting for worship for enquirers  
Sunday 30 September 10.30am – 11.30 am  
The Chipping Clubroom, Wotton-under-Edge

A chance to experience Quaker worship and to find out more about the Quaker movement.

All welcome.

An Evening of Circle Dance  
Sunday 7 October 7pm – 9pm  
Under The Edge Arts, Wotton-under-Edge

An opportunity to enjoy a selection of meditative circle dances. No experience needed. Dances are simple and taught beforehand. No partner needed.

All Welcome to this Free Event.

### Children Together in Wotton

The next 'Our Stories' will be 14 October, 4 - 5.45pm at the United Church.

If you know anyone with a child who is 6 – 11 years of age then please recommend us to them. We meet once a month. Contact me, Jane Gray-Wallis 07855 535717

# COME AND SING

## WHAT

# Mozart Requiem and Vivaldi Gloria

## CONDUCTOR

Eddie Garrard

## WHEN

Saturday 6th October 2018  
Rehearsal: 2.30pm - 5.30pm  
Concert: 7pm

## WHERE

St Mary's Church,  
Wotton-under-Edge

Culverhay, GL12 7LS

*Music copies: please bring your own. Mozart: Novello,  
Vivaldi: Ricordi, or there will be copies to borrow on the day.*



## HOW MUCH

To sing : £10

Pay on the day

Free concert

## IN AID OF

St Mary's Reordering Project

## REFRESHMENTS

Tea, coffee and cake  
provided at the rehearsal.

Interval drinks for sale at  
the concert

## TO BOOK A PLACE

Email:

[anna\\_yarker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anna_yarker@hotmail.co.uk)

Call Eddie Garrard:

07789777008

## ALL SINGERS WELCOME



## **United Ramblers Monday 1 October**

Leave United Church at 10 am to park in Charfield Village Hall car park.

5.25 mile walk, mainly flat along farm lanes, fields and quiet country roads, taking in Pool Farm, Underwood, Michaelwood Lodge, Swinhay and Watsome Farms. 3 stiles.

As none of the pubs in Charfield offer food on Mondays, lunch will be at *The Royal Oak* in Wotton.

You will need to pre-order your food and give your choices to Alan on the day or e-mail Babs (pearnbabs@hotmail.com) with your decisions. (The lunch menu can be viewed on *The Royal Oak* Wotton-Under-Edge website)

\*\*\* If you prefer to go directly to Charfield Village Hall, then please send your menu selection to Babs before Monday 1st Oct.

Leader : Alan Pearn  
(01454 260649)



## **Messy Church & Pets!**

Saturday 13 October  
9.30am at St Mary's

Breakfast, activities and worship for all ages

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