

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

July 2025

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Josh Stenner, the Littlemore Curate, is to be priested on Sunday next (29th) at St Mary Kidlington at 3.00 pm. The service is open to all who may be interested to go; no need for a ticket.

GREEN FESTIVAL

in St Andrew's Church 12th and 13th July

The church will be open on Saturday from about 10.0 till 7.0 with displays of flowers and poetry about creation and the environment, and on Sunday there will be the

PARISH COMMUNION at 10.0 a.m.

and at

6.30 p.m. on Sunday

CHORAL EVENSONG

with the Green Sermon on the Environment.



DONATIONS NEEDED

UNUSED GIFTS, ALCOHOL, GROCERIES, RAFFLE PRIZES AND HOME BAKED CAKES FOR THE DAY

Drop off to our stall at the Saturday Market each week before the event.

For cake donations please provide a note of ingredients used for food safety purposes.



Thursday July 17th 6 - 7.30 pm
Historic Sandford: talk, and share impressions over a glass of something cool
with local historian Liz Shatford

AFTERNOON TEAS

in the Village Hall
on the first
Wednesday of
the month

NEXT ONE:
2nd July 2.0 – 4.0

Cost £4. Join us
by booking at
pruereynolds96
@
gmail.com

CHURCH RAFFLE

Liz and Prue will be (wo)manning
the Raffle stall at the Fete
on the 12th July from 1.0 – 5.0.

If anyone else would be able to do an hour or so, sitting in the sun, watching the world, and writing the occasional ticket, they would be extremely welcome,

and tickets are currently available from John Findon.

Summer Yoga with Jo on Sandford Village Green.

Mondays 18.30 – 19.30: an hour of friendly, fun flow yoga suitable for all levels. Please bring a mat, wear comfortable clothing and feel free to contact jozaremba99@gmail.com with any questions! Note – no class when it rains (!) or on 30th June and 4th August.

The Summer edition of the Link

is now out – if you live outside the village and don't have a copy delivered to you you can pick one up in church or read it online on the excellent church website: sandfordchurch.org.uk

SUNDAYS in July 2025 Year C

Sunday 6th July Trinity 3 Proper 9

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

2 Kings 5.1-14 *The Syrian General Naaman is healed of his leprosy by Elisha.*

Or Isaiah 66.10-14 *The prophet tells us to rejoice with Jerusalem if we love her, despite our grief. Things will get better. God is like a mother.*

Galatians 6.1-16 *Restore the fallen with gentleness. Bear one another's burdens. Share your good things with your teacher. Be good and don't worry about unnecessary rituals. Jesus who was crucified is our point of reference, bringing a new creation.*

Luke 10.1-20 *Jesus sends out 70 missionaries. We need more, so pray. They (we) are to tell people about God who is near. They return joyful at some success. Jesus has a vision of evil being overcome. Rejoice!*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 13th July Trinity 4 Proper 10

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.

Amos 7.7-17 *The prophet warns of disaster ahead. The religious establishment want rid of him. (It turned out he was right – shortly after this row the Assyrians wiped out 10 of the 12 tribes of Israel, the Northern kingdom).*

Or Deuteronomy 30.9-14 *Moses promises the people prosperity if they live in accord with God's word and commands.*

Colossians 1.1-14 *Paul and his editor (and expander?) greet a new congregation near Ephesus and tells them how to grow. God has rescued us from the power of darkness, transplanting us into the kingdom of his Son, in whom we are put right.*

Luke 10.25-37 *In reply to the question 'who is my neighbour that I should love?' Jesus tells the parable of the good foreigner, and tells us to go and do likewise – help the person we see in need.*

6.30 p.m. FESTIVAL EVENSONG with Green sermon on the environment

Sunday 20th July Trinity 5 Proper 11

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Amos 8.1-12 *A prophecy of doom, because society is unjust – the wealthy are greedy and dishonest. There will be a famine – a loss of hearing the words of the Lord, and so moral chaos and ignorance.*

Or Genesis 18.1-10 *Abraham is visited by God in the shape of 3 men. He feeds them. They say the elderly Sarah will bear a son.*

Colossians 1.15-28 *A hymn about Christ who embraces the world as the head of the world body. We are reconciled.*

Luke 10.38-42 *Martha cooks for Jesus and Mary just listens to his teaching. A familiar division of labour.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 27th July Trinity 6 Proper 12

Hosea 1.2-10 *The prophet marries a prostitute to illustrate God's love and Israel's bad behaviour. But God's promise will be fulfilled world-wide (as Paul discusses in Romans 9.25-26 – when non-Jews also will become his children).*

Or Genesis 18.20-32 *Abraham argues with God, persuading him not to destroy Sodom. But read on – chapter 19 not so good..*

Colossians 2.6-19 *Live as Christians, rooted in Christ, and full of thankfulness. Avoid silly philosophies and unnecessary rituals.*

Luke 11.1-13 *Jesus teaches us to pray the Lord's Prayer (Luke's version is shorter than Matthew 6 – and ours). He tells a story to show us we must keep at it. God wants to help us. Don't be afraid to ask, seek, knock. We know how God is and what he wants for us - the best. Including his Holy Spirit.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Among the many we know who need our prayers, please especially keep in mind
Rhona Bunce, Gwen Beaver, Jennie Tinson, Carole Grant-Garwood and Ruth Tuckwell,
and also **John Bardwell** and the staff and other residents of Vale House.

Josh Stenner

of Littlemore church, to be priested this Sunday (29th) at St Mary's church, Kidlington at 3.0 p.m.

Philippa (Quested) and Dominic
to be married here in church on July 19th