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Weekday Services

Wednesday - 9.30am, Zoom Daily Prayer - 10.15am, Holy Communion, Turville

Emergencies:

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Sometimes it can feel as if August is an inbetween month – a pause in our usual activities, a liminal space; but it is also a place where transition happens, for God

is always at work. It is where our Year Six children become ready to go to Secondary School and our young people emerge as adults, loaded with new kettles and mugs to head off to university or that new job.

But it is not only the young who go through these times of transition, we too are ever evolving in the Augusts of our lives, even through our joys and our sorrows. We are always growing and evolving: always moving towards becoming the best versions of ourselves, remembering that God sees us as we could be, but loves us just as we are.

This August in the Hambleden Valley we are in one of those in-between places, a place of transition as Revd Sue Lepp prepares to move on and we prepare to welcome Revd Andy Storch as our new priest-in-charge. I know we will be holding them both deeply in our prayers as they do their own transitioning.

Looking at the magnificent ancient wooden boards or records in our churches that list the priests - some dating from the 13th century - we see how times of transition and change have led to our becoming who we are today as a Group of Churches, we sense how our old stone churches have absorbed prayers for past, present and future parishioners in their - and our becoming people of God.

I had the privilege of spending time with Year Six children at Frieth and Danesfield in preparation for their going to new schools; they shared honestly their hopes and concerns about moving to secondary school. I assured them that they would not be doing this on their own, that we in the Valley would be praying for them and that, above all, God would be with them.

As we continue to grow as people of God in this August season, may we remember too that we do not do this alone. God is always with us.

Revd Sue Morton

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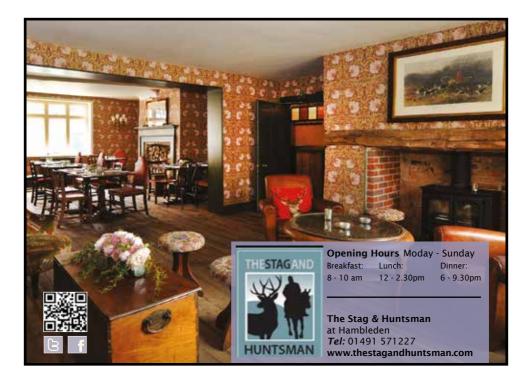
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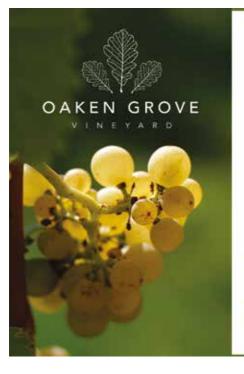
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GROUP NOTES AND NEWS

Announcement of new Priest-in-Charge

Dear Friends,

It is a great pleasure to share the following announcement:

New Priest in Charge for the Hambleden Valley Benefice

Announcement from Revd Andy Storch for Sunday 16 July 2023:

"It was with great joy that I was able to accept the offer of the appointment to Priest-in-Charge of Hambleden Valley. My calling to Rural Ministry goes back to 2015 and Hambleden Valley has beckoned through all my years as an ordained minister. I loved every minute of my time in the Valley in September 2022, joining in the excellent work going on in the churches and meeting so many wonderful people. It was a privilege to continue ministry there this Spring, covering for Sue Morton, and after the testing interview process, I was over the moon to be the preferred candidate. My wife Janice and I have already received a warm valley welcome and we look forward to moving in."

We look forward to welcoming Andy & Janice to the Hambleden Valley!

With our prayers,

Revd Sue Lepp & Revd Sue Morton

The Revd Sue Lepp Is Moving On!

HER LAST SERVICE:

10am, 3rd September in Hambleden

There will be a PARTY afterwards in HAMBLEDEN VILLAGE HALL, with refreshments,

For all the ALL THE VALLEY CONGREGATIONS AND VILLAGERS, to thank her, and to wish her well in her new post.

Jill Steward

Chilean friend comes to Medmenham



Pastor Benja, visiting from Chile, along with Christine and Evelyn at Hambleden Church Teas

The Hambleden Valley Group services gather together congregations from across the six churches, but 7000 miles is quite a way to travel to join one. For our service in Medmenham on Sunday 2nd July we were honoured to host the Chilean pastor Benjamin Curin, introduced to us by Reverend Sue Morton. She had met Benja during her sabbatical to South America this spring and, much to the congregations' delight, brough him to speak at the group service.

This Sunday celebrated the feast days of St Peter and St Paul, so it was fitting we gathered in Medmenham's church named for both saints. The Reverend Sue Lepp drew attention to the red colours in the church, used to mark the Saints' days, and which lent a joyful note to this special service.

Rev Sue Morton introduced Pastor Benja - a missionary with Latin Link and the founder of the Jesus el Camino (Jesus is the Way) church in Temuco, central Chile.



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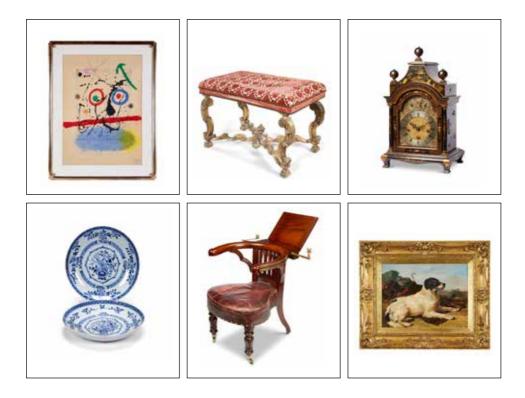
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He is visiting supporters in the UK to strengthen the ties between the Anglican communion and Latin Link and those who pray for him and his English wife, Ruth, and to gather financial support for the mission.

In an interview that Rev Sue Morton suggested felt like being on the BBC Breakfast sofa, Pastor Benja was asked about how he came to his faith and the challenges of 'planting' a church in his particular region of Chile. He explained his endeavours were originally met with suspicion as the locals were used to the sort of churches where 'the more money you give, the more blessings you get'. They have been surprised to learn that Benja's approach is more faithful to the gospel of service.

Pastor Benja's sense of humour was evident as he described coming to Christ in his twenties after years of doing 'silly things'. He said he simply read the Bible and there discovered the living God. This had such a profound effect that he decided to devote his life to encouraging others. He'd been approached by the Bishop to start a church as his talent for organising groups had been recognised. He drew much laughter as he described this talent being previously used to gather people for 'football' or 'fights'.

Rev Sue Morton asked if he had any words of encouragement for this congregation in Medmenham and he reminded us the Bible is the living word of God, meaning He is with us all the time. Pastor Benja observed simply, "Jesus is awesome!' and all we have to do is share the Good News of Christ. He brought great joy to the congregation here and we hope and pray that the Jesus el Camino church will flourish under his leadership.

Chilean Evening



Thank you so much for the support you gave us for my sabbatical in Chile, both in your prayers and your interest in our journey. It made a huge difference to me to go with your love and prayers.



I also wanted to thank you for your considerable support for the Jesus el Camino (Jesus is the Way) Church in Temuco - central Chile - where Mark and I spent some time with Benja and Ruth who lead this small Anglican Church plant. At the Chilean Evening, held at the Barn in



Victoria Whittley

Turville in June, with kind permission of Chris and Catherine Rogers and with the help of some very kind Hambleden Valley people, we were able to share flavours of Chile in food, wine, culture and more.

One of our local prayer supporters for my sabbatical, Paddy Gallaugher, wrote a report on the evening which began: 'It was the allure of appetising savouries and the aroma of freshly baked Empanadas that captured my attention. Spicy peanuts coupled with a sparkling cocktail called Pisco Sour had a mystical quality that made me curious to know more about their Chilean origins and the creative people who concocted such unusual flavours'. **

With your generous donations from the Medmenham Church service (please see Victoria's article) and the Chilean Evening, the people of the Hambleden Valley gave support in excess of £800 to the Jesus el Camino Church, in addition to our prayers, and Benja and Ruth send their heartfelt thanks.

Sue and Mark Morton

**Please do get in touch if you'd like to read Paddy's report in full



Wild White-Water Rafting

Living in such a beautiful place we are not only fortunate to have the dense woods and rolling green hills but also the wonderful Thames running alongside the Hambleden Valley. The Thames being the location for our latest Wild Church and some Wild White-Water Rafting. A short walk down from the carpark enabled us to collect a few more sticks in preparation for what was to come later. Once everyone



had settled by the river, we were able to begin the service.

After filling the air with a glorious hymn led by the Wild Church Choir the Reverend Sue Morton continued the service with a period of silence and reflection using the river as a guide. Looking up the river, watching the flow of the water coming towards us, we offered to God all that has come our way in life, our regrets and all those things that were not life-giving. Looking down the river at what has past and has been washed by the water of God's love and then in front of you as to what is here and now. This was followed by prayers of thanks.



Then it was time to create our whitewater rafts using a selection of wild

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materials and string. Everyone had great fun constructing their rafts in a variety of different ways. There were long ones, short ones, big ones, tall ones, some with sails and even ones with outriggers. Once constructed a crew could then be made out of grapes and cocktail sticks. Thanks to some permanent pens many of the crews had big smiles ahead of their journey on the Thames but a few had more nervous looking faces! The final touch to the rafts was writing prayers onto leaves for whoever might find the boats. These varied from love, peace and hope to being thankful for God's world such as the animals and sharks.

Upon completion, with the trusted crew in place and thoughtful prayers written, the rafts were ready for launch. Carefully the rafts were placed out on the river with much anticipation as to whether they would float and how far they would go down the river. After a slight detangling from the low hanging trees and getting past some very interested ducks, the rafts floated off down the Thames taking their prayers out into the world.

We were gathered back together by the Wild Church Choir singing another glorious hymn and finishing up with prayers and a very delicious selection of cakes!



Thanks to the Medmenham Parish Council for letting us hold this on the bank of river, Tim for the use of his field for parking and Reverend

Sue Morton and all other volunteers involved for running and organising another wonderful Wild Church. We pray that the water of God's Love continues to flow through the Hambleden Valley.

Samantha Hill Next Wild Church: <u>Sunday 10th September</u> at 3pm

More details to follow - Do join us!

The Wild Church Team

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WILDLIFE

Frieth Natural History Society

Frieth Natural History Society do not organise a meeting in August. Traditionally we find that most of our members are either away on holiday or enjoying the many outdoor events which this area has to offer. However, if you feel in need of a dose of wildlife, why not visit a local nature reserve or one of our nearby beauty spots? Send us a picture or tell us about what you discover. We look forward to meeting again in September.

Contact details remain, Mary 01494 881501, Andy 01494 881586, FNHS2023@gmail.com

Mary Webb

In praise of the great green bushcricket (*Tettigonia viridissima*)

I am involved with Chalk Grassland Rapid Habitat Assessments on various Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) around the Chilterns. Teams of us traverse in lines across beautiful grasslands abundant with wild flowers and insect life, stopping every thirty paces to record the flora in a meter square section. Sometimes our spot lands right in a patch of thorny scrub or dogwood but everything we can or cannot see is still recorded. First, we note the overall structure and any negative indicators; the percentage of bare soil, height of sward, good and less welcome grass, creeping thistle, nettle, bramble, dogwood or other

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scrub. Negative only if they're becoming too dominant from a dearth of large herbivores passing by keeping everything in balance. Next, it's flowers and if we are lucky, they are in bloom and obvious. If not, we have to search for evidence of the target species from leaves alone or perhaps seedheads. We record orchids, bird's foot trefoil, rock rose, horseshoe and kidney vetch, cowslips, primroses, scabious, knapweed, hairy violets, wild thyme, marjoram, gentians, carline thistle, candutuft and others. We aim to survey around sixty squares per day and these annual snapshots help with conservation and management of the sites to the benefit of our precious pollinators so critical to a successful ecosystem. The definition of ecosystem is a biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment. Enough back story and to my subject this month, a great green bushcricket surprised us at Butler's Hangings last week. They are sizeable creatures



up to 7cms long and are beautifully camouflaged, being bright green all over aside from a rusty coloured stripe running down their backs. They feed on caterpillars, flies and other insects. The males remain pretty much undetectable even when they strike up a very loud racket by rubbing their forewings together; a sound the females find irresistible. After mating, the females lay eggs via their lengthy ovipositors into soil. The eggs lie dormant over their first winter and begin to develop at the initial signs of spring. They spend a second winter as eggs and sometimes even further winters, a process known as diapause, until climatic conditions are perfect and one April, they hatch and morph into nymphs. By June they are adults and these impressive crickets are perhaps heard but less often spotted on grasslands, meadows and even gardens near you from June to October.

Sarah Ronan

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The 2023 West Wycombe Chamber Music Festival at Hambleden

The West Wycombe Chamber Music Festival was established twelve years ago by the internationally acclaimed viola player Lawrence Power. Lawrence was born and brought up in High Wycombe and is now recognised as a performer of the very highest calibre in the music world.

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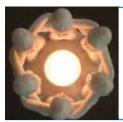
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Holy Matrimony

| June 17 | Daniel Cridland and Lucy Morgan |
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| June 17 | Richard Brennan and Cicely Milsom |
| June 23 | Charles Adcock and Imogen Orr |

Rest in Peace

| June 26 | Mary David | Burial, Fingest |
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| June 27 | Lynda Welch | Thanksgiving Service and Burial of Ashes, Frieth |
| July 3 | Keith Thompson | Funeral and Burial, Medmenham |
| July 4 | Rosemary Randall | Burial of Ashes, Hambleden |
| July 7 | Henry Were | Thanksgiving Service, Turville |
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Pattern of Worship August 2023

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| | Fawley | Fingest | Frieth | Hambleden | Medmenham | Turville |
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| | | | 8am BCP Holy Communion | | | |
| 30th July | | | | | 11am Holy Communion | |
| 6th August | | 10am Outdoor Group Service | | | | |
| 13th August | | 9am Holy Communion | | | | |
| 15th August | | | | 11am Holy Communion | | |
| | | | 9am Holy Communion/Zoom | 8am BCP Holy Communion | | |
| 20th August | | | | 10am Lay-led Morning Prayer | | |
| | | | | | 11am Village Service | |
| | | | 9am Holy Communion/ Zoom | | | 9.30am Holy Communion |
| 27th August | | | | 11am Holy Communion | | |
| | | 6pm Evensong | | | | |
| 3rd Sept | | | | 10am Group Service | | |

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Concert 2, Friday 15th September at 1pm "Immortal Beloved"

Beethoven's early letters interspersed with movements and extracts from String Trios, Piano Sonatas and String Quartets.

Concert 3, Friday 15th September at 7.30pm "White Lights and Silent Nights"

Music for piano and string ensembles by Rachmaninov, Shostakovich, Glazunov, Dvorak and Schoenberg

Concert 4, Saturday 16th September 11.30am "Internal Fire"

Concertos by Vivaldi

Concert 5, Saturday 16th September at 8pm "O Albion"

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- John Myerscough, cello
- Wallis Power, cello
- Tim Horton, piano
- Benjamin Marquise-Gilmore, violin
- Annabelle Meare, violin
- Charlotte Spruit, violin
- Collegium Orchestra

WEBSITE

http://westwycombechambermusic .org.uk/

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Pre-booking is strongly advised.

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- Public ticket bookings open on 5th of August
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Friends are invited to attend an exclusive springtime private recital given in the area by Lawrence Power and musician friends. The 2023 Friends' launch of the 2023 festival in April was given by Lawrence with Sergio Bucheli, arch lutenist and guitarist.

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Cakes will range from tasty Lemon Drizzle, traditional Fruit Cake, gooey Chocolate Cake, divine Coffee and Walnut Cake, scented Pear Pistachio and Rosewater Cake, sticky Flapjacks, chocolatey chocolate Brownies and many many more tempting flavours.

Each Sunday is run by a group of local people who give their time and make most of the cakes and delicacies. On a rare occasion a bought cake appears! Some weeks we even have wonderful homemade savoury cakes and quiche/flans. It all depends on who is running Teas that Sunday.

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FRIETH Frieth School



What a tremendous Sports Week we had culminating in a phenomenal sports day. During the week, the children enjoyed a host of enrichments activities including

mobile caving, orienteering, tchoukball, handball, a visit from a GB athlete and an inter-house Danish Longball competition.

I was incredibly impressed with everyone's effort on Sports Day and, although Rowling House were the winners, every child should be proud that they gave their all in every run, throw and jump. The singing, dancing and drumming was incredible too!



Congratulations to our cross-country runners who came 1st in the Small Schools Cross- Country Championship. A special well done to Sky and Harry for



winning their race as well as Jessie and Charlie who came 2nd and 3rd.

Each class was given the opportunity to have a fantastic day out at Miss Clio's own forest school at Hill Cottage. A big thank you to the PTA who funded these days; without them, the children wouldn't be able to have these fantastic opportunities.



Our Year 6 pupils had a wonderful trip to the River Dart Country Park in Devon. The children had the opportunity to do a range of activities including caving, high ropes, raft building, canoeing and climbing. All pupils let their light shine by rising to the challenges, supporting each other and representing the school fantastically.



Kites had a sizzling time at Windsor Castle. They learned how to defend a castle under siege; tried on armour; paid their respects to the late Queen Elizabeth II and admired the stunning State Apartments! The children were brilliantly behaved as ever, well done!

Well done to the members of our choir

TURVILLE



who performed at Hambleden Church a few weeks back for the weekly 'Church Teas' fundraising event. The children were very impressive and the audience were full of praise!



Martin Gosling Headteacher

TURVILLE Turville Village Garden Party

I have a hazy memory of attending Turville Village Garden Party as a small child. I grew up in Skirmett and so I imagine we walked across the fields and it felt like a big day out. I think I used my pocket money to buy something from the bric a brac stall and my older brother possibly won a goldfish on the coconut shy... perhaps I'm merging memories.

These possibly highly inaccurate recollections were stirred when Turville



announced there would be a garden party once more in 2023. I'm told it's been 6 years since the last one. It has been a joy to be part of the Garden Party's return, this time as a Turville resident myself and one given the honour of manning one of the traditional stalls.

My account of the garden party therefore comes from the somewhat narrow perspective of a stallholder who managed one quick lap of the garden to deposit a toddler with my husband when he was looking after the gate...

The gates opened at 2:30pm on Saturday 17th June. Pleasingly, children flocked to our Hook a Duck stand keen to win themselves a novelty rubber duck. It even got moderately stressful managing the queue at one point – not something I'd anticipated!





To my right I was able to glimpse 'Soak a Vicar' where brave locals, volunteers (conscripts?!) and of course our two Sues, dutifully stuck their heads in the stocks and were pelted with wet sponges. In front of me was the ukulele band keeping everyone entertained with their lively tunes and even livelier outfits. To my left was the always impossible Splata-rat. Does anyone ever splat any rats?!

On my turn around the grounds I saw the cakes flying off the shelves. Such was the generosity of baking locals, whole cakes were still being purchased as we ushered people out of the gates. The plant stall was so well stocked and informatively manned I could have taken gardening advice for hours. I tried to sneak in a quick visit to the Tombola just before the raffle was called but it had been so popular it was completely cleaned out. And surely everyone bought three strips of raffle tickets for £10 when they saw the list of prizes on offer?! Alas we did not win.



If you'd had more time wandering around than me you were also able to enjoy the coconut shy, lucky dip, corn hole, bowling for pig, human fruit machine, white elephant stand, a children's play area, arts and crafts, face painting and even a limerick competition. The fun and creativity on display was wonderful, the weather was perfect and it was simply delightful to witness our fabulous community coming together to enjoy each other's company.

Whilst my perspective of the day itself may be somewhat narrow, being a stallholder did give me a window into the immense amount of preparation that went into staging the day. Huge thanks must go to Catherine Rogers for her generous hosting at The Mill House and unwavering energy in corralling volunteers and making the whole event happen. Over 250 people came to enjoy the garden party and £3000 was raised for St Mary's Church renovations and Pancreatic Cancer UK. I'm looking forward to next year's event already!

Beatrice Heller



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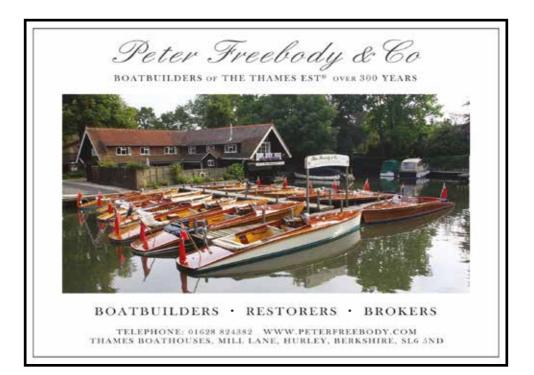
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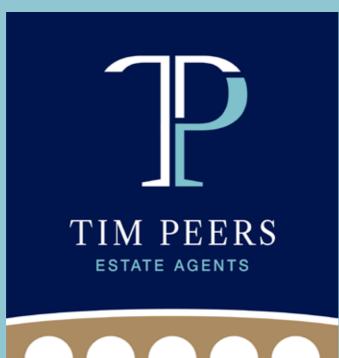
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