

Hello Everyone

I hope you have had a good week.. the first week of the school holidays. The weather has been mixed this week, but my thoughts go out to everyone abroad who has been suffering such intense temperatures and to countries battling the dreadful fires.

Looking ahead to the holiday period, I wish all those who have holidays booked with friends and family a wonderful time, but we also recognise that not everyone will be able to get away, and with this in mind, our usual weekly activities will continue at Toddington through August but, in addition, we warmly invite you to some 'Creative Fun' art sessions at Wilkinson Hall on Wednesdays 2nd, 9th and 16th August (for children and adults - children accompanied by their parents/carers). Do pop by any time to have some fun. The sessions will run from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm at Wilkinson Hall. You may wish to bring an overall or old shirt to cover up in case you get messy, and you may also like to join us for a picnic after those Wednesday sessions, at 12.30 pm each week - (please bring your own picnic). (poster attached)

Services this Sunday:

9.30 am Holy Communion, Chalgrave Church - Linda and Nigel

11.00 am Holy Communion, Toddington Church - Linda and Nigel

Other events and services this week:

Monday 31st July

9.30 am Morning Prayer, Toddington Church

Tuesday 1st August

10.30 am Knitting Group, Wilkinson Hall

Wednesday 2nd August

10.30 am 'Creative Fun' Art sessions, Wilkinson Hall. followed by a picnic at 12.30pm

Thursday 3rd August

12.00 noon Ploughman's Meal, Wilkinson Hall

Friday 4th August

10.30 am Painting for Pleasure Group, Wilkinson Hall

Saturday 5th August

Rest Day!

Sunday 6th August

9.30 am Holy Communion Service, Chalgrave Church - Linda

11.00 am Holy Communion Service, Toddington Church - Linda

Harlington Church have extended an invitation for people to join them at:

HARLINGTON MANOR guided tour: on **Wednesday 9th August** from 1.00 – 3.00 pm you can join us on a tour of the fascinating Manor House in the village. Tickets are £12 and include home made cake and drinks in the church afterwards. To register, as places are limited, please contact Sue on 07501 646250 or Tricia on 07711 511729. Or email your details to tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com. In aid of St Mary's Church restoration Fund. (poster attached)

Thank you to all who helped Dee this week with the church cleaning on Wednesday and to everyone who prepared cakes and refreshments for the Chalgrave 'Pop Up Tea Room' which was as popular as ever and very busy. Thank you to the volunteers who prepared food and activities for Messy Church last week and to all who have offered to help at Creative Fun on Wednesday and at Ploughman's lunch on Thursday. We are so grateful for your help and support.

There will be no Messy Church, or Pop Tea Room, during August, but we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Have a good week.

With love and prayers

Linda
Rector
Toddington and Chalgrave Churches.