

Hello all

I hope you are all well and have had a good week. The school summer holidays are rapidly drawing to a close and there is a sense of people grabbing the last opportunity to have some family time before the new term begins. It seems Bank Holiday Monday was not the best choice of date this year to host the Scarecrow Festival so a decision has sadly been taken to cancel. There had only been 3 confirmed entries so far so I'm guessing that the inclement weather probably hasn't helped! Maybe September will be sunny and hold more promise, so we'll look ahead to see if anything else is possible.

Chalgrave Chancel beam repair was completed the other week and it looked wonderful last Sunday with the spotlight highlighting the beautiful repair. All the scaffolding and supports in the chancel had been cleared away by Mick who carried out the work so efficiently and with great care. It was a delight to see the Chancel restored to its full beauty again. Sadly, we now await identification of the extent of the issue with the Nave beam and investigation of the other beams to make sure they are all secure and wholesome. In the meantime, we will hold our service in the Lady Chapel again this week.. which is rather cosy and lovely.

Please look after yourselves this week, enjoy a rest and the remainder of the Summer - which hopefully, after today's showers, will be bright and sunny!

**Sunday's services for 27<sup>th</sup> August**

9.30 am Holy Communion Service, Chalgrave Church - Linda

11.00 am Holy Communion Service, Toddington Church - Linda

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August - Bank Holiday**

No Morning Prayer - Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

10.30 am Knitting Group, Wilkinson Hall

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

Working Party, Toddington Church grounds, from 10.00 am

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

10.30 am Painting for Pleasure group

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

9.30 am Holy Communion, Chalgrave Church

11.00 am Holy Communion, Toddington Church

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

9.30 am Morning Prayer, Toddington Church

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

10.30 am Knitting Group, Wilkinson Hall

5.45 pm Youth Group, Wilkinson Hall

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

12.00 noon Ploughman's Lunch - Wilkinson Hall

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

10.30 am Painting for Pleasure Group, Wilkinson Hall

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

10.00 am Coffee Morning, Wilkinson Hall

**Historic Churches Bike and Hike fundraising day..** if you would be interested to walk, cycle or drive and to be sponsored for your journey to raise funds to support Chalgrave Church, or Toddington Church, please speak to Linda, Sandy or Dee to request a sponsorship form and details. All contributions of support, gratefully received especially as both churches have some restoration work underway.

**Future dates for your diaries:**

**Pop Up Tea Room,** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 11.00 am – 1.00 pm, Tebworth Memorial Hall,

**Messy Church** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 3.30 pm for children up to about 9 years, parents/carers.

**Harvest Supper** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 6.00 pm, Wilkinson Hall

**Harvest Festival Services** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October Chalgrave 9.30 am, Toddington 11.00 am.

With love and prayers

Linda  
Rector