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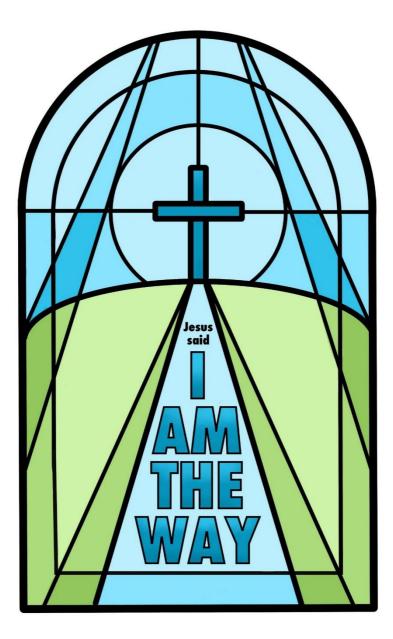
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Services at St Nicolas

Sundays

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion - 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays Morning Praise - 1st Sunday,
	GLOW - Children's Provision

Weekday Services

8.30am	Bible Reading and Open Pr Monday and Wednesday	ayer
10.00am	Holy Communion (Said)	Thursday
9.00am	Prayers for our church - 2n	d and 4th Saturdays
10.00 am	Church Development Plan 1 st Saturday	Prayers –



Tots Alive! (term time) - Monday 10.00am in church with social time afterwards

For other services please see Notice Board by the Lychgate

Letter from the Ministry Team

You probably knew that the different church denominations in Great Bookham all get along well but did you know there is an official group called Churches Together in Bookham (CTiB)?

CTiB is a fellowship of five Christian churches in Great Bookham all work seeking to and worship together, and to engage with the local community for the benefit of Great Bookham. The churches are: St Nicolas Church. Great Bookham: Bookham Baptist Church; Eastwick Road United Reformed Church: and Our Lady of Sorrows and the Church of the Holy Spirit (which form the Catholic Parish of Effingham and Fetcham).

Each church is different but brings the rich history of its tradition which benefits and strengthens us all. There are regular meetings of all the clergy and other representatives there is a programme of shared prayer, study, worship and discussion, for example the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January, and a joint Easter Reflection. Everyone is encouraged to strengthen their faith and to share it with others and it is surprising to find how much we have in common when we read the Bible and pray together.

Community work



With the encouragement of the then curate Andrew Evans the Late Night Shopping Event on a Thursday was introduced. evening the churches working in partnership with the traders putting on special events and also holding a yearly Cheese and Wine party to thank the traders for the way they served us in Great Bookham. This latter event is now organised by the Rotary Club on a Saturday in December.

Because Great Bookham churches know each other well through CTiB, they can support one another's community projects and other local charities, such as The Meeting Place (which runs the Community Fridge) and the Community Hub based at the Baptist Church, Coffee mornings at St Nicolas, and the 'Golden Years' group meeting weekly alternating between Bookham Baptist Church and Fastwick Road Church The Anna Chaplaincy runs 'Living in Older Age

talks' at Bookham Library and the Holiday at Home event in August. They also organise Praise and Craft days, and Hymns We Love at Liberham Lodge Care Home.

In May, we organised our first concert together, inviting Celtish to play in St Nicolas Church.

The weekly Knitting Group based at Eastwick Road Church, knit for various projects at Easter, Christmas and for a Village Day stall. They are currently knitting teddy bears for the 2025 stall at Village Day.

CTiB's work is represented on the committee of Bookham Residents Association (BRA) and currently I am the representative for the five churches. One of our main projects with BRA is Village Day. Churches are not known for sponsoring fairground rides but we were asked to help provide fun activities for older children and this is how we came to

sponsor the Buckaroo and 'Last Man Standing' rides. The latter is like a large bouncy castle with a rotating arm which young people must jump over or be knocked off!

Finally CTiB also has a newsletter 'Team Spirit' which appears quarterly and is distributed across the churches. Church activities are also reported in the Bookham Bulletin.

If you think CTiB can help with a project you are involved in or you would like to know more, contact Sue Ferguson current chair of Churches Together, at sue.f@eastwickroadchurch.co.uk or by contacting any of the church offices.

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Church Room Toilets to be renewed

With the project fully funded the January PCC was able to approve the renewal of the Church Room toilets.

The balance of the funding was provided by a significant grant from Surrey County Council facilitated by Councillor Clare Curran.

Following a tendering process we have appointed the local contractor Homefix.

An application has been made to Building Control and this has been approved subject to the required site inspections.

We will be starting the work on 16th June after we have held the Celtish and Friary Band Concerts in the Church. The work is scheduled to last four weeks and during that time the toilets and Church Room will be closed.

The toilets in the Pastoral Centre will be available during services and events held in the Church

David Barnes

For Your Information

Church Room Closed until 25th July 2025 for toilet refurbishment work.





Mothers' Union Update

Unfortunately, because of continuing health problems in our committee members, we are unable to issue a programme for this year and there will be no meetings in June and July. The AGM is again postponed.

However, we would really like members, who are able, to join us for communion on the second Thursday of those months in the Lady Chapel and meet afterwards for coffee (and possibly cake!)

We hope that sometime in the summer we will be able to arrange an AGM and afternoon tea so do look out for this

Vivien Hollingsworth

Tim Reeder, 6th June 1935 – 27th March 2025

Diane Reeder and her family would like to thank all the many members of the church family who offered their prayers and support to Tim and to Di. Tim fought every inch of the way and his sweet smile and gentle wit disguised a physical deterioration that speeded up in the last few months. Thank you especially those who called or visited him and those who paused to say a few words when he managed to get to the 8.00 am service. And a special thank you to the Prayer Warriors who never lost sight of him even when his fight went on for far longer than anyone, including his wonderful GP, thought possible.

Barnabas

Fellowship



Fifteen of us attended the Barnabas men's meeting for breakfast, fellowship and discussion on the third Saturday in February at St Nicolas' Pastoral Centre. If you would like to join us at a future meeting, please contact David king.

A cold February morning gave way to warmth as we enjoyed most welcome tea and coffee as soon as we arrived and then breakfast together, gave way to an animated 30 minute discussion around the question:

"A good friend of mine has no faith in God. Should I be concerned for the welfare of his soul when he dies?"

I think we all benefitted from the breadth of responses and consideration of the reasons given for them. A summary here cannot do justice to our rich and extensive discussion, but here are some of the points raised and explored:

• No need for concern. We have a kind, gracious God and he will look after your friend even after death. He and all of us will go to heaven whether or not we have faith in God.

• Not so. If everyone goes to heaven why did Jesus die for us? Does our acceptance or rejection of him make no difference? Does our faith or lack of faith in him and what he did make no difference. Why not go for the immediate, if superficial gratification in this life of as much sin as possible?

• Why would anyone with no faith want to go to the heaven that is presided over by this God with whom they want no truck?

• In Luke chapter 16 Jesus tells a parable that identifies heaven and hell. In it, one man dies and goes to a place of torment and another to a place of peace and comfort and there is no possibility of crossing from one to the other.

- Hell is a place where you have to live without God. Not sure about the fire and brimstone, but simply having to live without God would be terrible.
- Your friend is responsible for his own eternal destiny. It's his future, not yours, so you can put it down.
- Yes, but I still want the best for my friend, so I pray for him.
- Some people reject God but, more often than not, make a good job of keeping to the moral code taught by Jesus.

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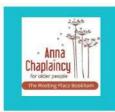
- Time to simply relax, chat and have some fun!
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- A free choice session including a quiet space, boules, reminiscing, puzzles & a craft activity
- A singing performance & the opportunity to sing along to popular summer songs
- A visual and auditory presentation on the theme of Fruitfulness
- A fun and active session led by Kim from Move it or Lose it

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For further information & a booking form, please contact: Liz Tapp (the Anna Chaplain) *Tel: 07518735729 email: <u>ac@themeetingplace.org.uk</u>*







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Ten Stories from the Killing Fields By Don Cormack

Don Cormack's *Killing Fields, Living Fields* from which these excerpts are taken, traces the journey of the Cambodian church from its early beginnings among a few Battambang rice farmers in the 1920s, through to the present day. I hope these vignettes may make you want to read more.

Don Cormack is uniquely qualified to tell Cambodia's story. He was one of the last missionaries to leave Phnom Penh when it fell to the Khmer Rouge fifty years ago in 1975, and one of the first to return afterwards. In between, he spent time in the sprawling refugee camps which sprang up along the Thai/ Cambodian border. Don learned the Cambodian language, and his pastoral approach won the trust of those he met. Some were deeply traumatized, and could tell him their stories only a little at a time, over weeks and months.

These cameos convey something of Cambodia's tragic history between 1975 & 1979, when little news was coming out of the country. In that small Southeast Asian nation, through darkness, and bloodshed, and fear, and sheer evil, we trace the hand of God. There has been unimaginable cruelty in many other parts of the world, and one wonders how similar the experiences of Christians have been in these places.

These are remarkable stories the world needs to hear and Christians need to know. They are riveting, powerful, disturbing, even overwhelming stories of the grace of God, and costly love for Christ. They will stay with you. I am sure of that.

Deborah Gallacher

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Review

Holy Days

11th June – Barnabas, Paul's first missionary companion

Would you have liked to go to Cyprus on holiday this year? If so, spare a thought for the Cypriot who played such a key role in the New Testament.

He was Joseph, a Jewish Cypriot and a Levite, who is first mentioned in Acts 4:36, when the Early Church was sharing a communal lifestyle. Joseph sold a field and gave the money to the apostles. His support so touched them that they gave him the nickname of Barnabas, 'Son of Encouragement'.

Barnabas has two great claims to fame. Firstly, it was Barnabas who made the journey to go and fetch the converted Paul out of Tarsus, and persuade him to go with him to Antioch, where there were many new believers with no one to help them. For a year the two men ministered there, establishing a church. It was here that the believers were first called Christians.

It was also in Antioch (Acts 13) that the Holy Spirit led the church to 'set aside' Barnabas and Paul, and to send them out on the church's first ever 'missionary journey'. The Bible tells us that they went to Cyprus, and then travelled throughout the island. It was at Lystra that the locals mistook Barnabas for Zeus and Paul for Hermes, much to their dismay.

Much later, back in Jerusalem, Barnabas and Paul decided to part company. While Paul travelled on to Syria, Barnabas did what he could do best: return to Cyprus and continue to evangelise it. So, if you go to Cyprus and see churches, remember that Christianity on that beautiful island goes right back to Acts 13, when Barnabas and Paul first arrived.

In England there are 13 ancient church dedications and not a few modern ones. Barnabas the generous, the encourager, the apostle who loved his own people – no wonder he should be remembered with love.

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A Hymn for Pentecost – Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God Fall afresh on me Spirit of the living God Fall afresh on me Melt me, mould me, Fill me, use me, Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God wash over me, Soul of heaven, heart of God wash over me, Cleanse me, teach me, Hold me, reach me, Soul of heaven, heart of God, Wash over me.

Holy presence love divine, cast out my fear, Holy presence love divine, cast out my fear, Shield me, free me Call me, lead me, Holy presence, Love divine, Cast out my fear.

To sing a simple hymn is a blessing for those of us who have trouble with difficult music. To pray a powerful prayer is a blessing to everyone who has asked Jesus to be his or her Saviour. Both of these experiences express the joy of singing this beautiful hymn about Pentecost.

The composer, Daniel Iverson, was born in Brunswick, Georgia, on 26th September 1890. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1914. He organised and served for 25 years the Shenandoah Presbyterian Church in Miami, Florida. After his retirement to Ashville in 1962, he was in great demand as a speaker and preacher in many churches. He died there in 1977.

When this hymn was first written, Iverson was attending an evangelistic crusade in 1926, directed by the George Stephens Team in Orlando, Florida. This hymn is the product of a sermon about the Holy Spirit during that

crusade. The text is from Acts 11:15, "The Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning". Those words inspired Iverson to seek for his own Holy Spirit renewal.

After the morning service, he went alone to the nearby First Presbyterian Church. With the great teaching still fresh in his ears and heart, he sat at the piano and prayed. He wanted to express in music his desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit of God. The words and music came quickly. He simply asked God to be melted, moulded, filled and used in ministry.

That evening, the song leader for the Stephen's Team was impressed with the hymn, and taught it to the congregation. It was used throughout the campaign and then widely distributed for others to sing.

As we read in Acts 1:8, we see that Jesus told his disciples to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. He said, "When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you shall receive power".

Deborah Gallacher



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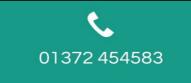
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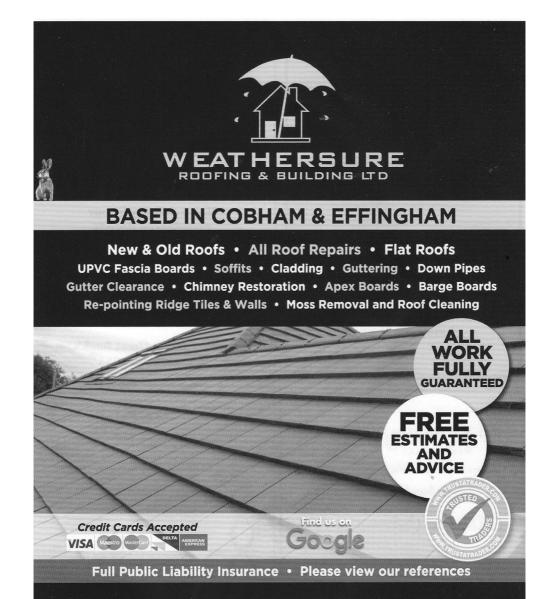
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The Miracle of Pentecost

Pentecost 2025 falls on Sunday, June 8, the seventh Sunday after Easter. It is a Christian holy day that commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and followers of Christ.

The Acts of the Apostles tells us that the number of disciples has grown – one hundred and twenty of them – and they were now in Jerusalem, waiting in eager anticipation, as instructed by Christ. They spent their days in worship and prayer, awaiting the great day of fulfilment. We can imagine in a congregation of that size, how excited they would have been. There was certainly a time of apprehension among the disciples until the appearance of the risen Christ. But after their Master's ascension, their anxiety and fear were replaced by joy and expectation for the fulfilment of the promise of Christ.

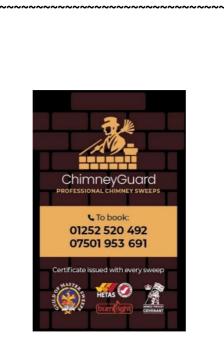
And it happened! While they were gathered together in a house, The Holy Spirit came down with a sound that of a mighty wind. This sound brought many other God-fearing people to the scene. After Peter explaining to them the miracle of Pentecost and exhorting them to repent, three thousand people presented themselves for baptism on that day alone. In all senses, Pentecost is a day of miracles!

This great occasion that gave birth to a new community by the Holy Spirit, through whom the new faith spread all around the world and still continuing with its creating and empowering activity, is regrettably 'only a Sunday' in our churches. What is more regrettable is the fact that the intervening fortynine days from Easter, have lost their significance. Certainly, the occasion of the Pentecost is a major spiritual boost for worshippers and believers, but an eager anticipation in between, like the season of advent before Christmas or Lent and the Holy Week before Easter is largely absent in our current church traditions.

Jesus Christ established the Kingdom of God in the world and called all believers to work for its fulfilment. It is for this sake, the empowering, envisioning and inspiring activity of the Holy Spirit first manifested at Pentecost. As we have seen in the holy seasons of Advent and Lent culminating in great days of celebrations, a period of preparation and anticipation preceding Pentecost would enable Christians to remember and recall the values and virtues of our calling as disciples. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to work towards that and to make sure that it is universally perpetual.

"As the Holy Spirit fell on the disciples, the barriers of language and culture were broken down – not so that everyone thought and looked the same, but so that everyone understood each other in their own language and culture. In God's new kingdom culture we don't become an amorphous lump of homogeneity, but learn to appreciate and respect our differences" -Christina Sines.

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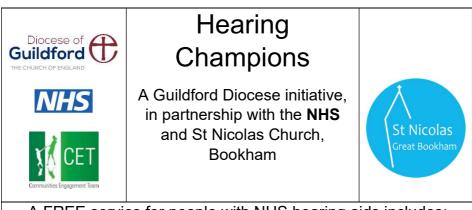
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Surprising realizations!

Sometimes the way we spell our Editor: Nigel Beeton writes: It words May change from shore to shore The structuring of nouns and verbs Can sometimes be a chore! Our friends across the pond delight In colors, – splendors too! The British think it's only right By putting in a 'u'! The New York man may mark his land By putting in a 'fence'; But if you cross it, understand That you will cause 'offense'! Pedants may, perhaps surprised With U.S. friends agree; For both will spell out 'realized' By dropping 's' for zee! And nether nation's pundits wise Will cease their harmony Both will spell the word 'surprise' With no sign of a zee! (But Gentle Reader, we both know That they will fight instead -Their arguments will hotly flow – Should it be 'zee', or 'zed'?) By Nigel Beeton English!

was nearly 20 years ago that I took over the editorship of our parish magazine, and I well recall being instructed by my predecessor that I must proofread thoroughly before submitting it for publication. Advice I gladly took, for (as some of my poems have shown) I'm something of a pedant myself when it comes to written English, but even so I did let a few errors slip through. One thing we didn't agree on, though. He insisted on spelling 'realize', when I had always used 'realise' and '-ise' in many other spellings. I dismissed 'realize' as 'American English', but in fact we were both correct. '-ize' comes from the Latin form '-izer', So technically, 'ize' is correct, but following the Norman conquest the French form '-ise' came to dominate written English. This included the French word 'surprise' which even Noah Webster retained for American

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1 st June	Increasing our capacity to take forward the mission of the church		
8 th June	Inspiring each member of the church family to take the next step in their journey of faith		
15 th June	Bringing the Good News to bear in response to the needs and concerns of our community		
22 nd June	Increasing our capacity to take forward the mission of the church		
29 th June	Inspiring each member of the church family to take the next step in their journey of faith		

	From the Parish Registers	
Deaths		
7 th April 2025	Emily Instone	Aged 92
19 th April 2025	Ann Cummings	Aged 92 Aged 89 Aged 85
11 th April 2025	Joan Chapman	Aged 85

Great Bookham's very own PCSO,	A DEFENSIVE AND A DEFENSIVE
Marion Hawkins, will be holding a Surgery at The	
Meeting Place Warm Space in Bookham Baptist	SURRED
Church on:	
Tuesday 24 th June	POLICE
Tuesday 22 nd July	
She is happy to talk about any issues you may have, an	id just generally.
She looks forward to meeting you.	



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READINGS AT THE SUNDAY SERVICES June 2025



- **Seventh Sunday of Easter** 1 Timothy 6:2b-10, 17-19; Matthew 6:19-21, 24
- 8th Pentecost Acts 2.1–21; John 14.8–17, 25–27

15th Trinity Romans 5.1–5; John 16.12–15

22nd First after Trinity (Bible Society) Galatians 3:23-end; Luke 8:26-39 (Subject to change – Check the Newsletter)

> Second after Trinity Daniel 1:1-21; John 17:13-19



	St Nicolas Cycle	of Praver			
June 2025					
Please remember the following missions, St Nicolas groups and					
res	idents of Great Bookham	roads in your pr	ayers		
1 st	Oasis Charitable Trust Gill Caldwell Celeste Rios	Bookham	Halepit Road		
8 th	Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) Val Lambert Jenny Evans	United Charities Alan Jenkins	Hales Oak Hilltop Rise		
15 th	The Meeting Place Margaret Hibbert Val Lambert	Pastoral Assistants	Blackthorne Road		
22 nd	Bible Society Suzie and Alan Jenkins	Val Lomax	Downs Way		
29th	Fairtrade and Eco Team Margaret Hibbert and Team	Parochial Church Council and Leatherhead Deanery Synod Alan Jenkins	Norbury Way Sheridans Road		

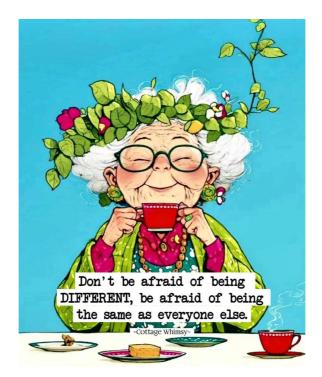
Occupation for June: Service and Transport

Calendar June 2025

Please note that although the calendar has events scheduled, these may happen in different forms. Please check beforehand (see 'Contact' person on the back page or the St Nicolas website).

May			
29th	Thurs	1000	Holy Communion (Church)
		1040	Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
31st	Sat	1600	Celtish Concert (Church)
June			
1st	Sun	1000	Holy Communion
		1200	Baptism of Jack Kirby
2nc	Mon	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
		1000	Tots Alive (Church and Church Room)
		1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
3rd	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
4th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
5th	Thurs	1000	Holy Communion (Church)
		1040	Thursday Coffee (Church Room)
6th	Fri	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
7th	Sat	1000	Church Development Plan Prayers (Church Room)
		1930	Friary Brass Band (Church)
8th	Sun	1000	Morning Praise (Church)
9th	Mon	0830	Morning Prayers (Online)
		1000	Tots Alive! (Church and Church Room)
		1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
10th	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
11th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
12th	Thurs	1000	Holy Communion (Church)
1.0.11		1040	Thursday Coffee (Church)
13th	Fri	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
14th	Sat	0930	Saturday Prayers (online)
15th	Sun		Fathers' Day
16th	Mon	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
		1000	Tots Alive! (Church and Pastoral Centre)
470	T	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
17th	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
18th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
19th	Thurs	1000	Holy Communion (Church)
004	F :	1040	Thursday Coffee (Church)
20th	Fri	1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
21st	Sat	0830	Barnabas Mens Fellowship (Pastoral Centre)
22nd	Sun	1800	New Fire Worship (Church) – Refreshments
		1830	Worship begins

23rd	Mon	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
		1000	Tots Alive (Church and Pastoral Centre)
		1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
24 th	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
25 th	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
26th	Thurs	1000	Holy Communion (Church)
		1040	Thursday Coffee (Church)
28 th	Sat	0900	Saturday Prayers (online)
		1230	Wedding of Stefan Elmes and Megan Stevens
30th	Mon	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
		1000	Tots Alive (Church and Pastoral Centre)
		1530	BYouth (Pastoral Centre)
July			
1st	Tues	1000	Tuesday Coffee (Pastoral Centre)
2 nd	Weds	0830	Morning Prayers (online)
3rd	Thurs	1000	Holy Communion (Church)
		1040	Thursday Coffee (Church)
9th June - Copy for July/August 2025 magazine			



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