



Summer 2025

# Team Spirit

News from the Churches in Bookham



A Sizzling Summer Solstice saw Bookham Village Day celebrated on the hottest day of the year so far. Yet even in the bright summer sun our gaze turned anxiously to the East, to escalating conflicts with unknown consequences. Even the heat is tinged with climate fears. So we must renew Hope, not just as a gift from God, but as something that we actively pursue. Filled with the Holy Spirit we must **do** Hope no less than we **do** Love and **do** Faith.

With prayers for us all

Fr Charles Howell

Catholic Parish of Effingham and Fetcham

**Churches Together in Bookham**

# Our Village Day

On The front cover - The Meeting Place stall won the cup for the Best Dressed Stall with 64 knitted bears - see page 7.



Bucking Bronco and Last Man Standing - Churches Together stall



A bear welcome



# Our Village Day



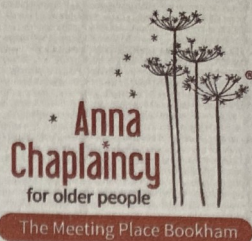
Quilt by Mole Valley Quilters, raffled at end of Village Day, proceeds donated to the Barn Hall

Procession arriving at Barn Hall



Bookham Baptist Children's Centre

# LIVING WELL IN OLDER AGE



## Are you aware of help which is available?



Come and meet and expert from Mole Valley Life to find out about equipment such as scam call blockers and alarm buttons, which are available to those who are elderly living alone, vulnerable or who have disabilities.

- ★ **When?** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (10.30am to 12pm)
- ★ **Where?** Bookham Library
- ★ **Who?** Over 65s and carers welcome
- ★ **Booking?** Contact Liz Tapp - The Anna Chaplain  
Email [ac@themeetingplace.org.uk](mailto:ac@themeetingplace.org.uk) or  
Tel: 07518735729
- ★ **Cost?** Suggested donation of £2  
Tea & coffee will be provided



[anna.chaplaincy.org.uk](http://anna.chaplaincy.org.uk)

The Meeting Place Bookham is affiliated to Anna Chaplaincy for Older People

Anna Chaplaincy is part of The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF), a Registered Charity (233280)  
[brf.org.uk](http://brf.org.uk)



## Catholic Parish News

Eight of our parishioners were among other pilgrims from our diocese, coming to Walsingham, Norfolk, as “Pilgrims of Hope” in this Jubilee Year 2025.



The shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham was originally established in 1061 by Richeldis de Faverches who had it built, in response to Our Lady, to replicate the house in Nazareth where the angel Gabriel appeared to her. It

became one of the greatest shrines in Medieval Christendom. The site of the original “Holy House” is now in the Abbey grounds in the village.

The shrine was demolished at The Reformation and it wasn't until 1897, after Catholic Emancipation, when the 14<sup>th</sup> century Slipper Chapel, where pilgrims would take their shoes off to walk the last mile to the “Holy House” was rediscovered. In 1934 the Slipper Chapel was declared the National Shrine of Our Lady for Catholics in England.

Our time there was blessed with hospitality, good company, beautiful liturgy and uplifting teaching. It is worth noting, too, that there is a beautiful Anglican shrine in the village within which is a replica of the “Holy House”.

Our deacon Ian Wells with Richard Moth



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For our parish news - this year eight young people were confirmed and sixteen children will make their First Holy Communion.

Father Charles will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee, twenty-five years as a priest, on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June.



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## Celtish Concert at St Nicolas

Over 150 people enjoyed a concert of Celtic music on a beautiful afternoon in late May. Arranged by Churches Together in Bookham, all the churches worked hard together with the band 'Celtish' to make it a resounding success.

Never before have so many cups of tea been served (with cake!) during a short interval at St Nicolas Church! As the superb voices of Nigel Cameron and Julie Cameron-Hall blended with their talented fiddle, varied percussion and every kind of Irish whistle-playing into something quite sublime, the audience applauded loud and long.



# Eastwick Road Church

## 80<sup>th</sup> Celebrations for VE Day

It was a delight and very moving to hear the stories of members of Golden Years who remembered, celebrating VE Day at an Afternoon Tea and also on the following Saturday at a Community Cream Tea.



The accounts did bring it to life what it was like coming through WW2 which had affected the life of every person in the country. We were also reminded of the rationing that remained for several years.

## Village Day

Our Knitting Group did an amazing job knitting many differently coloured teddy bears to decorate the Meeting Place stall. They supplied 64 Bears all in different colours. They are a very talented group of people who seem to turn their hand to anything knitting for many different projects.

They meet every Tuesday 10am to 12.00

## Community Garden

This has been left overgrown and uncared for and we are very grateful to Jo, a member of Peter Pan Playschool staff, for tackling the raised garden boxes, renewing the soil in order to grow some produce and flowers. The Golden Years group also planted some of the hanging baskets.

There is still much to do to make the garden completely safe but we are very grateful to Jo for bringing new life into the garden.





# HOLIDAY AT HOME 2025

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Eastwick Road Church from 9.45am – 3pm



*A special event for  
older people.*



## The Summer Fun Day Will Include

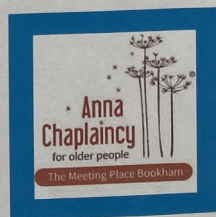
- ✚ Time to simply relax, chat and have some fun!
- ✚ Refreshments throughout the day, including lunch provided by Ben from The Anchor
- ✚ A free choice session including a quiet space, boules, reminiscing, puzzles & a craft activity
- ✚ A singing performance & the opportunity to sing along to popular 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

Booking is essential. Suggested donation of £20.00

For further information & a booking form, please contact:

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# Summer Fun Activities

JULY / AUGUST 2025

#makeamemory



BOOKHAM BAPTIST  
CHURCH & CHILDREN'S CENTRE

## Summer Fun Activities - 2025

**29<sup>th</sup> July 10:15-11am (45mins):** SEND Messy Play (0-11s)

**29<sup>th</sup> July 11-12noon:** Messy Play for all (0-5s)

**30<sup>th</sup> July 10:30-12:30pm:** Nature Walk & BYO Picnic (0-11s)

**5<sup>th</sup> August 10:30-12:30pm:** Mini Sports Day & BYO Picnic (0-11s)

**6<sup>th</sup> August 10:30-12noon:** Stay & Play with Rhyme Time (0-5s)

**6<sup>th</sup> August 1:30-3pm:** SEND Stay & Play (0-11s)

**12<sup>th</sup> August 10:30-12noon:** SEND Stay & Play (0-11s)

**12<sup>th</sup> August 1:30-3pm:** Stay & Play with Rhyme Time (0-5s)

**13<sup>th</sup> August 10-10:30am:** SEND Quiet Start Family Fun (0-11s)

**13<sup>th</sup> August 10:30-12:15pm:** Family Fun Morning for all (0-11s)



Activities have a suggested donation but if you need a free ticket, please feel free to use it. **To book, scan here** →



## Leatherhead Youth Project

Over the summer term, Leatherhead Youth Project (LYP) has carried on running a youth café in Bookham after school on Mondays and Fridays. We have particularly been enjoying the warmer weather and using the outdoor space around the Pastoral Centre.

Over the Easter holidays, LYP ran our annual residential trip, Freestyle. We took 24 young people to Walton Firs for three days of fun where they were able to do lots of different outdoor activities and take part in some



workshops which looked at building resilience and coping with difficult situations. The weather was beautiful, and the young people had a great time!

During half term, we ran our social action project, Making Good. We took some young people from Bookham and Leatherhead to Elysian Farm where they did some weeding in the fields, fed the animals and build some raised beds for growing vegetables. As a reward, we took them on a climbing trip!

We have been working with the Howard of Effingham school to provide support for their students and have been running some group work where we assist young people in improving their emotional wellbeing. We are continuing to run lunchtime clubs and offer one-to-one support for young people who would like it.

This term, we have been looking at healthy relationships during our Monday evening sessions, having conversations about different kinds of relationships and what makes them healthy or unhealthy. We have looked at relationships with friends, families, partners, adults, and those formed online.



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If you would like to know any further information about our projects, please email [lucy@leatherheadyouthproject.com](mailto:lucy@leatherheadyouthproject.com) or visit [leatherheadyouthproject.com](http://leatherheadyouthproject.com).

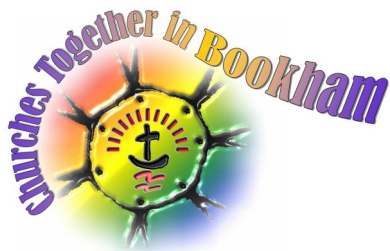
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## **Creative Writing Courses**

If you were at the Celtic Concert and enjoyed seeing Celtish, you might like to know that Nigel and Julie provide the worship, and a mini-concert, at residential creative writing retreats led at the beautiful Ashburnham Place in E Sussex by Bookham writer, Chris Leonard. You don't need to have any writing expertise, only willingness to have a go.

The next one (theme 'Old and New') is 23-26 September, see [www.ashburnham.org.uk](http://www.ashburnham.org.uk) or email [chrisleonardwriting@gmail.com](mailto:chrisleonardwriting@gmail.com) for more details.

There will be another one on 'Things Witnessed' (writing our stories of faith) 17-20 March 2026.



**Bookham Baptist Church**

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