

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Thursday 1	7.30pm	Coates Gardening Club meeting <i>Bats</i>
Sunday 4		Badminton Horseless Team Event
Wednesday 7	7.30pm	BEAT meeting in St Peter's Hall
Tuesday 13	3pm	Said Communion at The Blessings, Coates
Thursday 15	2.30pm	Good Companions meeting
Friday 16	2 - 10pm	Coates Village Hall Open Day
Saturday 17	10am - 10pm	Coates Village Hall Open Day
Tuesday 20	10.30am	Community Coffee & Cake Morning in Coates Village Hall
Tuesday 20	7.30pm	Frampton Mansell Rural Cinema
Saturday 24	2pm	Frampton Mansell Village Hall Jumble Sale
Tuesday 27	11.55am	Mobile library visiting our villages
Saturday 31	2 - 4pm	Cobalt Annual Sale in Coates Village Hall

NOVEMBER

Monday 2	7.30pm	Coates parish council meeting
Tuesday 3	7pm	Pampered Evening in Coates Village Hall
Saturday 14	7pm	Coates Quiz in the Village Hall
Tuesday 17	7pm	Rodmarton Parish Council Meeting



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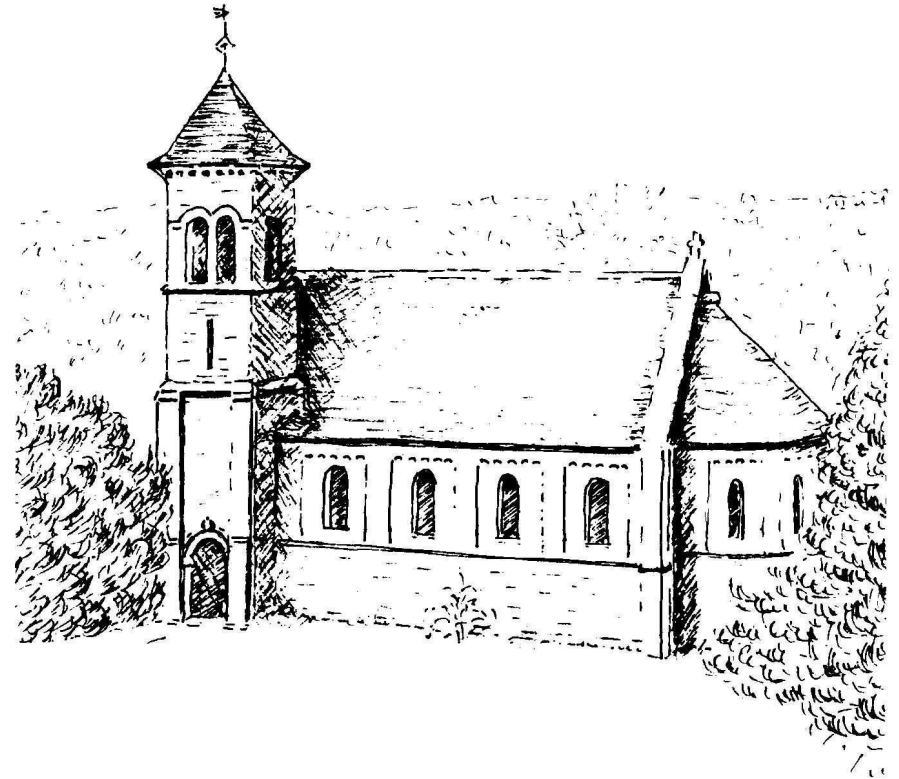
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MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

The mobile library visits Coates every 4 weeks. The visit for this month will be on Tuesday 27 October between 11.55am and 12.55pm outside the village hall.

MOBILE POLICE STATION

There has been a change in the way the mobile police station operates and it no longer visits our villages. It now covers the whole of Gloucestershire and mainly attends organised events. When it is not at events it will be visiting communities throughout Gloucestershire and will publish the locations online and via the Neighbourhood Watch system.

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If you wish to advertise in our parish magazine please contact Bob Merrill at Glebe House, Coates, GL7 6NU. Tel 771496, Mobile 07866 972389 or by e-mail to the Watershed magazine at watershedmag@gmail.com.

Adverts at a third of a page cost £15 for a single issue or £60 for 5 issues. Adverts at half a page cost £23 for a single issue or £90 for 5 issues. The magazine is published 10 times every year; July/August and December/January are joint editions. Cheques should be made payable to Watershed magazine.

CLOSING DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER MAGAZINE - 12

October

Contributions should be sent to Bob Merrill at Glebe House, Coates, GL7 6NU. Telephone 07866 972389 or by e-mail to the Watershed magazine at watershedmag@gmail.com. Articles should be in Arial font at 11 point with **formatting kept as simple as possible**. The editor reserves the right to edit any articles. **All articles should be submitted by 12 October at the latest for inclusion in the next issue.**

FORTHCOMING SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

4 October	Eighteenth Sunday of Trinity
9.30am	Kemble Holy Communion
9.30am	Coates Holy Communion
11am	Poole Keynes Family Service
11am	Rodmarton Harvest Festival Service
11am	Sapperton Harvest Festival Service
4.30pm	Somerford Keynes Harvest Festival Service
7 October	Midweek Wednesday
10am	Kemble Holy Communion
11 October	Nineteenth Sunday of Trinity
9.30am	Kemble Harvest Festival Service
9.30am	Coates Harvest Festival Service
9.30am	Poole Keynes Holy Communion
11am	Tarlton Holy Communion
11am	Somerford Keynes Holy Communion
11am	Rodmarton Matins
11am	Frampton Mansell Holy Communion
14 October	Midweek Wednesday
10am	Kemble Holy Communion
18 October	Twentieth Sunday of Trinity
9.30am	Kemble Holy Communion
4.30pm	Coates Holy Communion
9.30am	Frampton Mansell Family Service
11am	Poole Keynes Morning Prayers
11am	Somerford Keynes Family Service
11am	Rodmarton Holy Communion (BCP)
21 October	Midweek Wednesday
10am	Kemble Holy Communion
25 October	Last Sunday after Trinity
8am	Tarlton Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Kemble Morning Prayers
9.30am	Coates Holy Communion
9.30am	Poole Keynes Holy Communion
11am	Somerford Keynes Holy Communion
11am	Rodmarton Family service
11am	Frampton Mansell Holy Communion
6pm	Kemble The Source
28 October	Midweek Wednesday
10am	Kemble Holy Communion

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

Have you enjoyed your summer? As usual the British weather is unpredictable and as always a topic of conversation. Apparently at least in some parts of the country it may have been the wettest August since records began. I assume there they mean modern scientific ones as obviously St Swithin and Noah would probably have contrary opinions. The weather seemed to disrupt the harvest and the tractors have been out at all hours to get the grain safely stored away. Even as someone who has never relied upon the land for my daily bread I always find it a hopeful sight as the harvesters and combines clear the fields. There must surely be something in our cultural inheritance that calls to us of the intimate significance of this moment because actually we are all as reliant on the harvest as our ancestors were. It may now be a global phenomenon but nevertheless we are all ultimately reliant on the soil and those who tend it for our survival. That is I think an interesting reflection, the land and its produce is a gift to us, those who tend it use their wisdom and the wisdom of the scientists who develop new machines and new strains of crop and ever more effective farming methods, but ultimately without the land and sun and rain there would be no harvest.

Scripture says that we are to be stewards of God's gift in the land and that the wise use their energy and knowledge to multiply the gift for the benefit of all. This call to tend and nurture our world is one that has been greatly diminished by the industrial revolution. Within that there seems to have been an idea that 'dominion' be interpreted more like rape than nurture. Quick gains have perhaps led to longer term problems as we look at the almost certain consequences of global warming. The last 150 years have seen the world change with increasing speed. Populations have exploded, pollution increases and world consumption know no boundary. I am neither Luddite nor Marxist and don't desire to turn back all the clocks to an agrarian utopia that never existed but I do think we should return to the truth that underlies the Genesis story. God saw all that he had created and it was good, very good. He set in motion the incredible creative diversity of the universe and invited us to share in its wonder and joy. He invited us to share in nurturing its potential but instead we had a better idea of our own. I don't know about you but I have observed children given presents who are creative at finding alternative uses for them but almost always this alternative leads to damage if not unintended destruction (actually I am definitely guilty of it myself).



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Following the makers instructions leads to greater enjoyment and longer lasting fun. It seems to me this is also true with God and therefore the alternative seems at best highly undesirable and at worst disastrous.

To nurture someone or something requires the active ingredient of forethought and - dare I suggest - love. We may need to prune as well as feed but both can be acts of care and love. God in his wisdom has given us a wonderful world and has even given us of himself in Jesus. As we honour, value and nurture the land he has given us we acknowledge and respond to that gift.

With love and prayers

Trevor Kemp - Rector

ERITOKA UGANDA

Dave and Angie would like to thank all those who both came to our African Evening on 22 August for 'Eritoka Uganda', or supported in some other way. To date we have raised £650 and several have agreed to become members for which we are so grateful.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Joyce Percival lived at the Downs, Frampton Mansell for many years. A funeral service and cremation was held on 10 August and her ashes placed with her late husband Ray on 14 September. Our thoughts are with her daughters Erica and Anne and their families.

TIME OUT BIBLE DISCUSSION

The Time Out Bible discussion group for mothers of school age children in the Benefice meets twice a month on Thursdays at 10am. For further details please contact Julie on 770123 or email julieallen47@btinternet.com or juliepaulmorton@onetel.com.

PRAYERS IN THE BENEFICE

- ◆ Wednesdays at Kemble at 10am (Holy Communion)
- ◆ Tuesdays at Kemble at 8.30am
- ◆ Fridays at Rodmarton at 9.15am
- ◆ Saturdays at Somerford Keynes (first Saturday in the month only)

NEWS FROM COATES

NEWS FROM ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

On the 2nd Tuesday of the month there is a said Communion Service at 3pm followed by tea at The Blessings, Coates. Contact Anne Chilton on 770726. The next date is Tuesday 13 October.

Everyone is welcome at our Harvest Festival Service this year in St Matthew's church, Coates is on 11 October during our usual 9.30am service.

We have started a Community Coffee and Cake morning on the 3rd Tuesday of the month offering a chance for a chat in Coates village hall from 10.30 - 12 noon. If you would like to help with this or just find out more about it, contact Sarah on 771393. Our first one on 15 September was well supported by members of the village; about 26 folk attended and enjoyed a chat with neighbours and met a few newcomers. A big thank you to 'the Bakers' for a super selection of delicious cakes. Please join us next time on Tuesday 20 October from 10.30am.

At the All Souls and Festival of Lights on Sunday 1 November we would like to dedicate our new lights which have been generously donated to the church together with a Service of Remembrance for those whom we have lost. Please do get in touch with Anne Chilton on 770726 if you have any family members or friends who rest in the graveyard and you would like to be remembered at this service.

We will be holding a Pampered Evening on Tuesday 3 November in Coates village hall from 7 - 10pm. Mini treatments such as head, hand, foot and sports massages, manicures, nail painting, hair styling and advice etc. £5 for 15 minute treatments as well as stalls selling candles, chocolates, fake furs, soaps, body lotions, handmade decorations etc. Please call Sarah on 771393 for information.

Thanks to those of you who supported the Coates Barn Dance in aid of St Matthew's church. We raised just over £500 which is a great help towards running our lovely church. Special thanks to those who donated prizes for the raffle. The Tunnel House and The Thames Head were very generous.

Sarah Fuchs

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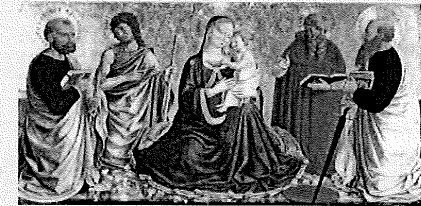


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Wed. 14th October: Function

Wed. 21st October: The orthodox and Catholic traditions.

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Cost: £2.00 per session

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COATES VILLAGE HALL

There will be a **Grand Designs** weekend with the hall open on Friday 16 October from 2pm to 10pm and on Saturday 17 October from 10am to 10pm. Posters of the potential makeover will be on display, as well as some very important information affecting its future. Light bites, home bakes and beverages, including real coffee will be available. At the AGM on Thursday 12 November there will be a Grand Designs presentation; a supper buffet and drinks will be served. If you can't make it, have questions or comments contact Jane on 770066, je.burr@btinternet.com or Pj on 770596 or call in at Sarnia Cottage, Trewsbury Road.

THE GOOD COMPANIONS

The next meeting is on Thursday 15 October in Coates village hall at 2.30pm when Alan Nix will talk about his experience as an evacuee in the 1940s. There will be the usual raffle and refreshments. Please note that Cobalt Christmas cards will be on sale at this meeting. There will be a Bring and Buy sale at the November meeting.

We are an over 55s group who meet every month with a varied programme and an annual subscription of only £4. We welcome new members.

COATES GARDENING CLUB

Our autumn programme started well at our September meeting when we were delighted to welcome several visitors to hear Davina Wynne-Jones tell the life story of her mother Rosemary Verey.

Our next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 1 October in Coates village hall when Richard Dodd, Principal Ecologist at Wildwood Ecology, Cirencester will talk to us about Bats, by special request. Visitors are always welcome at a charge of £2.50 for the evening. There will be a raffle and refreshments.

Then on Thursday 5 November we will have our very brief AGM - last year the business was completed in nine minutes! - followed by an update on Riding for the Disabled at the stables here in Coates. Planning permission has been granted for very necessary facilities, including toilets and a tearoom. Bob Merrill, Watershed Group Organiser, will show us the plans and tell about the many extra activities enjoyed by riders and volunteers. Please put this date in your diary now.

Margaret Reynolds 771354

KEMBLE AND DISTRICT RBL WOMEN'S SECTION

On Saturday 24 October the Ukey D'Ukes will be performing in Kemble village hall from 7pm; doors open at 6.30pm. The Ukey D'Ukes is a great all round performing group that play a mixture of songs and provide a thoroughly entertaining evening. There will be a cash bar and raffle. Prizes very much appreciated. As always this event wouldn't take place if it wasn't for the wonderful volunteers and grateful thanks to them as ever.

Tickets on sale now and going fast! Cost is £7.50 which includes a sandwich and savoury platter.

Pat Ayres poppy area organizer 770385
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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

KEMBLE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Dates for your diary – 2015

Wednesday 21 October - The AGM will be held at The Tavern at 7pm – all members welcome. Following the meeting, Jeremy Clarke will give a brief talk about his time in Northern Ireland.

Saturday 24 October - Pat Ayres is co-ordinating a fund-raising evening in Kemble village hall to 'Kick Off', this year's Poppy Appeal. More details available from Pat on 770385.

Sunday 8 November - This year's Annual Remembrance Service at 3pm will be taking place at St Peter's Church, Rodmarton. We are lucky again that Cirencester Band is keen to be with us. This service is for everybody – not just Legion members.

Friday 4 December - Branch Christmas evening meal at The Thames Head Pub – all members will in due course receive a letter from our Branch Chairman, John Chilton, about this event.

If you are not already a member of the Royal British Legion and would like more information please contact me for details.

Julia Clarke - 770472

NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

waiting for the schools to go back, and some decent weather to come along? Of course, all this depends on the ravages of my pet hate - that great despoiler of beauty and biodiversity, the flail cutter (which in my glorious rule would be banned).

There is a good acorn crop, such that it will be necessary for the New Forest commoners to depasture pigs in the open forest, to Hoover up acorns which might otherwise prove poisonous to the ponies, which habitually eat more acorns than are good for them. Beech nuts are generally scarce, though there is a reasonable crop in our nearest ancient forest, Savernake. But perhaps the most generously laden tree this autumn is the ash, the boughs of which are drooping with clusters of their distinctive helicopter seeds, called keys.

Autumn, like so many things in this life, is inevitable. It is here. Embrace it, for it is both an ending and a beginning - it starts our journey into spring.

Matthew Oates

OVER THE BADMINTON JUMPS WITHOUT A HORSE?

Once again the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds, which covers Malmesbury, Tetbury and the surrounding villages, is holding its annual running (or walking) event on the Badminton Estate.

The Badminton Horseless Team Event, on Sunday 4 October 2015, is a unique event which enables you to run over some of the world-famous Badminton Horse Trials obstacles. This annual event, which has been organised and hosted by the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds since its inception, is now in its 32nd year. It is held by invitation of the Duke of Beaufort on his estate, Badminton Park. The all-terrain course takes the runners and canicrossers (runners with dogs) along country tracks in sight of the deer herds, and through fields and woods.

Adult runners can enter as individuals or in teams for the 5 and 9 mile events, or as individuals for the 13 miler. Juniors, aged 15 or under on 4 October 2015, may enter the 5 mile event as individuals or in teams. The Horseless Team Event can be an excellent event for friendly team rivalry or for a family day out.

For details of the event and how to enter please visit www.hte-rcsc.co.uk

COATES VILLAGE LOTTERY

The sixth draw of this year's Coates Village Hall lottery took place on Friday 4 September at 7.30pm, at the Family Day. There were 54 participants. Prizes were awarded as follows:-

First prize	£50 to no 21	Pippa Moore
Second prize	£30 to no 87	Evelyn Burdock
Third prize	£20 to no 39	Fiona Sanders

Please remember that new subscribers are always welcome.

Subscriptions cost £4 per month, for any number of months from one to the number of remaining months in that year. Forms are available from Diana Crane, Betty Mixture, Ron Smith or Michael Vaughan. The next draw will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 2 October, at the village hall if there is a Family Day, or at the Old School if there is no Family Day. All are welcome to attend.

Diana Crane

COBALT ANNUAL SALE

Saturday 31 October

2 - 4pm

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DEAR FRIENDS PLEASE HELP ME!

I have made a promise to raise £1,000 for the Air Ambulance and I need some financial help from my fellow Coates villagers! I will be trekking in the Sahara Desert from 10 – 18 October and am looking for sponsorship of any amount to help me reach my total. I have a Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/valerie-whistler3 or simply go to Just Giving and plug in my name, Valerie Whistler Sahara Trek, and you will find me. I also have a good old fashioned sponsorship form and would be happy to take any real money! (Feel free to come and knock on the door at 5 School Row.) Finally, I will leave a collection box at the Social Club and would be delighted to receive any loose change (or larger amounts!!!)

Thank you for helping me if you can. The Air Ambulance saves thousands of lives and is there for us all. Who knows when it may be needed, so let's keep it flying.

Val Whistler

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NOTES FROM CULKERTON (cont)

to trim down the stems. Last year the Dahlias gallantly kept going with mild weather, but as the light became less, so the growth became weaker. You next have two options: to lift or not to lift. If you have a very free-draining soil, and warm sunny site, leaving the tubers in the ground can be a good option. The roots will not be disturbed and you save time, but they will need a generous layer of compost for extra protection.

Our garden pond has attracted many species of dragonflies throughout this year; the most prolific blooming water lily is 'Lemon Mist', only planted in May and has been in continuous flower. The nettles growing around the pond have produced large quantities of butterflies throughout the summer.

Sally Oates

EARLY AUTUMN MUSINGS

Predictably, after yet another poor summer a spell of glorious weather occurred just after the schools had reassembled. In such situations, rather than force sun-deprived pupils to sing the old dirge 'Lord behold us with thy blessing, once again assembled here' and open their maths books, head teachers should send their charges back to the seaside, and order them not to return to school until they're properly sunburnt, played beach cricket and seen jellyfish. Certainly, couples wishing to get married next year should look closely at the second week of September – it's almost invariably one of the best weeks of the year.

Now autumn is fully upon us. It has not come particularly early, at least down south, though northern parts of the UK had such a bad summer that snow persisted on mountains, crops could not be harvested, and spring merged directly into autumn. We have perhaps been fortunate in Gloucestershire. Down here, early autumn leaf colour usually results from trees succumbing to drought stress, and dropping their leaves early. This last happened in our region in 2006, and more noticeably in 2003.

Most autumn berries are profuse this year, reflecting the fine weather we had in April, when most of our berry-bearing trees and bushes were in flower. Hawthorn, rowan and sloe bushes are all well-berried, and we should have plenty of holly berries at Christmas.

The blackberry crop was late, due to the lousy August. Perhaps it was

NOTES FROM CULKERTON

GARDENING TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

A few years ago, while visiting the RHS Wisley Garden, I saw an intriguing form of Japanese anemone; the leaves are very ruffled and held upright, the buds had yet to open, but the leaves made this a star plant. Sadly there was no plant label but recently the same variety was for sale as Anemone x hybrida 'Lady Gilmore', and the buds have opened to reveal a large single flower, in a deep silvery old rose shade, with many elegant long fine petals. This variety is also known as 'Crispa'.

More recently I came across a fabulous planting combination of a dark Japanese anemone, which may have been 'Hadspen Abundance', and the hardy pink Hibiscus syriacus 'Woodbridge'. Certainly a winning combination to plant in the future, seen growing in a shady west facing spot next to a cottage, the healthy dark green foliage formed the perfect background to the flowers.

I'm in autumn colour mode, the artist inside me is looking at deep reds, plum shades, pinks, blackberries, flame leaf colours, the beautiful chestnut golden beech leaves, yellows of all types, mixed in with some strong outrageous oranges of pumpkins and squashes; the colour festival of autumn, nature's backdrop to the Harvest celebrations.

Seeds collected fresh from my garden plants and sown last month, have germinated well, these young plants will grow on with some protection through the winter. My next sowings will include sweet peas for an early summer picking.

Anyone with a greenhouse can have salad leaves through the winter. Cold, dull weather will slow production. Clean glass also makes a big difference. Seeds can be sown either in the greenhouse beds or containers and the young leaves are picked for colourful salads. Lambs lettuce is hardy and there are several varieties available; 'D'Orlanda' is the hardiest, dark green 'Louviers' and 'Pulsar', also the smaller leaved 'Verte de Cambrai'.

The young leaves of Chard give colour; Mustards 'Golden Streaks' and 'Ruby Streaks' add a different texture. Other seeds to sow are rocket, oriental leaves, winter purslane, land cress, mizuma and winter lettuce varieties.

Dahlias have put on a good late show from August, but soon they will either be cut to the ground by frost or a decision will have to be made

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ART IN COATES

The autumn term sessions have now begun with a series of talks by Paul Chapman on 20th Century British Art. There are 3 more sessions in October with a break on 22 October for half term.

The sessions then resume on 29 October with 2 sessions on portraits by Juliet Heslewood. On 12 November we welcome Rory Young for a not to be missed session on his unique sculpture project of Martyrs for St Albans cathedral. Following that Patrick Doorly will give 2 afternoon sessions on the first century of woodcuts and engraving.

Meetings are held in Coates village hall from 10am to 12 noon on Thursdays. The cost is £10 per session, paid at the door and includes refreshments at half time. All are welcome. For further information contact Diana Crane on 770907.

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NEWS FROM SAPPERTON AND FRAMPTON MANSELL

TALKING TO MYSELF

Pondering to myself while walking the dog the other day I wondered how often during each day I think about the closeness of God. Not that often! Yes, when walking in the fields and all is quiet save for the birds I am often aware that this beautiful area in which we live was created by God and I rejoice. But sitting at my desk at work I tend to forget His presence. Rabbi Abraham Heschel writes: *'God dwells within us, yet God must awaken us to the divine indwelling'*. An interesting concept. I was trying to relate it to making friends. I remember as a child desperately wanting a particular girl to be my friend, to be allowed to be part of her group. I recall going out of my way to be extra nice to her, sharing my sweets and offering to fetch things she wanted. Of course it doesn't work like that does it? Strange how one does make friends, it just seems to happen almost without your noticing it; you just gradually get closer to each other. Of course when we get older we have lots of friends but when you are a child one really wants a 'best friend'. So, is it like that with God? Pope Francis said: *'I would say that one encounters God walking, moving, seeking Him and allowing oneself be sought by Him'*. I find that comforting.

HARVEST FESTIVAL & LUNCH

Please come to the **Harvest Festival** at St Peter's Rodmarton on Sunday 4 October at 11am, led by the Children's Choir, if you can. Any donations of fruit and vegetables, etc will be distributed to residential care homes. It is followed by the **Harvest Lunch** at Rodmarton village hall to which **ALL ARE WELCOME**, (regardless of whether you make the service first!). This is an excellent chance to get together over lunch. It is free of charge but please bring a sweet or savoury dish to contribute towards the excellent buffet lunch provided.

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**NEWS FROM RODMARTON, TARLTON,
CULKERTON AND HAZLETON**

RODMARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Rodmarton parish council had its first meeting in July following the AGM and election and a warm welcome was extended to the new councillor, Ann McCurdy. Very many thanks for all their hard work over the years were given to Jasper Biddulph, John Biddulph and Nick Clarke who had decided not to stand for re-election. The parish council is in need of two more councillors - anyone interested please contact the clerk in the first instance at clerk@btinternet.com. A main topic discussed was that of people driving too quickly through the villages and parishioners are encouraged to 'name and shame' those who do. A monitor will be undertaken during the school holidays and again after school returns.

At the meeting in September Rodmarton Parish Council discussed inter alia why Highways top dressed roads that did not seem to need work and left undone those with potholes - a councillor would contact them. Tony Berry the Ward Councillor explained that should the proposed new Kemble Station car park be passed by the planners the old one could not be used to build houses on. Cotswold Airport was making marketing presentations about housing on the airfield but no planning application had been made so to do. Vehicle speeds were being monitored and all road users were asked to moderate their speed in the narrow lanes, especially near the school. External auditors had passed the 2014/15 accounts. The Watershed Magazine had asked for a subvention to the costs of producing the magazine. A councillor would contact the officers of the magazine in order to find out the true expenditure and the desires of the benefice-wide periodical. Closing and diversion of public paths around Hazleton Manor was objected to.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17 November in Rodmarton Village Hall at 7pm. All welcome. Please see the web-site: www.rodmarton-pc.org for more details.

RODMARTON CHURCH CHOIR

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4 October	Harvest Festival
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We are holding a said communion service, followed by coffee on the first Tuesday of the month, 6 October, at Woodstock in Frampton Mansell. The service will start at 11am with coffee and a natter at 11.30am.

We would love to see you for either or both. Want to know more? Need a lift? Phone Pepita or Paul on 760211.



CIRENCESTER EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP

The local team will be on hand for the monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday 7 October which takes place in St Peter's Lounge, St Peter's Court, St Peter's Road, Cirencester from 7.30 - 9pm.

If you rather go on line and receive advice and information you can contact BEAT eating disorders and be signposted to the needs you require.

Further details about the group in confidence can be obtained from Pat 01285 770385.

FRAMPTON MANSELL RURAL CINEMA

Woman in Gold (12a)

starring

Helen Mirren

on Tuesday 20 October at 7.30pm

WOMAN IN GOLD is the remarkable true story of one woman's journey to reclaim her heritage and seek justice for what happened to her family. Sixty years after she fled Vienna during World War II, an elderly Jewish woman, Maria Altmann (Mirren), starts her journey to retrieve family possessions seized by the Nazis, among them Klimt's famous painting 'Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I'.

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SCHOOL TIES - SAPPERTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL NEWS



School's Out! It's back, and the Autumn Term is in full swing! As ever, first and foremost at this time of year, a very warm welcome to our new joiners in Reception Class and higher up the School. Come and join the Sapperton family and share in all the fun! And also, a very warm welcome back to Mrs Hutchinson, a well-known former member of staff, who has returned to the school after a long sojourn in Germany. Hopefully, we can hang on to her for longer this time!

And the other School news is that, over the summer holiday, the Orlop Deck – sorry, the Staff and Music Practice Room – has been totally refurbished, damp proofed and repainted and looks very shipshape and Bristol fashion, continuing the ongoing school infrastructure upgrade programme. Who knows what will be made-over next? And no, before you ask, the rebuilding of the playground wall was not part of the *intended* refurbishment programme!

Looking ahead, the normal programme of autumn activities will be kicking off with Year 6 commencing their Bikeability cycling proficiency programme in the next few days and the Harvest Festival services, both on the school allotment (midweek) and at Park Corner Farm (on a Sunday) to follow. Everyone is invited and both have proved very popular in the past. Please do come along; it's an ideal way to meet other parents and to get to know everyone. Watch Parent Mail for further announcements of dates.

No sporting results to report as yet but the fixtures are already in the diary and its full steam ahead with after school clubs which have already started with, for instance, Years 4, 5 and 6 already having enjoyed water sports at the Cotswold Waterpark in exceptionally warm weather, plus archery (in which the school has done very well in recent competitions) and a host of other activities too! For those early risers there is also a Breakfast Club (from 8am) – but please book with the school office first.

And something new for this term is "*I Sing Pop*," an externally facilitated religion-based musical workshop which will run in school time and will encourage children to compose and perform their own renditions describing their views and impressions of worship from a local perspective. Sounds interesting and, I am reliably informed, might lead to some form of concert. As ever, watch this space for further information.

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