

The Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter



October 2020

FROM REVEREND JENNIFER MORTON

By the time you read this the nights will have drawn in even more and we will be heading for the clocks changing. The tang of approaching autumn that is in the air as I write this at the beginning of September will have become the norm, and the swallows now gathering on the wires long gone.

Autumn is a time of year that sees nature closing down for the winter yet it is also the beginning of much in our society, especially this year as we emerge from lockdown. Autumn is the beginning of the academic year and for those involved in education we have seen children and young people return to schools and colleges. But not in the same way. The arrangements that have had to be put in place have required a huge amount of work in difficult circumstances to ensure as safe an environment as possible for everyone.

This gradual opening up after lockdown has been greeted with mixed emotions. Some so carefree that they think they can just do what they like and the risk has passed. Others still feel so anxious and vulnerable that they are reluctant to go out in public. Most of us are probably somewhere in between and the places and circumstances where we feel comfortable will vary for each one of us.

There is a passage in Paul's letter to the Romans that talks about how we should care about people's different opinions. The matter in question was to do with traditions that were considered to be still valid for some of the early Christian community but not for others. Paul writes:

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. (Romans 15:1-2)

The future is uncertain and as we approach winter, we may face greater risks to our health. Surely, therefore, we should be acting in ways that reassure the most vulnerable in our society. To be courteous when out in public and whatever our opinions about masks, social distancing and meeting up with others have respect for those who do not feel as confident as we do or are simply more cautious for reasons we may not be aware of.

I am sure we have all had our ups and downs during these peculiar times and had to manage difficult choices but one thing seems to have stood out is the support for others in our local communities. Therefore, in this transition time let us make sure that the care and concern for our neighbour does not evaporate but continues to be an encouragement for us all, whatever the future holds.

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A clergy person can always be reached in a pastoral emergency by ringing the Dorchester Team Office 01865 340007

DORCHESTER TEAM DISCRETIONARY FUND

The clergy have at their disposal a limited fund which we are able to spend to support people who are in financial difficulties. It is particularly helpful in an emergency as we are able to be flexible and turn around funding very quickly. If you feel this fund could help someone you know talk to one of the clergy to find out more. Referrals are through the clergy and local health/ social provider professionals.

EVENT IN THE ABBEY: Saturday 17th Oct – OSJ unlocked

Mozart 'Sonata in B Flat, KV 454'

Brahms 'Sonata No 2 in A major op. 100'

Ravel 'Tzigane'

Jan Schmolck violin

Tim Horton piano

6pm and 8pm – Tickets £15 – Booking essential – www.osj.org.uk

BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Dog Bins

SODC have recently increased the cost of emptying dog bins which for the Parish Council has meant an annual increase from £100 per annum for our 3 bins collection to potentially £106 per quarter, this year. A further increase from £3 per bin to £6 per bin plus a £15% service charge will be applied from April 2021 leading to a potential cost of £800 pa, representing a 10% additional cost to our precept for next year.

The Parish Council has therefore engaged a private contractor, who will have taken over from September 1st at a cost of £3 per bin fixed for 3 years at a cost of £468. Whilst still a significant increase, it is a saving on that which would have been charged.

This increased cost, along with other financial pressures, will have to be reflected in our consideration of the precept for 2021 which we will be discussing at the November council meeting.

The Tree Trail

Parish Councilors have supported the most recent proposals for planting orchard trees on 2 sites around the village green. And the plans have been submitted to the Queen's College land agents for their approval. There has also been discussion with the land agents on tree planting on other sites which they are considering, and there has been in-principle support for the planting of fewer larger interesting varieties rather than a large number of small trees. As the village green is owned by the College consultation and agreement from them is necessary.

District Councilor's report on the SODC Local Plan 2034

As we reported the Inspector (Jonathan Bore) gave his initial responses at the end of the Examination and indicated he accepted ALL the major large sites in the draft Local Plan as sound and legal. Councillors spoke at all the relevant session for the Baldons, pointing out the many flaws and suggesting modifications. The inspector's report, requiring some relatively minor modifications, has now been sent to SODC and is available to read on the Local Plan Inspection section on SODC website. SODC will hold a 6-week period of consultation on the modifications, none of which are likely to alter the plans for the Grenoble road site. Following this the final version of the SODC Local plan will be agreed and adopted in 2021 by SODC.

Solar Farm

We had expected the Solar farm planning application to be submitted to SODC in the next few weeks but now understand that the Environmental Impact study is still underway.

As this will be a substantial application for the council to respond to, councillors have agreed that should it require discussion and response between our normal schedule of meetings we will hold an extraordinary council meeting. In addition, we will issue as much information as we can via the village email to allow villagers to see the plans and give us feedback. We have also contacted the company to ask for discussion on community benefits should the application be supported by SODC.

Baldons CC

Cricket is alive and well in the Baldons! Over the past six weeks the Baldons Cricket Club has managed 2 village games and 3 inter-village matches. Special mention should be made of Cosmo Taylor and his team who have been working hard repairing the square, resurrecting the roller and galvanising the members. With over 40 people playing cricket this year, the club should thrive next year. The pitch has been badly damaged by horses riding over the square and needs considerable work over the autumn and into next year. Please contact Cosmo (baldonscc@gmail.com) if you can help in anyway or would like to contribute to the cost of the repairs. At present, the Parish Clerk is acting as treasurer and has applied to OCC for a grant to support the club.

Planning applications

Hornbeam Cottage Marsh Baldon, P20/S3039. An application for a new shed to the rear of the property. The council will make no objections.

48 The Green, P20/S2113/HH. An application for a replacement garage office and utility. The council has supported an amended application with a lower roof height.

Now approved by SODC

Shepherds Halt, P20/S2328/HH An application for replacement conservatory and integration of garage into living space. The Parish Council supported the application in its response to SODC.

Highways Infrastructure Developments

There have been a number of reports in the local press about future road projects involving a new river crossing over the Thames at Culham, a Clifton Hampden bypass and work on the Golden Balls roundabout, which is also relevant to SODC Local Plan. This is a County Council major strategic plan and funding will be coming from government for improved infrastructure to support developments around Didcot and surrounding area.

Lorraine Lindsey-Gale our County Councillor arranged for two member of the OCC Highways dept to log into the council meeting and brief councillors. We now understand that work on planning the new Golden Ball roundabout hasn't yet started but it is going to be necessary development to cope with the anticipated increase in traffic coming from the west and the south of the county. The timescale of implementation will not be until the late 2020s.

In addition, the highways officers confirmed that they were looking again at the proposed site of a Park and Ride linked with the Grenoble road development and considering its possible relocation associated with the Golden Balls development. That there will be a significant increase of traffic on the A4074 appears to be inevitable. Councillors pointed out their concerns at the apparent disconnect between county and local planning and their concerns for the impact on historical villages like Nuneham Courtenay.

Whilst formal consultation will not take place until a planning application is submitted councillors urged that local discussion be held in the development of the plans.

Gravel Extraction Nuneham Courtenay

Our County Councillor also reported that plans for Gravel extraction from land just north of Nuneham Courtenay were to be put on hold. Due to the strong evidence against the suitability of the site put to OCC by Nuneham Courtenay and others, alternative sites in the Berinsfield vicinity are to be considered. A good win for local voices.

Future Parish Council meetings

The next meeting will be on 9th November. 7.30pm.

It seems likely with the current Covid restrictions meetings will have to continue by Zoom rather than return to the village hall as we had hoped to do this autumn.

NUNEHAM COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Gravel extraction

Our local County Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale attended the Parish Council's September meeting. She said there would be a meeting of the Cabinet Advisory Group on 7th September. Lorraine said everything is back in the melting pot about the County Council's plans for sourcing Oxfordshire's future needs for gravel.

Apparently, the County Council now accepts the Nuneham Courtenay site won't yield as much gravel as Oxfordshire needs but that does not mean the County Council won't decide to recommend the use of the site to provide some of the gravel that is needed. The Council hoped to get better communication from the County Council about what is happening and an end to prolonged uncertainty about the site but Lorraine said it would probably be many months before the County Council published a new plan.

Proposed Sandford Park and Ride

The Council's September meeting was also attended by our local District Councillor Sam Casey-Rerhaye. She and Lorraine both spoke about the possible impact on the village of the proposal for a new Park and Ride at Sandford. The Council hopes to co-operate with Sandford Parish Council and get a meeting with the county councillor responsible for transport, Yvonne Constance (County Councillor for Shrivenham).

Fallow & Fields

At the Council's meeting on 1st September it discussed two applications before South Oxfordshire District Council in connection with the new deli at Threadneedle House (no 9): one application was for a licence to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises between 9am and 8pm Monday to Friday; the other was to allow the deli longer opening hours – the existing permission is only for a shop open between 9am and 8pm Monday to Friday. The Council decided it would support both applications as it believes the new shop is a good thing for the parish.

Neighbourhood Plan

An officer from South Oxfordshire District Council has met with a couple of parishioners and Madhvi Saini, who chairs the Parish Council, to explain more about developing a Neighbourhood Plan. The decision whether to start a Neighbourhood Plan is one for the Parish Council even if the work mainly gets done by a group of interested parishioners.

Last meeting

At the September meeting, the Council also discussed the playing field, the Planning Inspector's decision on the South Oxfordshire Local Plan, the new 45 bus, breaches of the Nuneham Courtenay Legal Agreement, nesting peacocks and the Council's website. It was a long meeting – about two and a half hours!

Audit 2019-20

We're now in the period when anyone can ask questions about last year's accounts, inspect the Council's books for 2019-20 and even ask for copies of individual items. It's called the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights. You can actually see a huge amount of information on the Council's website here: <http://nunehamcourtenay.org.uk/2019-2020-financials/>.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Council is on Tuesday 3rd November. It probably won't be a physical meeting in the Village Hall but another remote one using Zoom, like the ones the Council held in July and September.

BABYSITTER

Hullo there!

My name is Beth Taylor and I live in Nuneham Courtenay. I am a dependable and trustworthy young aspiring actress (21) looking for work babysitting/child minding. As an actor in training I feel I bring a lot of energy and creativity to the room when working with children, keeping them calm, happy and entertained. I also have been trained in first aid if an accident were to happen. I love all animals (even mice) so if your dog needs a walk etc that will be no problem. If you would like to get into contact please text me on 07768347585 or email 99bethat@gmail.com

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Items for the November 2020 issue newsletter
by 16th October please

Any villager is welcome to send items for publication in the newsletter. Please send copy to Natasha Eliot: tashaandjames@btopenworld.com. Alternatively, I can be contacted on 343478 or at Baldon House East, Marsh Baldon.

For advertising queries, please contact Leanna Maggs on:
leanna.maggs@gmail.com or on 01865 340 521

NUNEHAM COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL NEWS

As the situation is ever changing in regard to Covid, we have taken the decision not to organise a season of activities only to cancel them later. We are using this time to organise a series of necessary repairs to the hall, to ensure its upkeep. Brian is also clearing away the debris left lying around the hall by other groups, to make it a nicer area for all.

Anyone wishing to hire the hall should contact June as normal on OX 343 371. Each enquiry will be answered on a case by case basis, adhering to the government advice. Please note that it may take a bit of time to get back to you, as nothing is completely straight forward right now and advice is still changing constantly.

Yoga

Yoga is continuing to meet weekly on a Monday. Please note the details on the Baldons website are wrong. You can contact me on OX343459, the village WhatsApp group or jenny@datadaysolutions.com if you wish to join in. As an organised fitness activity we are exempt from the current "rule of 6." We do need to abide by Covid-safe numbers however.

Please do get in touch if you want to come along and give it a try. At this time we are not meeting in the village hall so the location changes depending literally on the weather.

Bread and Flour Deliveries

The need for bread and flour deliveries has tailed off. However, our friends at the Natural Bread Company are going to supply Fallow and Fields, the deli by the village hall. Do contact them if you wish to order your normal bread, flour, eggs, and pastries on 07825 818870.

Historic Church

Most of you will know of Old All Saints Church located in the grounds of the Global Retreat Centre. This is still a consecrated church looked after by the Historic Churches Conservation Trust. They have been in contact to ask if we could form a group of people willing to help look after the church. This will really just involve a small group meeting to give the church a monthly clean and reporting any issues. The idea is to make this a social time, with a pool of people to call upon, so that no one needs to commit to doing every session but to join in when you are able and perhaps have a tea or coffee afterwards. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact me on OX 343459 or jenny@datadaysolutions.com

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT BY CLLR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE

NEW BUS SERVICE

I am delighted that after many months of campaigning on behalf of local residents, from 1 September 2020, Thames Travel service 45 between Abingdon and Culham was extended to serve Berinsfield, Nuneham Courtenay, Oxford Science Park and Cowley thanks to funding from the Government's Supported Bus Services Fund (SBSF) and Section 106 planning agreement funds from Culham Science Centre.

The service operates broadly every two hours on Mondays to Fridays, offering peak and off-peak connections to town and district centres and major employment parks. The service part-replaces the former T2 bus service and has been much-requested by Berinsfield residents since the previous service was withdrawn.

The service has been procured on an initial two-year contract and it is hoped that it will be sufficiently successful to be extended beyond this period. I do hope residents will use the 45, because as with so many things nowadays, it's use it, or lose it. A copy of the timetable is available at <https://www.thames-travel.co.uk/routes/45>.

BACK TO SCHOOL GOING WELL

The new academic year has arrived and our Learning & School Improvement team have been working closely with schools and colleges to make sure that all children are welcomed back safely. I recognise that some parents may feel anxious, particularly in light of the number of COVID-19 cases in Oxford. We have therefore written to parents and carers across Oxfordshire to reassure them about the preparations that have taken place for the safe return of children. 94% of schools in Oxfordshire have remained open since the start of lockdown and we have not seen any significant outbreaks during this time. Moreover, research by Public Health England shows that coronavirus outbreaks and infections in schools and early years settings are very rare.

Through our #backtoschoolsafely campaign, the Council is also encouraging parents and children to adopt active travel where possible, including walking, cycling or scooting to school.

OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19

This continues to be a fast-moving situation, and the County Council Public Health Surveillance Unit is monitoring it very closely. With many schools now back, the Universities welcoming back students in the coming weeks, and people returning from holiday in Europe where cases are rising, there is a real need for everyone to remain vigilant. The Council is therefore asking people **not to let their guard down** and to continue taking preventative measures. If the figures rise, then local control measures may need to be introduced.

FROM JOHN HOWELL MP

As I write in the middle of September we are facing tighter measures to try to halt the recent rise in COVID cases. This is disappointing but not entirely unanticipated. There are, of course, many views on how the Government should respond to these issues and there will be some who are not happy with new measures either because they think they are not strong enough or because they find them too restrictive. Several very specific scenarios have been raised with me for guidance on what to do but it is impossible for the Government to set out the requirements in every individual situation. The key has to be in the distancing and hygiene measures that have been set out.

Reports of scams in relation to COVID Track and Trace are worrying particularly where people are trying to get money for supposed tests. Scams also risk undermining the genuine process which is important to help control the spread of the virus. There is no charge for Government COVID tests and NHS track and Trace will not ask for any sort of payment details, pin numbers or to download anything from the internet.

Now to a completely different issue that I know is dear to the hearts of many in the constituency – planning. The Government has published proposals on reforms to the planning system and the consultation is open until the end of October. I am pleased to see this as I think that radical reform of the planning system is necessary. The proposals, if accepted, will improve the way that councillors and local communities carry out an important local planning function – the production of a local plan. I mention local communities here because Neighbourhood Plans remain crucial for the future of the planning system and I am pleased that the Secretary of State has confirmed ongoing support for Neighbourhood Planning. I know will be welcomed by the many communities that have put a huge amount of effort into setting out their own vision for their future through a Neighbourhood Plan.

Whilst on the subject of planning many of you will know that I have long defended the Green Belt and look forward to being able to continue to do so under the new system. I was disappointed that the Planning Inspector examining the South Oxfordshire Local Plan seems set to approve the release of sites within the Green Belt for development. However it is the job of the Inspector to determine this against all the other aspects of the plan and it is good to see that the designation of the land as Green Belt has led to a requirement that if Green Belt land is released then there should be compensatory improvements to the environmental quality and accessibility of the remaining Green Belt land, with measures supported by evidence of landscape, biodiversity or recreational needs and opportunities. Things do change over time and we cannot preserve things in aspic when competing needs create opposing demands but these protections do ensure that mitigations are put in place.

Another important issue on the agenda at present is what has become known as the green recovery – that as we emerge out of COVID restrictions and get the economy going again we learn from the environmental benefits of lockdown. This is something that has to be reflected across Government Departments and I continue to work with colleagues to be mindful of this as any new proposals come forward.

Now that Parliament has returned there is a busy programme. On many issues I make comment on my website so please do have a look. www.johnhowell.org.uk. If you have an issue that you would like to raise with me, if possible, please email me at john.howell.mp@parliament.uk. If you cannot email you can write to me at my constituency office - PO Box 84, Watlington, OX49 5XD.

If you would like to receive my periodic electronic newsletters, and briefings on specific issues, please visit my website www.johnhowell.org.uk and subscribe at the link on the home page.

WALLINGFORD MUSEUM BOOKSHOP

We are pleased to announce that Wallingford Museum's bookshop has re-opened – social distancing and precautionary measures will be observed.



This is a good opportunity for book-lovers and present-seekers to make a point of visiting the bookstall whilst Wallingford Museum remains temporarily closed.

We have an excellent selection of good second-hand books (both fiction and non-fiction) at sensible prices. We'll be open every Friday and Saturday from 10.30 to 1.00.

As a re-opening offer all books will be £1 each (cash), but do pay more if you wish!

WALLINGFORD GUIDED HISTORICAL WALKS ARE NOW ON OFFER!

Wallingford Museum's experienced team are now taking bookings for historical tours of the town or castle.

These tours will follow government guidelines for Covid-19 prevention, with social distancing in place throughout and any other necessary precautions.

- All bookings are via email: pburton6@talktalk.net
- You will be in a group of no more than 6 people (incl Guide) on any tour.
- Cost is £10 per head, for a tour lasting between 90-120 mins.

www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk



We bring you good news! The Maple Tree is cautiously introducing a limited programme! Sling & Buggy Walks take place from The Maple Tree on a Wednesday morning (10-11.45). Melanie Kinghan will lead the initial 4 walks. Pre-booking is essential so we can keep on top of the numbers. We ask for a donation of £2.50 per family which should be paid in advance.

Stay and Play is also returning on a Thursday morning commencing Thursday 24th September. This will initially run between 10-11am. We do have very limited numbers for this session – currently 6 families per session (with a strict one adult per family policy). Again, the cost will be £2.50 per session and pre-booking is essential.

If you are interested in either of the above sessions, please contact info@mapletree.org.uk to secure your space. You will then receive an email confirmation with details of payment methods together with a new registration form that we will use for track and trace purposes.

APPEAL FOR NEW TRUSTEES

We are looking for more members from our local area to join our committed and friendly group of charity trustees. We are keen to recruit volunteers with a background/expertise in finance and accountancy, premises management and ICT/data collection. However, we would also welcome trustees from other backgrounds who are able to help us. If you would like more information about the Maple Tree, or a chat about what is involved in becoming a trustee, please contact Jane Lightfoot at jane@mapletree.org.uk Do have a look at our website for more information: www.mapletree.org.uk. Please spread the word if you know anyone who might be interested in finding out more.

Finally, this is the very last report that I will write as Coordinator of The Maple Tree. I will be leaving The Maple Tree on 30th September to move on to pastures new. I have really enjoyed my three years getting to know all of the local families and I will look back fondly at my time here. I wish The Maple Tree well for the future and thank everybody for their support which has been greatly appreciated.

Goodbye for now
Hayley Hayle (Coordinator)

THE BALDONS CRICKET CLUB SEASON REVIEW

Thank you to everyone who has supported and played for The Baldons Cricket Club this year. Given the circumstances, we've enjoyed a short but successful season with 42 players representing The Baldons across 5 matches.

We kicked off the season on the 1st August with an internal village friendly which threatened to be anything but friendly, with Toby Winn drawing blood from Graham Bruce early on with a quick bouncer. A helmet was quickly summoned from the pavilion and the game thankfully continued in good spirits. A fifty from Cosmo Taylor and some windscreen-threatening sixes from Jonathan Campion gave the Rob Cook XI a decent total, which they defended comfortably with some accurate bowling.

Next up were The Astons CC; heavy rain forced the game to be moved to Aston Tirrold but The Baldons were unfazed and produced probably their best bowling display of the season against a strong batting line-up. A father and son C. Taylor opening partnership was promising, concerning scorers and opposition alike, but The Baldons soon collapsed and finished 34 runs short.

Mark Denning led the way in our next match at home against Oxenford, scoring 46 in tricky batting conditions. The Baldons posted a total of 125 off 33 overs, which seemed well below par as Oxenford looked to be cruising to victory, 85-2 after 10 overs. However, Jasper Taylor and Jake Ball swung the match back in our favour and The Baldons eventually clinched victory by the barest of margins, bowling Oxenford out for 124.

Buoyed by that result, The Baldons were full of confidence against our next visitors, Great Milton, but a good bowling attack skittled an exuberant Baldons batting line-up, all out for 52. For a moment, it looked like The Baldons might pull off another unlikely victory but some lusty blows from the Great Milton middle-order saw them home in good time.

Our final match of the season was another internal friendly. Mark Denning's XI posted a decent total of 158 off 30 overs, courtesy of unbeaten fifties from Mark and Charles Taylor. Johnny Collett's XI responded in alarming fashion, losing 3 wickets in the first 3 overs. Ed Berridge led the comeback with an impressive fifty, setting the game up for another tight finish. Zac Petrou and Robin Timms combined well to take the game down to the last ball. With 3 runs needed to win, the batsmen could only manage a single and the Denning XI had won by 1 run.

It was a fitting end to the season and we are looking forward to a full fixture list next year. In the meantime, many thanks to everyone who has played, scored and helped get the pavilion and pitch back into shape. Please email Cosmo Taylor at baldonscc@gmail.com if you would like to get involved.

BERINSFIELD LIBRARY

**PLEASE NOTE THE SLIGHT CHANGE IN
OPENING HOURS**

Monday – Closed

Tuesday - Closed 2-5.00pm

Wednesday - 10-12.30 & 2-5.00pm

Thursday - Closed

Friday - 10-12.30 & 2-5.00pm

Saturday 10-12.30

**Our community activities are all on hold
for the moment but we will be back.**

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Come to our farm in Stadhampton to pick your own pumpkins for Halloween.

Enjoy a fun family day out with farm fresh food and drink, a nature trail, meet the new calves and our farm shop. Costumes encouraged!



OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS ARE NOW OPEN for Private Prayer and some Services

The gradual return to parish worship has been welcomed by everyone but compiling information for this newsletter immediately after the first round of restrictions means that, although we have made a few tweaks to the programme we are not yet confident to expand. For October we will continue to offer a 10.30 service for the whole Team on Zoom alongside fortnightly parish or group worship. There may be some 'tweaks' to this which will be advertised through weekly emails and local contact. To receive these emails please contact Rev Jennifer at jennifer@morton8.co.uk.

Wherever you live you may go to any of these services to worship. All we ask is that you make sure that we know you are coming by emailing or telephoning the parish office. The services at 10.30am will be broadcast on Zoom.

4th October

- 10.30am Bishop Colin's farewell to Dorchester Team: please register your interest with the parish office on 01865 340007. Rev Canon Rachel Carnegie will be formally licensed to the Team at this service.
- 8am Holy Communion Warborough
- 9am Holy Communion Drayton
- 9.30am Short Parish Prayers Clifton Hampden

11th October

- 10.30am Holy Communion at Stadhampton / Warborough
- 8am Holy Communion Dorchester
- 9am Holy Communion Berinsfield
- 9.30am Holy Communion Long Wittenham
- 5pm Holy Communion Marsh Baldon

18th October

- 10.30am Berinsfield – St Luke's tide service
- 8am Holy Communion Warborough
- 9am Holy Communion Drayton
- 10.30am Clifton Hampden Harvest Festival

25th October

- 10.30am Dorchester Holy Communion – Bible Sunday
- 8am Holy Communion Dorchester
- 9am Holy Communion Stadhampton
- 9.30am Holy Communion Long Wittenham
- 5pm Evensong Toot Baldon

There are regular services on the TV and radio and prayers and other information are on the Church of England's or The Diocese of Oxford's website. **We are also able to offer small weddings and funerals in church. To make a funeral or wedding arrangement please call 01865 340007 or Rev Teresa on 07823 809112.** Current information will be posted to www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk and www.achurchnearyou.com