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The 2026 Weigh-In at Horton-cum-Studley

November 2026

The editor writes



I am writing this on the day that the clocks went back, something that takes me by surprise every year, possibly because it's not a change that I really look forward to. The prospect of having an extra hour in bed is quite pleasant, as are the slightly lighter mornings for a short while, but reality quickly sets in when the nights draw in so much earlier and it is clear that winter is fast approaching.

Even so, there is plenty to look forward to and you will find lots to enjoy in the pages of this magazine. In many ways it is even more important to take advantage of community activities when the weather is bad and it feels like a struggle to get out of the doors.

As always, I would also encourage you to look through the Classified pages and support local businesses whenever possible.

Finally, don't forget that you can read this magazine, and back numbers from February 2018 onwards, on your PC, phone or tablet at fourparishes.org.uk/magazine. Simply type the URL into your web browser or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

With renewed thanks to all those who contribute in their various different ways to enable this publication to be created and distributed.

Julia

Our cover photo

was taken at the 2026 Weigh-In at Horton-cum Studley. See pages 30-31 for a list of winners and runners-up!

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Benefice of Beckley, Forest Hill with Shotover, Horton-cum-Studley and Stanton St John

Reverend Anthea Beresford is Vicar of the Church of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Beckley, St Nicolas Church in Forest Hill, St Barnabas Church in Horton-cum-Studley, and St John the Baptist Church in Stanton St John. Anthea is supported by a team of voluntary clergy, lay ministers and churchwardens, whose details are listed below.

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Church Services in the Four Parishes, November 2026

	St Nicolas, Forest Hill with Shotover	St John the Baptist, Stanton St John	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Beckley	St Barnabas, Horton-cum-Studley
1 November *All Saints Day*	**11am Holy Communion**	**9.30am Holy Communion**	**9.30am Holy Communion**	**11am Morning Prayer**
	4pm Four Parishes Children's Church at Forest Hill			
All Souls	**6pm Four Parishes All Souls Service at Stanton**			
8 November *Remembrance Sunday*	**10.45am at War Memorial followed by Morning Prayer**	**10.45am at War Memorial followed by Morning Prayer**	**10.45am Remembrance Service of Holy Communion**	**10.45am Remembrance Service of Morning Prayer**
15 November *2nd Sunday before Advent*	**11am BCP Morning Prayer**	**9.30am Holy Communion**		**11am Holy Communion**
	6pm Four Parishes Iona Service at Beckley			
22 November *Christ the King*	**10am Four Parishes Service of Holy Communion at Stanton**			
Sunday next before Advent	**3pm Family Church does Forest Church at Bernwood Forest, Horton-cum-Studley**			
	6pm Four Parishes Taizé Service on Zoom			
29 November *1st Sunday of Advent*	**11am Holy Communion**	**9.30am Holy Communion**	**9.30am Morning Prayer**	**11am Morning Prayer**

Please check the website www.fourparishes.org.uk for any updates. If you are not on the church mailing list and would like an invitation to a Zoom service or a regular reminder of weekly services, please email Anthea: anthea@fourparishes.org.uk.

A letter from Anthea

Hi everyone,



Oh yuk! I am sitting in my study looking out of the window on a very drab, dreary, wet, grey day. What of course I should be grateful for is that I am in the dry and relatively warm – I have the luxury that I could turn the heating up should I wish to, unlike those who cannot afford it, or do not have a roof over their heads.

So, whilst it is a miserable looking day, what are the good things I can reflect upon? I've already mentioned the luxury of my home. And at least it is not swelteringly hot like it was earlier in the week when the heating would not turn off! Fortunately, the heating engineers came quickly and sorted out the problem easily. Apparently it was common problem when we first turn our heating on after a long summer not needing it.

Last night I enjoyed one of my favourite times of the year away from church activities. I was fortunate once again to get an invitation to the preview evening of the Beckley Art Exhibition. And as ever, it did not disappoint. My goodness, we have some talented people in our midst! Wow!

I am no art critic, but I can appreciate the talents of those who display their works: in various media – watercolours, acrylics, oils, charcoal, ink, ceramics, quilting – I hope I have not missed anything. It was lovely to see paintings I had heard about but had not yet seen; one I had seen in the making and now finished (or not, as the artist told me!); some familiar sites; animals so beautifully depicted I felt I could almost stroke them; scenes that looked so real and inviting; some with a sense of fun that you could feel; vivid colours, subtle colours, strong lines and gentle lines. I loved looking to see whose work I was looking at and speaking to some of the artists. I marvelled at their skill. There were many I could have bought, and others I could appreciate enormously even if not something I might hang on my walls – if I had any space!

I hear from many members of the art group of how supportive and friendly the group is. If only I had some artistic skills! Thank you to everyone that makes the evening and weekend so enjoyable. Keep up the amazing 'work' you do!

Despite the slide into autumn, and the storms that are lashing the country this weekend, the autumn colours are beautiful, and there are still some flowers in the garden determinedly flowering and bringing colour. I have loved seeing some photos and videos of wild seas – I love watching the sea, especially when it is rough. I have just spent some time in Cornwall once more visiting favourite haunts, and walking on windswept beaches with Bertie. I hope people are keeping safe.



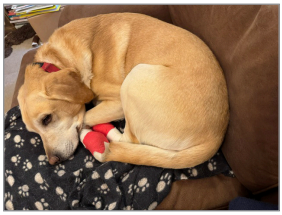
This afternoon, despite the miserable weather, I had the privilege of going to the 100th birthday celebration of David Nutt of Stanton St John. What a magnificent age to reach while still able to live independently and so healthily. That is certainly something to celebrate! There always seems something good even when the weather tries to make us miserable! It was lovely to chat briefly with him – there were so many there, it would have been wrong to hog his time! It was also delightful to chat with people who returned to the village to celebrate with David, and to hear some of their fond memories of life in Stanton. Huge congratulations David!



And a quick message about Bertie before I finish. He is feeling sorry for himself as he recovers from an operation to remove two lumps from his paws. Here is hoping and praying that he will soon be out and about in the Four Parishes without waterproof booties on! It is quite a palaver to enable him to go outside!

As ever, please do get in touch if you need someone to talk to. Take great care and God bless you and your loved ones.

Anthea







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CHURCH MATTERS

Church opening and services

All the churches in the Four Parishes are open daily. Beckley 10am-6pm; Forest Hill, Horton-cum-Studley and Stanton St John 10am-4pm.

A Four Parishes welcome to our new Ordinand

We continue to be popular with people training for ordained ministry in the Church of England which is wonderful! **Hannah Fox** joined us on placement in mid-October, and is with us for two terms, which means until just before Easter next year. Hannah is in her second of three years of training at Wycliffe Hall. She will be with us on Sundays, but also, college life allowing, at some of the mid-week activities too. It has been wonderful to welcome her to the Four Parishes, and I look forward to working with her during her time with us. I hope and pray that her time with us is fruitful, affirming, and helpful, as part of her journey towards ordination. I look forward to my discussions with her as we discuss ministry in this setting. I am sure we will make her very welcome and encourage her during her time with us.

Hannah has written a little introduction to herself for us:



Hello! I'm Hannah Fox, an ordinand at Wycliffe Hall, and I'm delighted to be on placement this year in the Four Parishes. I'm so looking forward to getting to know you all in the weeks to come. Please do say hello!

A bit about me: I grew up going to my local village church – St Mark's, Colney Heath (near St Albans) – and I remember deciding to follow Jesus as a child during morning worship on a Sunday. After school I moved to London to do the New Wine Discipleship Year and was based at St Mellitus Church, Hanwell. I then moved to Cambridge to study Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion at Newnham College. After my degree I stayed in the city to work with students at Holy Trinity Church.

Last year I moved to Oxford to begin my training. Most of my time now is spent researching the history of catechesis (systematic teaching of the faith) in the Church of England for my MPhil. I also lead a Falcon camp, a fun holiday for young people who might not otherwise get a summer

holiday where we explore together what it means to follow Jesus. In any spare time, I love to walk along the coast, dance, sing, sew and spend time with my two little nieces. Although at the moment these are mostly on pause as my current project is converting a van to a micro-campervan! If you have any recommendations of walks or campsites in the area I would love to hear. *Hannah Fox*

Celebrating Harvest across the Four Parishes

I would like to say a huge thank you to all those involved in decorating the Churches across the Four Parishes for the harvest services, making them look especially beautiful and festive. Thank you to all those who donated flowers, greenery and harvest gifts that were used in the decorating. After the services the harvest gifts went to food banks or a soup kitchen, to help those less comfortable than ourselves. Thank you also to those who delivered the gifts to these various places.

It was delightful having the whole of Beckley School, along with parents, grandparents and friends of the school, celebrating harvest in Beckley Church while it was still beautifully decorated. The children brought harvest gifts which were added to those already in Church. The service included the Acting the Bible team acting out the story of Ruth, with the children and the rest of the congregation joining in the chorus. The children had also learnt harvest songs; displayed their harvest related art work; and read harvest poems and prayers they had written. The service finished with prayers and a blessing. It was a joyous occasion to be involved in.

All Souls

Sunday 1 November, 6pm, St John the Baptist, Stanton St John

'All Souls' is the time in the Church calendar when we remember and give thanks to God for loved ones no longer with us. There will be a short reflective service, when loved ones can be remembered by name, or in the silence of your hearts.

If you are able to attend in person, that is wonderful, but if you would like someone remembered, and cannot attend, please do not worry, they can still be remembered on the day, and a candle lit in their memory. Whether or not you can attend, would you please let Anthea know the names of loved ones you would like remembered, and their names will be read out.

Many of us have lost loved ones recently who we would like remembered. Others have lost loved ones some time ago, and still their loss is painful to bear. This is an opportunity to remember before God, by name, loved ones we have loved, but no longer see, whether that is recently or longer ago. Please do think about joining us.

If you are unable to come but would like a loved one remembered and a candle lit for them, please do let Anthea know.

Children's autumn craft workshops

We had great fun at the Harvest Craft Workshop in October, and very much look forward to the Remembrance Workshop on **Friday 13 November at 3.30-4.30pm in Beckley Church**. This is primarily aimed at primary school children, but younger siblings (and older!) are welcome. Do come and join in the fun. Children must be accompanied by an adult please. There will be light refreshments. All are welcome.

Advent challenge and beyond

I hope you are still journeying with me towards the final stage of our journey through the Bible in a year. I am still a little behind but have caught up a bit this month and remain determined to keep going and to achieve the goal and hope you are too. If you are on track, then a huge well done. If, like me you are a little behind, please do not give up. We can do this! Let's give it a final push. For November, for the Old Testament, we need to aim to read the whole of Joel and Ezekiel, and Daniel up to 6:28, and continue Psalms up to chapter 136:12 and Proverbs up to chapter 29:9. For the New Testament, we need to aim to finish Hebrews, read the whole of James, 1 and 2 Peter, and 1 John to chapter 2:11. I look forward to hearing how you get on. Please do let me know. It is great journeying together.

Ongoing midweek activities on Zoom

We are continuing Morning and Evening Prayer and the Four Parishes Book Group on Zoom as detailed. Please do get in touch with Anthea for invitations if you wish to be included.

	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Morning Prayer at 9 am		Y		Y
Evening Prayer at 6pm	Y		Y	
4 Parishes Book Group at 7.30pm			Y	

Book Group

We are reading *Held in God's Gaze: Keeping company with the Saints and Mystics* by Jill Duff and Nicholas Haile so if you would like to join us, please do get in touch with Anthea. New members are always welcome. We meet virtually by Zoom on a **Thursday evening at 7.30pm** for an hour.

Home Study Group

The study group meets on **Monday afternoons at 2.30pm at Studley Farm House, Horton-cum-Studley**. New members are always welcome. Anyone from around the Four Parishes is welcome to join in. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Annie Payne by email at anniefpayne@gmail.com.

Prayers for Peace

As the hope for peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land and all its surrounding areas continues to look far off, the war in Iran and the wider Middle East continues, and news of atrocities in Sudan, Myanmar, Yemen and other places around the world continue to come through, it is clear that God's peace is not present throughout the world, so we continue to pray for peace. We will meet for **15 minutes at 12pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays in November** across the Four Parishes as follows:

Beckley	7 and 25	Forest Hill	18 and 28
Horton-cum-Studley	4 and 14	Stanton	11 and 21

Private devotion during Advent

Advent begins on 29 November, so it is time to think about what we might do for Advent. There are many different books that are designed for use during Advent. I have two suggestions this year, but you may have a favourite you go to, or one that has been sitting on your bookshelf begging to be read for some time.

My Advent Challenge for this year will be reading the Gospel of Mark, as that is the Gospel for the coming year (more of that in the December magazine). So, alongside the reading of the Gospel of Mark, you may like to read: *Walking with Angels* by Eleanor Sanderson. The other is *Treasures in Straw: Exploring the griefs and gifts of the Christmas story* by Tanya Marlow. I look forward to hearing about your reading in Advent, whether one of these books or something else.

Confirmation

Have you been wondering about confirmation? Some of you might even be wondering what confirmation is. So here is a brief introduction, but please do get in touch with me if you want to learn more.

We are hoping to have a confirmation service in the new year, or we may join a service somewhere else in the Deanery for those interested in being confirmed if Bishop Gavin doesn't have sufficient space in his diary to come to the Four Parishes. His diary is especially full as he is Acting Bishop of Oxford as well as Bishop of Dorchester.

Those who have been baptised as children may at some point want to make their own declaration of faith and, in the Church of England, this is formally done at a confirmation service. Adults who have not been baptised but are wanting to make a public statement about their belief, may be interested in a combined service of baptism and confirmation. Those who have been members of other denominations may be interested in confirmation as a means of declaring their membership of the Church of England. Confirmation is not a requirement to worship within the Church of England, all are welcome, but some may wish to take this step. It is only a requirement for those wishing to hold various offices within the Church.

Confirmation is an important occasion. Confirmation candidates confirm the promises made for them at their baptism service if baptised as a child, and the Bishop leading the service prays for God's Holy Spirit to rest upon them. This is a very special moment within the service and for the individual candidates.

Before confirmation, candidates generally attend a series of classes or meetings where they discuss what it means to be a Christian, so they can decide whether to make their own Christian commitment and think about how they might express that in their own lives.

If you are interested in being confirmed or would like to know more about confirmation, please do get in touch with me.

For more information about any of the items on pages 8-12 of the magazine, please contact me, Anthea Beresford. Email: anthea@fourparishes.org.uk **Tel: 01865 351839 Mobile: 07876 527514.**

GENERAL

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal: Long Service Award



The photo above was taken on 12 October at Old Mill Cottage, Stanton St John. Tamsin Fraser, 'Head of Poppy Appeal' of The Royal British Legion, (RBL) presented **Fred and Jan Weller** with a certificate for their 25 years' service. She also presented each of them with an enamelled RBL broach in recognition of their long service.

Fred and Jan first started the annual Poppy Appeal collection on behalf of the RBL, when they were living in London, and continued collecting when they moved to Beckley, where they currently live.

The photo also shows Yanto Evans, the manager for the Poppy Appeal for Oxfordshire, together with Jane Walker, Sharon Lord and Ruth David representing Forest Hill, Beckley and Horton-cum-Studley.

By the time you read this article, the Poppy Appeal volunteers will have been busy knocking on your doors collecting. We hope that you continue your kind and generous contributions to enable us to do as well or better than last year.

Your support and generous contributions help injured soldiers, veterans and serving personnel and their families with physical and emotional support that they need to live with independence, dignity and hope.

If you kindly decide to join the team of volunteers, please contact me on fariba.battye@retired.ox.ac.uk.

Fariba Battye (Poppy Appeal Organiser for Forest Hill, Stanton St John, Beckley, Horton-cum-Studley and Elsfield)

The Changing Image of Hedgehogs

By Lyn Ebbs

When the Bank of England consulted last year on a new theme for British bank notes, nature was the winner. A shortlist of species was put to a vote and the recently-announced favourite mammal, by a long way, was the European Hedgehog. This should come as no surprise as spiny, unmistakeable hedgehogs have always been seen as loveable, haven't they? Actually, no, for both real and mistaken reasons, hedgehogs were mercilessly persecuted for centuries.

To counter food shortages caused by a series of bad harvests, The Preservation of Grain Act, passed in 1532 by Henry VIII, made it compulsory to kill as many creatures as possible on an official list of 'vermin'. The hedgehog was persecuted in particular because of the mistaken belief that it sucked milk from the teats of recumbent cows at night, and for other superstitious reasons. There was a bounty on the heads of hedgehogs, as can be seen in church records in Warwickshire, where church wardens paid 4d for each dead urchin (a local name for hedgehogs, not small children).

Hedgehogs are actually lactose intolerant, so will only take milk if they



are witches in disguise! Their spines aren't strong enough or sharp enough for them to roll around in orchards and steal fallen fruit. That belief might have come about because of their practice of self-anointing with saliva. It's still not certain what triggers this behaviour but individuals do get into all sorts of contortions while doing it and could possibly finish with a very soft apple or plum wedged between their spines in an orchard. However, they may actually have taken chickens' or bantams' eggs (more on that below).

The act was finally repealed in the mid-18th century, by which time half a million bounties had been paid, and the hedgehogs' image started to improve. In 1790, when Thomas Bewick produced his popular book of engravings, *'History of Quadrupeds'*, animals were still being categorised as 'useful' or 'vermin' but using his own system, he placed animals with similar characteristics together, so the hedgehog appeared alongside the porcupine.



Hedgehog - Thomas Bewick



Possibly the most famous hedgehog in literature was introduced by Beatrix Potter in 1905, Mrs Tiggy-Winkle. She subsequently appeared on postage stamps and 50p coins. It was therefore unsurprising that, when a charity in Haddenham that cared for injured wildlife opened its hedgehog-only ward, it was christened 'St Tiggywinkles'. The increased demand for their care was triggered by a drought in 1984, when more people became aware of the need to provide fresh water and suitable food for hedgehogs. A custom-designed hospital followed, which still operates, and Tiggywinkles is now a world-leading wildlife hospital.

Hedgehogs are widespread, found in a variety of habitats: hedgerows, obviously, also gardens and playing fields in urban areas, and pastures and woodland edges in the countryside. They are found throughout mainland Britain but were also introduced to off islands, notoriously to the Outer Hebrides, when seven were released on South Uist in the 70s



to keep down slugs and snails in a garden. But they escaped and spread to such an extent that they threatened local populations of ground-nesting birds by taking eggs and chicks. Over 2000 have now been trapped, relocated to the Scottish mainland and North Uist is regarded as hedgehog-free. In spite of their success in the Uists, their population numbers are in decline and they are on a Red List of vulnerable species. Being nocturnal, accurately surveying the population is difficult, so the charity Hedgehog Street would like your help to get an accurate up-to-date population count. They would like you to record your sightings of both live and dead hedgehogs on the Big Hedgehog Map (https://bighedgehogmap.org).

There is another way to help hedgehogs right now, as the hibernation season begins. A large pile of wood will look like an enticing nest for hedgehogs, so please check your Guy Fawkes Night bonfire thoroughly for hidden hedgehogs before lighting.

Lyn Ebbs has lived in Stanton St John for 37 years and has been volunteering at the RSPB Otmoor Reserve at Otmoor Lane, Beckley, since 2009.

Focus on Beckley Primary School

Getting to Know the Headteacher: an interview with Rick Houston

by Parent Governor Myfanwy Llewelyn

For those in our local community who haven't met you yet, could you introduce yourself and tell us a little about your background?



My name is Rick Houston and I have been a teacher for over 20 years. My hobbies include cycling and travelling. If you had asked me that question 25 years ago my answers would have been more interesting as I was then an active skydiver and surfer. I have completed 125 skydives!

What first attracted you to Beckley Primary School, and what do you love most about being its headteacher?

I love small schools and I love the countryside. When I first visited Beckley, I was struck by its close knit feel and high ambition. The children here are amazing and there is no limit to what we can achieve.

What I love most about being headteacher is the chance to constantly strive for ways to make the children's experience the best it can be. That's why I'm always looking to collaborate with our local community.

We have created an art installation for art weeks with Bernwood Pottery and we have worked with The Department of Biochemistry at The University of Oxford to bring science to life, as well as carrying out ecology investigations on Otmoor. These are just a tiny fraction of the enrichment opportunities we offer at Beckley.

Beckley is a small village school. What do you think are the biggest benefits of a smaller school environment for children and their families?

We have a focus on the individual. Every member of staff knows every child. The children all know each other, even the very youngest and oldest. This helps us to nurture the whole child - we pride ourselves in excellent pastoral care.

Children who come to Beckley School will be known, valued and a key

part of our school community. And they make great academic progress, too!

We are part of River Learning Trust and when our results are compared with other schools, we are usually in first place, and if not, we are second or third.

If you could describe Beckley Primary School in just three words, what would they be and why?

Kindness, Courage and Responsibility - our school values!

Finally, what would you say to local families who might be considering Beckley Primary School for their children but haven't yet come to visit?

Come and visit! I regularly show people around and they are amazed at what they see.

They see happy children working in small classes with amazing, experienced teachers. They see children producing work of the highest standard, which is reflected in our amazing results.

They see fabulous enrichment activities, such as Forest School and skateboarding. They see our amazing setting on the edge of Otmoor.

And they also like the fact that we have wrap around care from 7:30am to 5:30pm!

Your child will thrive at Beckley - I would love to show you around.

Rick Houston
Headteacher, Beckley Primary School



The Maple Tree Children's Centre, Wheatley

There is something for everyone at our weekly sessions.

Monday
Messy Monday 10-11:30am *(under-5s)*
Twins' Club 2-4pm *(under-5s)*
Tuesday
Smart Start 9:30-11:30am *(under-5s)*
Wednesday
Maple Babies 9:30am-12pm *(under-2s)*
Thursday
Time to Rhyme 9:30-11:30am *(under-5s)*
Play & Learn at Forest Hill Village Hall 10:30am-12pm *(under-5s)*
The Learning Leaf 2-4pm *(under-5s, siblings welcome)*
Friday
Little Learners 10-11:30am *(under-5s)*
Every third Saturday
Family Fun 10-11:30am *(under-8s)*

All of our sessions are drop-ins. While our sessions are free of charge, we ask for a recommended donation of £3/family. You are welcome to pay less, or more!, depending on circumstance.

We are here to help if you need advice or support:

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Islip Bridge Closure

A reminder that **Islip Bridge will continue to be fully closed to all vehicles until 20 November 2026**.

There is a signed diversion route in place. Pedestrian and cyclist access will be maintained at all times.

Local Bus News:

The 108 Chronicles

Myth busting on the 108. The bus is delayed. Sometimes. One bus and the same driver operate the route all day. There can be delays, between 2-10 minutes. For September and so far to mid-October, it has been a largely on-time service. That's been beautiful.

Advice for when you need to find the bus. You can see real time departure boards for each stop online at www.oxontime.co.uk - so you have an idea while you're out or before you leave home. Alternatively, you can watch the bus track along the route, and see or download the timetable at www.redgroupbuses.com/services. A hard copy of the timetable is a good back up. Watching out for early buses, which can pull up to the stop about 5 minutes ahead, is also smart going. In the event the departure boards are blank or there is no bus icon travelling, don't worry and revert to being 5 minutes early. Now and again the driver switches off GPS; the bus detectives have yet to determine probable cause. All hypotheses welcome.

BUSy routine Planning my week around the 108 Timetable has become a built-in relief mechanism. Compared to driving, the bus gives natural ebbs and flows depending on the combination of journeys. Some days I work longer at Bury Knowle Park library than I would have allocated. Whereas counting down the minutes till the bus climbs up the hill from St Clement's, I can thankfully be diverted from buying more than I need at Headington Homewares. Other afternoons give me a chance for lunch at Mojo's, lemon and ginger tea and a toasted falafel and roasted vegetable wrap, which I sheepishly eat while talking to John on the bus home.

Kati Kennedy

THE BUS by John Diamond

Rattling along from place to place,
Travelling at a steady pace,
Sometimes just a little late,
Our lovely Red Rose 108.

What would we do without the bus,
Which means so much to all of us?
We must make sure that we can keep
Our bus which gives us such a treat.

Christmas Trees for Sale

All profits to Friends of Beckley School



Friends of Beckley School are delighted to be selling sustainable British premium Christmas trees again this year. Every tree helps to raise much needed funds for our wonderful little country school.

If you would like to purchase a tree, please use the form enclosed with this magazine to place your order **before 5pm on Wednesday 25 November**. Alternatively, email Jenny Goad at BeckleyFOBS@gmail.com with your tree size, name, email and phone number.

Collection will be from Beckley School playground on **Saturday 5 December (9.30am-1pm)**.

Beckley Bells

Beckley Bells need additional members in order to make full use of our beautiful set of handbells. We meet in Beckley Village Hall on Tuesday afternoons during school term. Contact Sue Cloke sue.cloke@outlook.com to find out more.



BECKLEY

Beckley Church

Details of all church services and general church news can be found on pages 4 - 12. Any changes to the published schedule of services will be on our website www.fourparishes.org.uk. The church is open every day. All are welcome, including well-behaved dogs!

Coffee, Cake and Chat

Saturday 28 November in the church, 10.30-12 noon
All welcome!

Harvest Festival

The church looked beautiful, and our service on 4 October was well attended. At the School service on 8 October the church was full, and each year took part. The Acting the Bible team performed the story of Ruth and Naomi, showing us that whatever the circumstances, God can show us the way through troubles. Afterwards all the harvest gifts were taken to the North Oxfordshire Food Bank in Kidlington, where as always they were gratefully received.

Children's Craft Workshops

Betty Dye organised a very successful craft workshop on 9 October, where the children hugely enjoyed making bread. The next one will be on **13 November, 3.30-4.30pm,** in the church**.**

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 8 November, 10.45am in the churchyard. After the Act of Remembrance the 2 minute silence will be marked by the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille by bugle, and then the service will continue in the church.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the armistice commemoration 'Poetry through the centuries' on 11 November due to circumstances beyond our control, and a clash with a BACBS event in the Abingdon Arms. The event is already in our plans again for next year! Apologies for any disappointment.

A Date for your Diary

Carols and Claret, Sunday 20 December, 6pm in the church

Beckley and Stowood Parish Council

Reminder – Our Village Fireworks Night!

Get ready for a fantastic evening of family fun as our village bonfire and fireworks display returns on **Saturday, 7 November** at **Beckley Playing Field**. Gates open at **5.30pm**, and the bonfire will be lit at **6pm**.

If you haven't already marked the date in your diary, now's the time! Join friends, family and neighbours for a brilliant community night packed with plenty to see, do and enjoy. Wrap up warm, gather around the bonfire and prepare to be amazed by a spectacular fireworks display. There will also be delicious refreshments to tuck into, including a hog roast, bar, mulled wine and a cake stall. Tickets cost £5 per person (children aged 5 and under free). Free parking.

Volunteers are needed to help with car parking and entrance gates. If anyone can help, please contact the clerk via clerk@beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk or Paige Newmark on WhatsApp.

New clerk appointed

Beckley and Stowood Parish Council is delighted to inform you that we have appointed Samantha McGregor to be our Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. She started on Monday 5 October.

Samantha joins us from the University of Oxford, where she was Communications Officer for the Infectious Diseases Data Observatory. Previously she has worked as a journalist and before that in a range of accounting and finance roles. She lives in Bicester and enjoys theatre and music and is also a yoga teacher. Samantha will be working from home. Her email is clerk@beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk.

Local Government Review Update

Oxfordshire County Council has confirmed it has taken the formal step of issuing a legal letter to the government ahead of a potential judicial review in relation to the local government reorganisation (LGR) in Oxfordshire and West Berkshire.

The County Council had asked the government to provide the evidence and analysis that informed its "minded-to" decision to create three unitary authorities across the area.

The government has not yet responded. The County Council has taken

the first step in the judicial review process by issuing the legal letter. The government paused decisions on the LGR in September and at the time of going to press there have been no further updates.

Keep up to date with village news

Sign up to join the parish council email list and receive the latest news, updates and information straight to your inbox. It's an easy way to stay informed with what's going on in the local area. Don't miss out, subscribe today, just email: clerk@beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk

Reminder to make use of the village sports facilities

Whether you are part of a local club, organise a group activity, want to get children outdoors or fancy trying something new, there's plenty on offer at Beckey Playing Fields. Facilities can be used for football, cricket, outdoor table tennis, tennis and space to practise your basketball skills. There are also changing rooms with showers.

We would love to see more villagers, clubs and groups use these facilities to keep active and meet other people. For more information and to book email: booking@beckleyvillagehall.org.

Next Parish Council meeting

Monday 9 November, 7pm, Beckley Village Hall

Beckley website - https://www.beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk/
PC contact - clerk@beckley-and-stowood-pc.gov.uk

Beckley & Area Community Benefit Society Ltd (BACBS)

10-year anniversary dinner

Please join us at **The Abingdon Arms at 7pm on Friday, 27 November** to celebrate the community purchase of the pub. Limited places so early booking, through the pub, recommended! Further details, including the menu, are on our website (see below).

Open share offer

The share offer to support the future of The Abingdon Arms is still open. For more information please visit https://bacbs.org/openshareoffer. Shareholders are entitled to 10% off food and drink at the pub. For further information email theabingdonarms@gmail.com.

More than a Pub programme

The Beckley & Area Community Benefit Society (BACBS) continues its

popular activities at our community-owned pub The Abingdon Arms, to which all are welcome. Do come, enjoy, and support your local pub. For more information email info@bacbs.org or visit https://bacbs.org/events.

Pub quiz

First Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in The Abingdon Arms, with pizza

The next ones are on **Wednesday 4 November** and **Wednesday 2 December**. Table bookings essential, through the pub. Tables sell out every month, days before the quiz happens. Teams should comprise no more than six people. It's free to enter and, thanks to The Abingdon Arms, there's a free round of drinks for the winning team.

Community walks

Third Sunday of each month at 2pm

The next walk (and the last until Spring of next year) will be on **Sunday 15 November**. The walk leader and starting point will be posted on our website (above) nearer the time. Come along and meet your neighbours for a gentle walk and a friendly chat.

Sunday evening talks

Last Sunday of the month at 6.30pm in The Abingdon Arms

On **29 November** Dame Frances Ashcroft, Emeritus Professor, Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics, University of Oxford, will give a talk: *"Life and Survival at the Extremes: Deep in the Sea, and High in the Mountains"*.

Frances Ashcroft is a medical physiologist who studies ion channels (the tiny pores that conduct nerve and muscle impulses) and their role in the release of insulin from the pancreas in response to rising blood sugar levels. As a physiologist she is also fascinated by the way the human body can survive in extraordinarily challenging environments, such as deep in the sea, and at heights such as at the top of Everest, a subject she wrote about in her popular science book '*Life at the Extremes*'.

Please support your local pub by ordering a drink from the bar before the talk starts.

Book Club with a difference

Bring your favourite "whodunnit" to The Abingdon Arms on **Wednesday,**

11 November at 7pm and talk about it and the books other people bring over a pizza. Please email info@bacbs.org by 6 November if you plan to come, so we can book the right-sized table.

BACBS Good Neighbour Scheme

The Good Neighbour Scheme gives lifts to those with no other transport – for example, to the doctors as well as lifts to the Barton/Green Road roundabout, where there are regular buses into Headington and central Oxford. The scheme serves Beckley, Elsfield, Stanton, Forest Hill, Woodeaton, and Noke.

To request a lift, either ring 07514 791910 (if no answer, leave a message) or email BACBSgoodneighbour@gmail.com. If you know of anyone who might need help, and perhaps does not know this service exists, please do let them know. If you would like to volunteer, please email the above address.

Kate Howles, for the BACBS committee



FOREST HILL

St Nicolas Church

Details of all church services and general church news can be found on pages 4 - 12. Any changes to the published schedule of services will be on our website www.fourparishes.org.uk.

Children's Church at St Nicolas

A reminder that parents with young children from the Four Parishes and beyond are particularly welcome in St Nicolas on the **first Sunday of every month at 4pm** for 30 minutes of story-telling and singing (led by members of St Nicolas Choir) together with some simple prayers. Percussion instruments are handed out so that even the youngest children can join in the music and the atmosphere is friendly and informal with a chance to chat afterwards. For more information, go to www.stnicolasforesthill.org/childrens-church or contact Julia Stutfield on julia.stutfield@gmail.com.

Remembrance Sunday, 8 November

The Act of Remembrance starts as usual by the War Memorial in the Cemetery at 10.45am, and is followed by a service in church, to which all are welcome.

'Far from Home' Concert

Sunday 8 November 6pm in St Nicolas Church

A free concert of music and readings reflecting on war and the impact of war. Please let Julia Stutfield know if you would like to read, sing or play. There will be a collection for war charities (cash or card donations). Previous programmes can be viewed on the St Nicolas website at www.stnicolasforesthill.org/remembrance-sunday-concerts.

Friday Pop-Up Coffee Shop

Forest Hill Village Hall, Friday 27 November, 10.30am - 12pm



Bring a friend, make some new ones!

Donations of cakes will be appreciated

More information from Julia Stutfield
07766 103427 or julia.stutfield@gmail.com



Jazz on the Hill



Jazz on the Hill has re-started under new management following Julie and Will's temporary move to the south coast in the summer. The next session is on **Thursday 19 November at 7.30pm in Forest Hill Village Hall** and the plan is to continue on the third Thursday of each month thereafter except for July and August 2027.

Come along to play with the house band or to just relax and listen. If you love jazz you'll love Jazz on the Hill!

The Maple Tree at Forest Hill, Thursdays 10.30am-12pm

The Thursday morning 'stay and play' sessions for babies and toddlers continue to run in Forest Hill Village Hall throughout the year.



Current and former attendees of The Maple Tree at Forest Hill are invited to a Children's Christmas Party on Saturday 28 November from 2-3pm in the Village Hall. If you would like to come, please let Julia know (julia.stutfield@gmail.com or 07766 103427) so that we have an idea of numbers.

For a full list of activities run by The Maple Tree Children's Centre in Wheatley, see page18.

Music at St Nicolas: Christmas Dates for your Diary!

As usual, the St Nicolas Choir will be celebrating Christmas with a variety of festive music to suit all tastes. Key dates are:

Sunday 13 December, 6-7pm: Advent Carol Service

Friday 18 December, Community Carol Singing in the Village Hall
See 'Christmas Joy!' advert on page 28.

Tuesday 22 December, 7-8pm: Traditional Nine Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 23 December, 6-7pm: Village Carol Singing
Meet outside the village hall with torch and warm clothing for carol singing round the village, with door to door collection for the Children's Society.

Sunday 10 January, 6-7pm: Epiphany Carol Service



FOREST HILL QUIZ NIGHT

Friday, 11th December – FH Village Hall
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Maximum Team: 5 people

Contact Caroline Fraser: cazzle-jumbo@hotmail.com

Children's Christingle, Sunday 6 December

The Four Parishes Children's Christingle will once again be held in St Nicolas Church, Forest Hill, as part of our annual St Nicolas Day celebration. This year we will be **making Christingles in the church from 3pm onwards**, as well as rehearsing the songs for the Christingle Service and a short drama about St Nicolas, who was the original Father Christmas! Children of all ages are welcome, as long as they are accompanied by an adult. **The Christingle Service starts at 4pm and lasts about 45 minutes**.

Christingle celebrations are a key source of funding for the Children's Society (Charity No. 221124) who provide specialist support for some of the most vulnerable young people in our society. For more information, including ways to donate, email julia.stutfield@gmail.com.



CHRISTMAS JOY!

Friday, 18 December, 5-7pm

Forest Hill Village Hall



A fun event organised by Caroline Fraser and Julia Stutfield with craft stalls, community carol singing, hot drinks and mince pies, and a surprise visitor!

Contact Caroline for more information cazzle-jumbo@hotmail.com

Forest Hill with Shotover Parish Council

News from the Meeting on 8 October 2026

1. Volunteer Needed: Thermal Camera Scheme

SODC offers a free thermal imaging camera loan scheme to help residents find heat leaks and lower winter energy bills. The Council is seeking a local volunteer coordinator to run the scheme for the village - please contact the Clerk if you can help!

2. Parish Councillor Vacancy: Join the Team

The Parish Council is inviting applications to fill a councillor vacancy by co-option. If you want to help support our local community, please submit an expression of interest to the Clerk by 30 November 2026.

3. Playground Safety & Village Spaces

The Mickle Way playground successfully passed its annual independent safety inspection, confirming all play equipment is safe and sound. A big thank you also goes to our contractors and volunteers for keeping our verges and cemetery grounds looking so well kept.

4. Village Hall News and Remembrance Sunday

Community Wi-Fi installation and entrance safety improvements are progressing well at the Village Hall. Looking ahead, newly appointed Vice Chair Cllr Jason Hobbins will lay the Council's Remembrance wreath on Sunday 8 November. The commemorative "Tommy" silhouette will be on display in the village from the beginning of November.

The **next meeting of the Parish Council** will be held on **Thursday 12 November at 7pm in Forest Hill Village Hall**. All are welcome to attend.

Dates of meetings, agendas and minutes can be found on the new Forest Hill website: www.foresthillwithshotover-pc.gov.uk and on the Village Hall noticeboard. You can contact the Clerk by email at: theclerk@foresthillwithshotover-pc.gov.uk or telephone 0844 884 3328 (premium rate), between 9am and 5pm and leave a message.

Forest Hill Village Hall

Our village hall, situated on Main Street in the heart of the village, provides a welcoming communal space for everyone to use, at a very reasonable rate. For more information, or to book the hall, email Stephen Robinson at spr500@gmail.com.

HORTON-cum-STUDLEY

St Barnabas Church

Details of all church services and general church news can be found on pages 4 - 12. Any changes to the published schedule of services will be on our website www.fourparishes.org.uk.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 8 November, 10.45am in St Barnabas churchyard to lay the crosses for our local servicemen who gave their lives in war.

The Dog and Collar

Friday 6 November, 6-8.30pm, St Barnabas

Do come along and meet up with fellow villagers, neighbours and friends.

Coffee and Chat

Saturday 14 November, 10am-12noon, St Barnabas

Everyone is welcome to pop in. No charge but donations always welcomed.

The 2026 Weigh-In: A Smashing Success!

On a perfect autumn day, we had an amazing turnout in St Barnabas churchyard for this year's Weigh-In. Entries came from far and wide: Beckley, Stanton St John, Forest Hill, Wheatley, Headington and central Oxford. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event, helped with the weighing and measuring, and served tea and cakes. Together, we raised a fantastic £266, which will be split between Parkinson's UK and St Barnabas Church. Here are this year's champion growers:

Giant Pumpkins: Lewis Campbell won the coveted Pumpkin of the Year (POTY) Trophy for his colossal 30.7kg pumpkin. This win has been a long time coming for the Campbell family! The Pascall family's first-ever entry scooped second place with 11.2kg.

Spud in a Bucket: Pete Whitaker took first place with an incredible 5,721g of potatoes—his spuds were so tightly crammed in that we actually had to smash the bucket to get them out! Pete is the very first recipient of our brand-new Spud in a Bucket Trophy, beautifully crafted and donated by Elizabeth Murphy of Bernwood Pottery. Second place went to Alila Tribble 3,592g (with a helping hand from her granny, who grew them in Scotland), and Pete Saunders secured third place with 3,379g.

Sunflowers: The Marchini family won the Basil Lyster trophy, growing a

332cm giant, with Alice collecting the cup. Sheila Hall and Sarah Foxcroft tied for second place at 280cm— a special shout-out to Sheila for her (sunflower's) massive head!

If you fancy growing something and having a go next year look out for the notices early in 2027.

Cathy Jenkins

Horton-cum-Studley Parish Council

Bus Survey

Oxfordshire County Council has issued a consultation on county bus services, called OxBus2040, which proposes how bus services in Oxfordshire should develop over the next 14 years. All are invited to use the opportunity to respond to the consultation, especially if you feel that the bus services in our area could be improved. The survey can be found on the OCC website, although responses and comments should be made to: info@oxon4buses.org.uk.

Traffic Filter Survey

Public consultation on Oxfordshire County Council's traffic filter trial is open until **28 March 2027**.

The consultation seeks feedback from residents, businesses, visitors and organisations on their experience of the traffic filter trial, whether it has changed how they travel, and if they'd like to see any changes to the scheme.

The survey can be completed online by searching on the OCC website. Paper copies are also available from County Hall and Oxfordshire libraries. For any enquiries, the project team can be contacted at trafficfilters@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Sewage treatment works

The Kier Group is carrying out improvements at Horton-cum-Studley Sewage Treatment Works on behalf of Thames Water. They described the work as follows:

'The work will update equipment used to treat the village's wastewater, including new screening, pipework and pumps, alongside improvements to the site's electrical and monitoring systems.

Once complete, the improvements will help the treatment works continue

to serve the local community reliably for years to come. They will also make the site better able to cope with periods of wet weather and changing demands.

As well as installing the new equipment, our team will be carrying out supporting work around the site, including improvements to sections of the access road and the infrastructure needed for the new equipment.

We recognise that we are working within a local community and want our presence to have a positive impact beyond the work itself. Our team is committed to being a considerate neighbour while the improvements are carried out and to looking for opportunities to support the local community and leave a positive legacy in Horton-cum-Studley.'

Parish Council Meetings

Open to all in the village, and normally held on the second Wednesday each month at 7.30pm in the Millennium Village Hall. The next meeting is on: **Wednesday 11 November**.

David Slingo – Chair



STANTON ST JOHN

St John the Baptist Church

Details of all church services and general church news can be found on pages 4 - 12. Any changes to the published schedule of services will be on our website www.fourparishes.org.uk.

Coffee Mornings

The next will be on **Monday 23 November, 10.30-12 noon**, in Stanton Village Hall. Come for tea, coffee and cake! Everyone is welcome. For further details, please contact Sue Baker 01865 351449.

Future dates for your diary are **14 December, 4 January, 20 January, 8 February and 24 February**.

Board Games afternoon

Is anyone interested in playing board games on **Monday afternoons between 1.30pm and 3.30pm in the village hall**? If so, come along on **Monday 9 November**. There will be board games there but feel free to bring along any board games you'd like to play!

Ninebarrow

Stanton St John Church – Friday 20 November 2026

Doors open 6.30pm. Concert starts 7pm

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Christmas Lights

Bell Ringing * Lighting of the Tree * Carols
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Saturday 5 December at 6pm
Millennium Green, Stanton St John

Stanton Community Choir

There will be a Stanton Community Choir at the 'Christmas Lights' event led by David Willcock. All singers, whatever age, are welcome! Rehearsals will be in Stanton Church on Sundays on **8 November, 15 November, and 29 November at 5-5.45pm**. All are welcome! Please could you email me if you are planning to come: susanjbaker24@gmail.com.

Shotover Singers

Sunday 6 December at 7pm

Ashley Goodall and the Shotover Singers return to Stanton Church with a well-chosen selection of carols to help us get into the Christmas spirit.

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Stanton St John Film Club

Saturday 7 November 2026, 7:45pm Stanton St John Village Hall

Sentimental Value



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Doors open at 7pm for delicious cakes and hot drinks before the film; the bar will be serving wine. Only 60 seats available, please reserve yours beforehand with Sue Baker: susanjbaker24@gmail.com. Tickets at the door, £5 (cash only).

Stanton St John Women's Institute

A big 'Thank you' to everyone who came along to our Coffee, Cake and Craft morning on 10 October. We had a very enjoyable morning chatting to friends and family, selling home-made jams and cakes and sharing our crafting skills. We also had a most impressive talk on 13 October from Eddie Smythe about his father, John. It covered everything from the slave trade, to loyalty to the UK in WWII, John's part in the Empire Windrush story and his service in his home country of Sierra Leone. This amazing man is buried in Thame and has a permanent exhibit in Thame Museum.

With inheritance tax and the cost of social care in the headlines, our next meeting on **Tuesday 10 November at 7.30pm** is on a very important topic: *Tax, Care and the New Guy* by Bruce Wakeling.

This talk is all about how people can protect the things they've worked hard for: their home, savings, investments, businesses, and family inheritance. People often don't realise that these things can be put at risk by everyday life events. It's open to all, so please come along for an informative talk and to enjoy our friendly atmosphere. SSJ WI members free; guests £4 (includes light refreshments).

Stanton Parish Council

After two years and around 150 emails, the online 'Stanton News' is being taken under the wing of Stanton St John Parish Council. If you read Stanton News, nothing changes. You'll keep getting the same news, from the same address, in the same way. If you send us news, **there's a new place to send it**. From today, please submit your items at the new site: https://stantonstjohnnews.org.uk/.

It works just like before. You fill in a short form and can attach posters, flyers, agendas or photos as you did before. Your item is then reviewed and sent out to the community. If you haven't already signed up to Stanton news, you can do so on the same site.

Why the change? The Parish Council wants to make more use of Stanton News. For example, it plans to send out the agendas and minutes of its meetings each month. The aim is to help local people stay informed and to encourage more people to take part in Stanton village life.

What happens to the old site? The old submission site will keep working for now, so nothing you send there will be lost. But it will be switched off in approximately one month's time. Please start using the new site straight away, and update any bookmarks or links you have.

Thank you for your support over the last two years, and for all the news you've shared. We hope you'll keep sending it.

Next Meeting

Monday 16 November 7.30pm in Stanton St John Village Hall.



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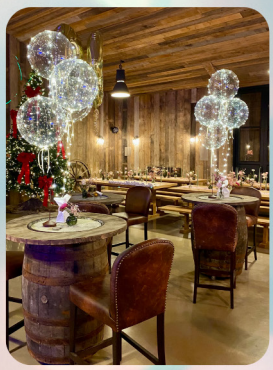
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Services and Events in the Four Parishes



Time	Place	Description of Event
10.45am Sunday 8 Nov	Beckley	Act of Remembrance in the Churchyard, followed by a service of Holy Communion in the Church
10.45am Sunday 8 Nov	Forest Hill	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the Cemetery, followed by a service of Morning Prayer in the Church
10.45am Sunday 8 Nov	Horton-cum-Studley	Act of Remembrance in the Churchyard, followed by a service of Morning Prayer in the Church
10.45am Sunday 8 Nov	Stanton St John	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, followed by a service of Morning Prayer in the Church
6pm Sunday 8 Nov	Forest Hill	'Far from Home' Concert in the Church (see page 26)
3.30pm Friday 13 Nov	Beckley	Children's Craft Workshop in the Church (see page 10)

