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*Litchborough Church and Village*  
*Newsletter*  
AUGUST 2025



8<sup>th</sup> August - Litchborough Ladies



16<sup>th</sup> August Litchborough Gardening and  
Allotment Club - Kew Gardens Visit



16<sup>th</sup> August- Dee Café -Garden Opening Party  
Evening



29<sup>th</sup> August - Friday Community Cuppa



Litchborough Playgroup  
Tuesdays 9.30am -11.30 am in the Village Hall-  
closed for the summer holidays and re- starting again on the  
9th September

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## THE REVEREND WRITES

I always like to try and get my 'bit' for the Lambfold written a few days before the deadline on the 20th of the month and as I write this the news is full of talk of country-wide drought and hosepipe bans. Today also happens to be July 15th - St. Swithun's Day' - and as the old verse goes:

*St Swithun's Day, if it ... rain, for forty days it will remain.*

*St. Swithun's Day, if it be fair, for forty days 'twill rain nae mair.*

Swithun was Bishop of Winchester in the ninth century, a trusted advisor of King Egbert of Wessex. At the end of his life Swithun 'commanded that his body should be buried outside the church, where it would be trodden by the feet of passers-by and made wet by the rain that falls from heaven'. When he died on July 2 862, his request was fulfilled but when a new cathedral was built the then bishop had his remains moved inside, despite being warned that terrible storms would result. His remains were moved on July 15 971 and although many cures and miracles were observed it apparently rained for forty days, which is why St.

Swithun's day is synonymous with long, summer storms.

The schools break up next week and some of you will be planning holidays and hoping for some fine weather, others with gardens or allotments will be longing for some rain. One thing is for certain, it will do what it does, but we can take heart from the fact that since 1861 when records began there has never been forty days in a row of either wet or dry weather. We pray that God will provide for our needs and all will be well.

God bless

Revd Sue

P.S. As I am about to press 'send' to the editor it has just started to rain!

If you would like to talk please contact me on 01327 341307

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## Benefice Services in August

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9:30am	Matins	Maidford
10:30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
6:00pm	Compline	Adstone
<b>5<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9:30am Holy Communion</b>	<b>Woodend</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9:00am	Holy Communion	Farthingstone
10:30am	Family Service	Blakesley
10:30am	Family Service	Litchborough
6:00pm	Evensong	Maidford
6:00pm	Compline	Adstone
<b>17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Ninth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9:00am	Holy Communion	Maidford
10:30am	Holy Communion	Litchborough
10:30am	Music & Meditation	Blakesley
6:00pm	Compline	Adstone
<b>24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
9:00am	Holy Communion	Adstone
9:30am	Matins	Maidford
10:30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
10:30am	Celtic Morning Worship	Litchborough
6:00pm	Compline	Farthingstone
<b>31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b>	
10:00am	Benefice Service	Litchborough

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## COMMUNITY FOLK CHOIR-13<sup>th</sup> August

. All are welcome to come along on the following dates for our Community Folk Choir sessions. We meet at Maidford Village Hall, 7.00pm-8.00pm, once a month on a Wednesday evening (Apart from the August date, all are the third Wednesday in the month If you are thinking of joining us do get in touch by emailing Meg Pike at [meg@stonecottage.me.uk](mailto:meg@stonecottage.me.uk) , or by telephone 01327 860186, or by WhatsApp on 07801 29155



**If you NEED the Village Defibrillator and you are on your own and cannot get it -help is at hand**

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## Village Lottery



This months winner has just been drawn on the 26<sup>th</sup> July and is Catherine Corboy. She wins another £25 cheque. You just have to have the right number. to try to reserve yours, email [ianlowery41@gmail.com](mailto:ianlowery41@gmail.com). Only £1 per week or £52 for the year.

Any surplus supports your village church.

**You have to be in it to win it!**

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## Litchborough Ladies Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August

The August meeting of Litchborough Ladies will be at the home of Sue Harvey "The Briars" ( the middle house of the three at the bottom of Farthingstone Road) on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August from 10.30am - 12.00noon. All Ladies are welcome

Thank you Moyna and Kay for hosting our July get together on a very hot morning. The heat was a bit too much that day to enjoy Moyna's lovely outside seating area in the garden. However we did very much enjoy the tea, coffee and cakes with the help of her cooling fan!

See you soon. Jan Hutchings -01327-830877

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**Litchborough Library** We may not have one but there is a huge selection of books for adults and children as well as tapes in the box pew in St. Martins Church. Do go and check it out-the church is open from 10.00am-4.00pm every day A small donation is appreciated or just borrow and return when read

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## FRIDAY COMMUNITY CUPPA -29<sup>th</sup> August

Hello Everyone,

Community Cuppa in August falls on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> Pop in anytime between 3pm and 5pm, down at Litchborough's lovely Village Hall. You will be made to feel very welcome.

Very many thanks to those who set up and clear up, much appreciated and of course lots of thank yous for just coming along. It's open to everyone, so see you on the last Friday in August!

Carolx

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## Litchborough Gardening & Allotment Club



It has been a very sociable (and hot!) month .Jennie hosted a garden club social, we were so impressed with the garden which looked stunning, we were especially impressed with the giant delphiniums!

Last week the Allotment had a celebration event



to thank the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and the Garden Club for all their support which has helped immensely to get the allotment up and running. We also wanted to celebrate the bench bought by the Village Hall Committee in memory of Audrey Cox in

recognition for all her dedication and work to the village, we were joined by Audrey's son Adrian which made it special. Thank you to Colin, Chris and Dec for helping with the BBQ and gazebo. Please do come and visit and enjoy the allotment and have a sit on Audrey's bench.

The next Garden visit is to Kew Gardens on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August, there are 2 buses booked and spaces available, these are open to the community, the price is £10 for members and £15 for non-members for the bus (non refundable). Tickets will need to be booked with Kew online. The bus will leave the village hall at 8.30am, returning from Kew at 4.30pm. Please contact [Vivienne.green@tycoch.net](mailto:Vivienne.green@tycoch.net)

Enjoy your summer, Diane & Jennie

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### War Memorial Flowers - for AUGUST

2<sup>nd</sup> August - Val Mahoney, 16<sup>th</sup> August-Lucy Cavell-Northam  
23<sup>rd</sup> August - Vanessa Lowery 6<sup>th</sup> September-Sandy A-W

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### St Martins Church August Services

3<sup>rd</sup> August Seventh Sunday after Trinity

No Service

10<sup>th</sup> August Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10.30.am Family Service Greeter: Matthew

17<sup>th</sup> August Ninth Sunday after Trinity

10.30a.m Holy Communion

Greeter: Ian Reader: John Robinson Refreshments: Christine

24<sup>th</sup> August Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Greeter: Carol Refreshments: Carol

31<sup>st</sup> August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Benefice Service

Greeter: Gareth Reader: Liz Refreshments : Liz & Carol

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025



NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> - MUSIC BINGO



NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> -FLIX IN THE STIX - MR BURTON



DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> - VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY



**Dee Café** has lots on this month - Longer opening hours in August 8.30am until 4.30pm -a garden opening party Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August in the evening.

Some regular events; carers cafe, windows cafe and Autism cafe and book club on various evenings from and Sunday lunches from October Also **new menus launching soon**. With longer opening for Hope they all makes sense Hope to see you both soon.

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### The Peter Mayne Memorial Match

Badby & Farthingstone Cricket Club are hosting the inaugural Peter Mayne Memorial Match in honour of their former player who sadly passed away earlier this year and is much missed. Peter was a founder member of the club back in 2009, a loyal player and fine bowler with over 75 wickets to his name. The friendly match will take place on Sunday August 10 (130pm start) at the club's ground in Badby (Long Roods, off Chapel Lane, Badby NN11 3AQ) against Braunston Paddox CC, a club that Peter played with and against on several occasions, in what should be an entertaining affair. Linda Mayne is set to present the winning captain with the trophy, with the match set to be played on an annual basis. Food and drink will be available at the ground throughout the afternoon, for which they will be a small charge to cover club costs.

We look forward to seeing you on August 10<sup>th</sup>.