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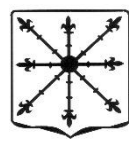


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*Litchborough Church and Village  
 Newsletter  
 MAY 2026*



Dee Café - Special events in May see inside for details



6<sup>th</sup> May -Litchborough Gardening & Allotment Club



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



8<sup>th</sup> May -Ladies Wine Afternoon - see inside for details



29<sup>th</sup> May - FRIDAY AFTERNOON COMMUNITY CUPPA



Litchborough Playgroup Every Tuesdays 9.30am -11.30 am

## Peterborough Diocese

It will soon be Pentecost... or should that be Whitsunday?

Does it matter? No, it doesn't matter, it's the same, but the name helps us to think a little deeper.

Pentecost, from the Greek word for 50, is 50 days after Easter and a Jewish festival (much in common with our Harvest Festival). In Acts, the disciples (women and men) were preparing to celebrate Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended like 'tongues of fire', there was the sound of a great wind, Peter preached and thousands became Christians that day.

The small number of women and men, hiding away and afraid, became a large number of women and men, speaking about Jesus' death and resurrection.

So why did it used to be Whitsunday?

Maybe from the Old English 'White Sunday', people were often baptised then wearing white robes. Or maybe Whitsunday comes from 'Wisdom Sunday' - I love this explanation because it draws us back to the heart of the biblical account. Wisdom Sunday because the Holy Spirit is viewed as the wisdom of God who gives wisdom to Christians.

Whatever we call it, Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. We focus on God who gives wisdom and enables the church to serve their community.

My prayer this Pentecost is that we also continue that tradition of care for those who need it most and focus on becoming ever more a place of welcome for all.



The Venerable Alison Booker

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### Benefice May Service Times

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion with Baptism	Blakesley
6.00pm	Compline	Adstone

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am Holy Communion Woodend

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.00am	Holy Communion	Farthingstone
10.30am	Family Service	Blakesley
6.00pm	Compline	Adstone

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.00am	Holy Communion	Maidford
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10.30am	Music & Meditation	Blakesley
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6.00 pm	Compline	Adstone
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#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

9.00am	Holy Communion	Adstone
9.30am	Matins	Maidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Blakesley
6.00pm	Compline	Farthingstone

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Trinity Sunday

10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Farthingstone
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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 everyday A small donation is appreciated or just borrow and return when read.

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### COMMUNITY FOLK CHOIR -May 20<sup>th</sup>

The Community Folk Choir takes place at Maidford Village Hall, 7.00 -8.00pm, on Wednesdays May 20<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June. If you think you might be interested in joining us, please contact Meg Pike on 07801291551 / 01327 860186, or email [meg@stonecottage.me.uk](mailto:meg@stonecottage.me.uk).



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

Several people have kindly offered their phone numbers to be contacted to go and get the defib and bring it to you. You will not be expected to use it just deliver it. Sandy and David 01327-830077/07759-326675 James Wood 07460-893572, Anna Prior 079403-79650, all are available to help. - if you do need to use the defib and take it away please let David Aked-Walker know so we don't think it has been stolen again! Thank you to the volunteers.

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### Village Lottery



3 winners this time Lucy, Sandy and Catherine.

Each will be receiving the winners cheque for £25. There are still unsold numbers so if you want to join in contact Ian Lowery 07712146999 or [ianlowery41@gmail.com](mailto:ianlowery41@gmail.com). Your number will then be entered in the weekly draw and if it matches the Lotto bonus ball drawn every Saturday as part of the National Lottery you will receive £25. As simple as that, and only £1 per week to enter.

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### St Martins Church Services in May

3<sup>rd</sup> May Fifth Sunday of Easter No Service

#### 10<sup>th</sup> May Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.30am	Family Service -	Christine and Carol
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#### 17<sup>th</sup> May Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.30am	Holy Communion	Refreshments: Liz
	Greeter -Ian	Reader- John Green

#### 24<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost ( Whit Sunday )

10.30am	. Celtic Morning Service	
	Greeter: Jenifer	Reader: Liz Refreshments Carol

#### 31<sup>st</sup> May Trinity Sunday

10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion Service	Farthingstone
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## FRIDAY AFTERNOON COMMUNITY CUPPA

May 29<sup>th</sup>

Hello Everybody,

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> is the date in May and really looking forward to seeing you all, especially after the five week gap ... so it's the usual place, Litchborough Village Hall, anytime between 3.00pm and 5.00pm and everyone is more than welcome.

Carol x

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### War Memorial Flowers-May

2<sup>nd</sup> May - Vanessa Lowery, 9<sup>th</sup> May - Vivienne Green

16<sup>th</sup> May - Susan Yeomans; 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Elaine Benham

30<sup>th</sup> May - Val Mahoney; 6<sup>th</sup> June - Sian Livsey

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### Litchborough Gardening & Allotment Club

A busy couple of months are now coming up for Litchborough gardening and allotment club.

Firstly, our next meeting will be with Deb Jones on willow making. This is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm in the village hall where you can learn and even join in on a practical workshop on making your own dragonfly out of willow. This is open to anyone, members would just need to bring £10 to join in and visitors £15 on the night.

Next, we are having an open garden event in the village on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 1-5pm. This is a major event for the village, and we are going to be expecting lots of people from outside the village as well as our own community here in the village.

We need help to make this a success.

If you can bake a cake, donate a prize for the tombola or even plants for the plant stall then please contact Diane Shaw on [dianejones1967@hotmail.com](mailto:dianejones1967@hotmail.com)

We also need help on the day, even if it's just for a few hours, we would love to hear from you.

All profits will be split between the gardening club and St Martins Church.

Happy Gardening- Diane & Jennie



## Dee Café - This month's events

### Special offer available for May

Cream Tea for £4 per person throughout May

### 3<sup>rd</sup> May Lego Club

9.00am -11.00am for Ages 0-100! And continuing on the 1<sup>st</sup>

Sunday of every month

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month Board Game /Puzzle Club

2.00pm -4.00pm All ages welcome

### 16<sup>th</sup> May

Knitting & Crochet Club

2.30pm -4.30pm

### 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Home made Craft and Plant Fair

Don't forget our Library and there is always a collection box for Towcester Food Bank



### Your Village Newsletter

Have you a special event, a story to tell, something to sell, news to share or even a moan ? Then email me at [dq2010@btinternet.com](mailto:dq2010@btinternet.com) or telephone me on 01327-830077 by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month and it can go in the newsletter. It is always good to hear interesting and amusing tales be they from the past or present.

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### Welcome to Litchborough

We would like to welcome Martin and Millie Shorey and their children Julius and Aurelia who have recently moved into our lovely village . We hope they will enjoy living here as much as we all do.



**Bio Diversity Grant -Update**  
**Join us in creating phase 2 of the**  
**Hedgehog Highway in Litchborough!**

We know biodiversity is in sharp decline with wildlife populations declining by 69% in the past 48 years. Hedgehogs are now on the 'red list' classed as vulnerable to extinction. We have been working with Deanshanger Hedgehog Rescue and successfully released 4 rescue hedgehogs in the village last year. To help encourage wildlife we are pleased to say Litchborough has been successful with securing a Biodiversity Grant this has allowed the village to buy several Bird boxes, including a Tawny Owl box, look out for the Bird Boxes in the trees at the Community Allotment!, as well as 200 Hedgehog Highway signs. We would like to create a Hedgehog Highway and welcome everyone in the village to be part of this. The second phase is Towcester Road, taking place on Saturday 25th April 11am-1pm residents will have received an invitation and details of what's involved to enable easy movement for the hedgehogs between gardens.

If you would like to find out further information, be involved or have any questions please get in touch with [teresacoxuk@yahoo.com](mailto:teresacoxuk@yahoo.com) 07962925709

Litchborough Hedgehog Highway Group

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**The Art and Craft**

**Festival** was held over the weekend of the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you to everyone who supported the weekend in any way. We sold 12 framed pictures and 8 unframed from the browser.

It was lovely to see the classic cars and their owners on Sunday too.  
 Christine Rodhouse



**Criminals stole £879.8 million through investment fraud last year - an average of £2.4 million a day.** Victims of investment

fraud lost an average of £1,675 every minute last year, new figures from the City of London Police, the National Lead Force for Fraud, have revealed.

In 2025, 34,673 people reported investment fraud to Report Fraud, the national service that replaced Action Fraud in December 2025. This marks a 31 per cent rise on the previous year. The rise in reporting is not only linked to an increase in investment fraud, but also due to the point at which victims realise what has happened. Reports began climbing steadily from March and spiked in July and September when many people review their investments, move money into new products or check their returns ahead of the new financial year.

As part of wider fraud-prevention work, **we are urging the public to take simple steps to protect themselves.**

- Before making any investment, use the FCA's firm checker tool, to confirm whether a firm or individual is authorised.

The tool can be accessed via the FCA website and is one of the most effective ways to avoid cloned firms and bogus advisers. We encourage anyone considering an investment to be cautious of unsolicited messages, adverts promising unusually high returns, or requests to keep the offer "confidential".

- You can also contact the Financial Conduct Authority's consumer helpline on 0800 111 6768 or report suspicious businesses or individuals by using the reporting form on their website.

Any suspicious activity should be reported to Report Fraud as soon as possible at [www.reportfraud.police.uk](http://www.reportfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040. In Scotland, victims of fraud and cybercrime should report to Police Scotland on 101.

## LITCHBOROUGH ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 6.00 pm

Litchborough Village Hall

Updates from Village organisations

And



A talk by Chris Payne on  
Owls, Kestrel boxes and bird  
ringing in Northamptonshire

Come along and hear what has been happening in the village and what the plans are for the coming year. This will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.00pm

Refreshments Available!

Tim Sykes

Chairman Litchborough Parish Council



### Litchborough Ladies 8<sup>th</sup> May

Many thanks to Margaret Ashby for hosting our April get together and the delicious cakes. Kay Skinner has kindly offered to host our May meeting up at 12 Waits Yard at the usual time of 10.30am - 12.00 noon. I look forward to seeing you all there  
Jan Hutchings

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### Ladies Wine Afternoon - 8<sup>th</sup> May

And now for something completely different once the Litchborough Ladies coffee morning is over I am hosting a ladies wine afternoon from 12.00 noon till 5.00pm 😊, at 12 Waits Yard please bring your favourite tippie as I will be providing snacks during the afternoon.

All Ladies are welcome

Kay Skinner

## THE OLD RED LION



We look forward to seeing you all

During our usual opening hours

Friday 4.00pm - 10.00pm

Saturday and Sunday 12.00noon to 10.00pm

Food Vans this month

1<sup>st</sup> May - Pulled Street

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Real Belgian Fries

8<sup>th</sup> May - Howe & Co Fish & Chips

15<sup>th</sup> May - Munch Hut

22<sup>nd</sup> May - Smokey Jim's BBQ

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Howe & Co Fish & Chips

29<sup>th</sup> May - Eat is Greek



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