



# **ST GILES HORSPATH PARISH MAGAZINE**

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Caroline King, vicar of Holton, Waterperry, Albury and Waterstock writes:

I am sometimes asked why we have a team ministry; I often reply that we are better together. I enjoy watching some team sports; I think sports such as cricket or football give us some idea of what makes a good team achieve good results. A team can be full of a number of highly talented individuals, but if they play purely for themselves then it is quite likely that the team will under-perform. A different team may look less good on paper but they seem able to play for each other and achieve far more than seemed possible. A good team is much better than the sum of their individual parts.

I like to think of the Christian church as a large team; we are better together. The individual Christian people who make up Christ's body on Earth are worth far more than the sum of their parts. I believe the same is true of our parishes; we are better together. Sometimes as small village churches we can become disheartened at the size of our congregations, the amount of work needed on the building, our dwindling financial reserves. It is easy to feel alone. At such times I find it helpful to remind myself that we are a part of a larger whole. We belong to a cluster, a team; we are a small but vital part of the worldwide church.

As a twelve parish team, there are a number of times throughout the year when we join together to share in fellowship. We worshipped together on Ascension Day and Ash Wednesday. We share our Confirmation preparation and this Palm Sunday we had a memorable Confirmation service where Bishop Colin confirmed eighteen children and adults. The main time we meet and share together is at the annual team service. This year's service is at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday, 21st June in Holton Village Hall, followed by a shared lunch.

The team service is a wonderful occasion. This year's service promises to be a very inspiring act of worship based around the theme *loving your neighbour*. We will join in the Eucharist; a choir made up of singers and musicians from the team will lead our music. Sister Frances Dominica will preach; she will speak on our theme of

loving your neighbour, no doubt sharing her own life experiences, including her work at Helen and Douglas House. We are very fortunate to have such an inspiring and well-known preacher joining us.

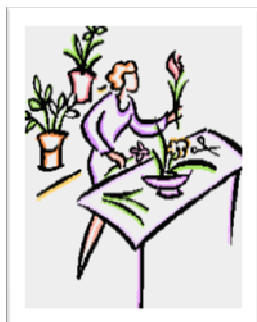
We should take courage from the times when we do share together and realise that all of our ministry in Christ's name is vital. This is how the church, the One Body of Christ, makes Christ known in the world. Teresa of Avila's well known prayer: *Christ has no hands on earth but yours...* reminds us that we are members together of Christ's body, his hands, his lips, and his feet. We are better together because we are all part of Christ's church. I look forward to seeing you on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Caroline King

### CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Trinity Sunday 11.00 a.m. Parish Communion
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June	First Sunday after Trinity 11.00 a.m. United Service of Parish Communion
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Second Sunday after Trinity 11.00 a.m. Team Service at Holton Village Hall
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Third Sunday after Trinity 11.00 a.m. United Service at the Methodist Chapel

**Time Out.** A half hour of music, words and silence will take place on the first Sunday of the month from 5.30 till 6 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel in Horspath, beginning Sunday, 7th June. A moment of stillness at the beginning of the week.



### FLOWER ROTA FOR JUNE

Sundays	7th	Barbara Lewis	14th	Gill Gray Carol Cuthbert
	21st	Muriel Walker Nancy Llewelyn	28th	Nell Gray Penny Mercer

### HORSPATH SENIOR RESIDENTS' CLUB

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Visit to Bourton-on-the-Water. Coach leaves at 1.00 p.m. Fare is £6.00.

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June: A talk with slides by John Paine on an *African Safari*.  
2.00 p.m. in the village hall.

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June: *Songs of Praise* in the Church at 3.00 p.m.

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July: Day trip to Weymouth.  
Coach leaves at 9.00 a.m. Fare is £9.00.

There are sometimes seats available on our coach trips. Senior Residents' Club members come first, but it is worth enquiring if you are interested. As the fares are subsidised for S.R. Club members, non-members would be asked to pay £2.00 extra.



Contact Sheila Dandridge on 873631

## HORSPATH GARDENING CLUB



Horspath Gardening Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month. Now the evenings are light, we are out and about in the Oxfordshire area. We welcome everybody, so come and enjoy an evening guided talk at a different venue, with a time to catch up on any gardening news.

The next events are:

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June** – a guided tour of Waterperry Gardens with (hopefully) Mary Spiller. Meet at 6.15 p.m. in the village hall car park, with or without a car. The cost is £7.50.

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July** – a visit to Rycote Park and tour with owner Sarah Taylor. Meet at 5.45 p.m. in the village hall car park. The cost is £7.00. *Please note this early date and time.*

For further information, contact Sheila Frankum on 872793.

**NB: regarding the Village Fête, please remember to keep all your extra plants for our stall at this year's event on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June. Please take plants to the village hall on the morning of the fête.**

**SATURDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**between 2.00 and 5.00 p.m.**  
**St Giles Church and the Village School**  
**will unite to hold a**

# **GRAND FÊTE in the Village Hall**

to raise much needed funds for both organisations. Your attendance and support will be most warmly welcomed.

**There will be various stalls, crafts on show, cakes, garden stalls, a village history exhibition and a big raffle.**

All this is being brought together as a joint fund-raising venture and thus will be a true village event supported by true village commitment! Both Church and School are at the very heart of our community, and require our support.

You will readily appreciate that *the pound in your pocket* does not go far in the current climate, so every pound, if not penny, is of the utmost importance for the success of this event, for the future good of both Church and School – and don't forget that a village fête is also a great social occasion where we can all come together and enjoy the day!

If you would like to assist us in any way, either before or on the day, please contact either Barbara Lewis (872204), Brian Lowe (873342) or Jill Minshull (876450).

So, book that day, **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June** and come along to support us and enjoy yourself!