



# The Edgehill Churches

## Parish Link

*Loving  
God,  
Serving  
People,  
Growing  
Community*

### Community

September 2018

Recently I've been reflecting on the importance of community. We are fortunate to live in an area where there are many good, strong communities.

The people in a strong community, look out for and care for each other. A strong community can help our health and wellbeing, it provides a network of relationships in which our children can grow up to realise more of their potential, it is a safety net in times of trouble, and so on.

We can all benefit from being part of a strong community, whether that community is on an estate, in the suburb of a town, in a village, through a school, in a workplace, in a sports club, in a church or in a family.

But community does not just 'happen'. It only comes about because of people who invest in community, people who help create that space where people feel welcomed, secure, valued and loved. Communities, whatever their size, are shaped by the people who give their time, energy, money and love. In fact, I think all true progress in the world is shaped by people who give in this way. People like Mother Teresa, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi and many more all had a massive wide-ranging influence on the world. However, the people that make some of the biggest differences in our lives are people that we know personally.

Our lives are shaped by the people we spend time with. All of us can look back in our lives and see where people have had a positive influence on us – parents, teachers, friends, family. People who were there for us when we needed them, people who cared enough to notice, people who inspired us, people who encouraged us and saw something in us that, perhaps, we did not see in ourselves.

In the busyness of life, we rarely stop to reflect on the people who have poured out their love into our lives with the things they do and say. That's how love

shows itself in the way it leads us to care for and serve those around us. We may not make a difference on a global scale, but wherever we are, whatever communities we belong to, we all have a part to play in passing on the love we have received and making a positive difference in those communities.

This is one of the things that Jesus did. He built a community around the love of God by giving and blessing those around him and that love overflowed to the world around that community. The last thing Jesus came to do was to start another religion. He came to invite people into the loving community he started. He invites us to know the love of God for ourselves and challenges and encourages us to share that love with the world around us.

So, as we start a new academic year, can I encourage you to pause for a moment, to give thanks for the communities of which you are a part and think of the people that have had a positive influence in your life. Perhaps you could take the time over the coming weeks to thank them for all that they have done. Doing exercises like this not only encourages those that have helped us, but can also inspire us to reach out and help others... and that all helps to make our communities stronger.

*Rev Barry Jackson*



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**SEPTEMBER SERVICES IN THE EDGEHILL PARISHES**

	Kineton		Combroke	Radway	Ratley	Warmington	Shotteswell
2nd	8.30am BCP Comm	10.00am Simply Celebrate		8.30am Communion	10.30am Communion		8:30am BCP Comm
9th		10.30am Communion	9.00am Communion		5.40pm Compline	10.30am Communion	8.30am Communion
16th	8.30am BCP Comm	10.30am Morning Worship		2.30pm Village Service with Baptism	6.30pm Communion		10.30am Communion
23rd		10.30am Communion			6.00pm Harvest	10.30 am Harvest	8.30am Communion
30th		10.30am Benefice Comm	6:00pm Harvest	3.00pm Harvest			10.30am Harvest

**AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL & SPANISH STYLE GUITAR MUSIC**  
**St Peters Church, Kineton, Friday**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7.30pm.**



Featuring Adam Jurewicz, Chorando No Meia, Lorenzo Frigerio and Nick Coates, Nigel Sudlow and the excellent voice harmonies of trio Wax Myrtles Special Structure  
 Tickets are £7 (includes a glass of wine in the interval) from Alex 01926 642589 or Sally 01926 640917 and HC Lewis Butchers  
 Proceeds to be split between Myton Hospice and Ettington Community First Responders.

**EDGEHILL CHURCHES CAMP 2018**  
**Fir Tree Farm Camp Site, Warmington**  
**7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September**



Whether you want to join in with the activities, or just relax and enjoy the beautiful North Oxfordshire countryside come and join us for a great weekend. The programme will include a **falconry tour, archery, a ramble, games and a big bring and share BBQ.**

For more details or to book a place contact **Mel Dowden on 07912 983518**

**Meet & Eat**

**Tuesday 4th September at 12 noon**  
 in Kineton Methodist Hall

More info: Diana 07749 599211 or Chris 01926 640904

**Celebration service for 50 years since David Pym was ordained**

*16th Sept at 10.30am St Laurence Shotteswell*  
*A special communion service at to celebrate 50 years since David Pym was ordained as a priest.*

**MIDWEEK ECUMENICAL SERVICE**  
**Thursday 6th September at 11am**  
 at St Peter's Church Kineton  
 A monthly ecumenical communion service



**Simply... Messy!** 4pm on Sunday 16th Sept at Kineton Primary School

Crafts, games, activities and fun for all the family plus a hot meal together.  
 More info from Sarah: [Sarah.Jackson05@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Sarah.Jackson05@hotmail.co.uk) or 01926 640248



**PINTS OF VIEW**

**Rose & Crown, Ratley Sun 9th Sept at 6pm**  
 Whatever your *pint of choice*, come & share your *point of view*.

Each month we explore a theme or story from the news. This is **International Buy a Priest a Beer Day**... Just sayin' 😊

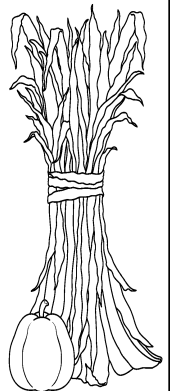
**HARVEST SERVICES AND MEALS**

**Warmington** harvest service is at 10:30am on 23rd Sept.

**Ratley** harvest service is at 6pm on 23rd Sept. followed by a harvest supper in the village hall.

**Shotteswell** harvest service is at 10:30am on 30th Sept followed by a cheese and wine evening with a quiz at 7pm in the village hall

**Radway** harvest service is at 3pm on 30th Sept. followed by a supper at 7pm on Monday 1st Oct in the village hall.



**Edgehill Churches**  
*invite you to*

**Alpha in the Pub**

Tuesdays from 2nd October

7.30 - 9.30 pm, starting with supper

**The Swan Hotel and Pub, Kineton**

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

**Everyone Welcome**

Details from Matt on 07506 885690 or [mattelofson@icloud.com](mailto:mattelofson@icloud.com)



**Toddle in** Wednesdays from 9-10.30am in Kineton Methodist Church Hall



A time of singing, stories and fun for parents and children aged 0-preschool.