

The Pillertons Parish News ...
The Magazine for All
September and October 2023

Church services at St Mary's (www.stourdene.org)

Please check the church notice board for changes to service times, and the website for information about services in other benefice churches.

<i>Services at St Mary's</i>	
<i>September</i>	
Sun 3rd Sept	11.00am CW Communion
Sun 10th Sept	10.30am Morning Worship
Sun 17th Sept	8.30am Holy Communion
Sun 24th Sept	6.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving Evensong and Bring and Share Supper
<i>October</i>	
Sun 1st Oct	11.00am CW Communion
Sun 8th Oct	10.30am Songs of Praise, Pillerton Priors Village Hall
Sun 15th Oct	8.30am Holy Communion
Sun 22nd Oct	11.00am Family/All Age and Christening
Sun 29th Oct	10.30am Benefice CW Communion in Ettington

The church has a card reader for donations. The reader is set at £5 and can be changed for any sum above this amount – please just tap for instant giving. Thank you.

Churchwardens' notes - By popular request, services on the **second** and **fourth** Sundays will take place earlier at **10.30am** **not 11.00** (except for special occasions), and the **8.00 am** Holy Communion will be scheduled later at **8.30 am**. We will trial these times for two months to see how they are received. Common Worship Communion on the first Sunday will remain at **11.00 am**. NB **24th September will be 6.00pm** for the harvest festival and **22nd October 11.00** for a Christening.

Harvest (and volunteer) thanksgiving and 'bring and share' supper. Our traditional service will be on **24th September at 6.00pm** followed by a '**Bring and Share**' supper. This is a wonderful opportunity not only to thank God for all the blessings we receive, but also to thank all of our lovely volunteers! We really appreciate all the help with cleaning, flowers, mowing, churchyard maintenance, services, clock winding, church opening, newsletter production and distribution, fundraising and so much more. Nearly every family in P/Hersey is involved in some way as well as many families in P/Priors. The church would be hard pushed to run without you. If anyone has skills or time they would like to offer, please contact Jeremy or myself.

The harvest supper (this will take place at about 7.00pm, after the service) is open to everyone, regardless if you attend the service. We warmly welcome any of you from among our army of volunteers!

Songs of Praise, Pillerton Priors. On **Sunday, 8th October at 10.30am** there will be a **Songs of Praise in Pillerton Priors Village Hall** – this is a chance to choose your favourite hymns! We hope as many as possible of our friends from Hersey and Priors will be able to join us.

"The First Thursday Cuppa Club" continues to thrive, and it is lovely to see people from both villages enjoying a chat with others they may not otherwise meet. The next meetings are on Thursday,

7th September and Thursday, 5th October, both in St Mary's Church/churchyard at 11.00am. Coffee, tea, and (usually) delicious cake from our resident baker!! *Jeremy Percival and Jennifer Lewthwaite, Church Wardens*

Jottings from Hersey - What a year it has been: extremes of heat, cold and rain. In my garden some plants have died, and some plants have thrived, swamping more delicate specimens. Under shrubs and in bare soil, sycamore, dog rose, bramble and thistle seedlings proliferate, and it's essential to root these out while still small enough. That's keeping me busy. But worse, for our farmers, has been the delay in the harvest. Wheat grown for bread flour deteriorates and can only be sold for animal feed. However, colossal combine harvesters eventually worked late into the night with powerful headlights and great clouds of dust. Along with unpredictable grain shipments from Ukraine, and the rising price of fuel and fertiliser, the cost of our food will undoubtedly continue to rise. Hay making - traditionally done in July on warm and breezy days - was delayed by nearly a month. Cut late and there is a big drop in the quality, and wet grass can start to ferment in the field. I was surprised to read that damp hay can spontaneously combust. *Ref. my recent jotting:* A retired Pillerton farmer confided in me that it was he who erected the "No Parking" sign which so annoyed Miss Mills. *Ros Williams*

Pillerton Hersey Parish Council - Healthcare: Over recent months, the parish council has continued to engage with county and district councillors and action groups regarding local healthcare provision. This includes ongoing concerns about the Ellen Badger Hospital and the need for medical provision at Upper Lighthorne. Although the latter may not be used directly by residents in the parish, there could be an impact on other facilities in the area.

Local environment: As we enter the Autumn and the day lengths are sadly getting shorter, the parish council often receives more reports regarding dog mess, including full bags that have been left.

Dog fouling is illegal in the UK. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled, or not having a suitable bag, is not a reasonable excuse. We know that most dog owners are caring and responsible people, but we ask everyone to ensure that dog mess is not only cleaned up but then taken home and put in a bin.

Meetings: The agendas for meetings are posted on the noticeboard and on the website. Ordinary meetings are scheduled for 12th September and 14th November. For queries, please contact the Clerk, Alana Collis at clerk.pillertonherseypc@outlook.com

Pillerton Priors Parish Council - The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday, 11th October, commencing at 7.30pm in the village hall. For previous meeting minutes, please visit our website www.pillertonpriors.com Sue Greenall, Clerk to Pillerton Priors Parish Council (pillertonpriors@gmail.com)

The Drop-In Club - The club is unfortunately being wound up as we are unable to find volunteers to take over running it post-COVID. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hazel Smith for her valued work in keeping the club running for several years. As agreed by the members, the remaining funds have been disbursed equally between the Air Ambulance and Shipston Home Nursing. Gill Ison, Treasurer

Hastings House GP surgery update - The surgery will hold flu clinics for adults on several dates noted below - to book, please telephone the surgery reception and choose the relevant number on our 'phone system, or book online using the NHS App:

- Saturday, 16th September, 8.30 to 4, Wellesbourne surgery
- Thursday, 21st September, 9 to 12, Kineton surgery
- Friday, 22nd September, 10 to 4, Wellesbourne Village Hall. Please just drop in to our community event.
- Monday, 18th September, 4 to 8pm, Wellesbourne surgery
- Monday, 25th September, 4 to 8pm, Wellesbourne surgery
- Saturday, 14th October, 8.30 to 4, Wellesbourne surgery

Adults eligible for vaccines are individuals older than 65 (including people who will turn 65, up to and including, 31st March 2024), and individuals aged 18 to 64 and who are medically eligible (these include frontline workers in a healthcare or social care setting; individuals with coeliac disease, chronic respiratory disease, chronic heart disease, chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, diabetes, chronic neurological disease; individuals taking immunosuppressants and their household contacts; individuals without a spleen, or who are pregnant, or with a BMI exceeding 40; carers in receipt of a carers' allowance, or an individual who is the main carer of an elderly or disabled person - please ensure you have registered as a carer on our website or with the reception team).

Children: At the time of writing this, we do not have a confirmed date for the arrival of the children's vaccine. Please keep an eye on our website and the Facebook page for further information. We will be able to vaccinate all children who – as of 31st August 2023 – are aged 2 or 3 years, in addition to those aged 6 months to 17 years who are medically eligible. Other school-age children will be vaccinated as part of the school immunisation programme, if eligible.

Carers4Carers at Kineton Village Hall - Friday 22nd Sept at 10.30 - 12 noon, please come along and learn basic first aid skills with the British Red Cross. **Friday, 27th Oct** 10:30 - 12:00 noon: the speaker/activity is yet to be confirmed. Refreshments and biscuits are always provided! And there's plenty of time to chat and swap ideas. If you would like to know more details, please get in touch. Your loved one will be welcome to join our Companionship Group while you attend the meeting. For more information about our support group for carers, including help with transport to/from meetings, phone Gillian on 07947 893504, email us at kcarers4carers@gmail.com or take a look at www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk.

Church flower arranging rota - Please prepare your flowers in time for the dates noted on the rota – if you cannot do so, please contact Fiona (0791 7771157).

27 Aug & 3 Sept	Helen Marshall & Patricia Crookes
10 & 17 Sept	Jane Waters & Sue Ingall
24 Sept & 1 Oct	<i>Harvest Festival on 24 Sep – All flower arrangers – please provide flowers/plant in time for the service, if you are able to do so.</i>
15 & 22 Oct	Rosie Fetherstone-Dilke & Fiona Young
29 Oct & 5 Nov	Debs Brotherton & Fiona Young

Church opening rota - The church opens daily throughout the summer until Sunday, 29 October.

28 Aug	G&C Thomas	2 Oct	C Hitchman
4 Sept	T&E Fillmore	9 Oct	P&S Kelsey
11 Sept	A Brooks	16 Oct	G&C Thomas
18 Sept	J&F Young	23 Oct	T&E Fillmore
25 Sept	J Lewthwaite		

St Mary's churchyard mowing rota - Please mow towards the end of your week, if possible, and pass the shed key to the next person on the list. If you swap your mowing date, please inform Tim Fillmore. Thank you!

28 Aug to 3 Sept	Ron Pilbeam	25 Sept to 1 Oct	Jonathan Page
4 to 10 Sept	Luke Peech	2 to 8 Oct	Michael Fetherston-Dilke
11 to 17 Sept	Richard Gabbertas	9 to 15 Oct	Richard Johnson
18 to 24 Sept	Tim Pearson	16 to 22 Oct	Alex Cameron
		23 to 29 Oct	Clive Fidler

Church cleaning rota - The key is available from Fiona Young (The Old Vicarage), Jennifer Lewthwaite (Home Farm), or Elizabeth Fillmore (Church Barn).

4 Sept	Mr & Mrs Kerr	2 Oct	Mrs Williams & Ms Brotherton
11 Sept	Mrs Lewthwaite & Mrs Kelsey	8 Oct	Mrs Marshall & Mrs Crookes
17 Sept	Mrs Percival & Mrs Ingall	15 Oct	Mr & Mrs Fillmore
24 Sept	Mrs Fidler & Mrs Curtlin	23 Oct	Mrs Waters & Mrs Dumas
		30 Oct	Mrs Hitchman & Mrs Eveleigh-Jones

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