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The Chairman's Mark

Village Fête 15th July

Thanks to everyone who came to the meeting and to those of you who have volunteered services in advance. The format will be much the same as previous years with the marquees being put up on the Friday evening and stalls on the Saturday morning. We need lots of volunteers, so if you can help, please let me know as soon as possible. It would be great not to have to go around the village cajoling!

Please bear in mind we will be asking for donations for the tombola, book stall, cake stall and bric a brac. Full details will be in next month's issue.

Our next fête meeting will be on Thursday 15th June at 7.30pm in The Bakery.

Litter on the Green

There has been some very unsavoury detritus (and we're not just talking sweet wrappers) found recently on the picnic bench, left by persons unknown, presumably after dark - let's hope this is an isolated incident, but if you should be aware of goings-on and don't feel able to approach the participants 'in flagrante', please give me a call and I'll take the dog for an extra walk with a big torch. Many thanks to the person who cleared up the mess.

Mark

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Following on from Mark's comment about 'litter' on the Green, it seems this was not a one-night-stand, and further instances have since been encountered. Consequently the police have been informed. Given the location and the lack of a vehicle, it seems probable that those responsible are resident in North Aston. If, by chance, they read this, then I appeal to their sense of community, and ask that they consider others by tidying up responsibly. Ed.



The winners of the May draw were:

1st Prize (£10): L. Brown (#50)

2nd Prize (£5): J. Harvey-Lee (#58)

This is the first draw of the new 100 Club year. If you haven't yet returned your membership subs, then please do so as soon as possible. If you would like to join in, it's not too late! This really is a worthy cause, and raises important funds for the community. What's more, there's a genuinely high chance of winning, so please do return your subscriptions and take part. If you'd like to know more, please contact Norman (340368) for further information.

You've got to be in it to win it!

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17th & 18th June, 1.30 to 6pm

- ❁ Nine Beautiful, Interesting & Different Gardens ❁
- ❁ Unique Flower Festival ❁ Teas ❁ Expert Talks ❁
- ❁ Plant Sale ❁ Raffle ❁ Tombola ❁ Parking ❁

Proceeds to Katharine House Hospice
and St Mary's Swerford Repairs & Restoration

£6 entry, children under 12 free

More info? Web search: 'swerford open gardens'

This Month's BIRTHDAYS

Andy Brown

Adam Busby

John Harvey-Lee

Alex Hatzigeorgiou

Tilly Kneale



Many Happy Returns to all the North Aston residents who celebrate birthdays this month. If you're not listed, or know someone who should be, please let us know.

Announcements

Deddington Farmers' Market

The traditional Farmers' Market in Deddington takes place in the market square every 4th Saturday of the month, and in June will be staged on the 24th. As usual our own North Aston Organics will have a stall, so please do support them.

The Village Fête

The Fête this year will be on Saturday 15th July.

The next Committee Meeting will be on Thursday 15th June at 7:30pm in the Old Bakery. If you're able to attend, please do.

In the meantime, please start searching out items for donation to the Tombola, Book Stall and White Elephant. Items can be left at the Old Bakery from the beginning of July.

Mikron Theatre Matinée

Also in July we will be welcoming another visit from the Mikron Theatre Company. They will be offering a matinée performance on Sunday 23rd July of 'Best Foot Forward', one of their new productions for 2017. This all-new production weaves a tale about the history of hiking and youth-hostelling in the UK, with plenty of laughs, songs and entertaining wordplay. The performance will start at around 1:00 pm. There will be no tickets as such, but a collection will be made, and there will also be a bar serving beer, wine and soft drinks.

Duns Tew Fête

The annual Duns Tew Church Fête will take place in the Manor House Gardens by kind permission of Gavin and Fiona McAlpine on Sunday July 2nd. The event will start at 1.30 pm, with all the usual attractions and stalls. Everything should be wrapped up by 4.00 pm. Please support our neighbouring Parish by attending the Duns Tew Fête

North Aston Nature Notes

With Stephen Rees

Blimey! I'm in shock! Apparently, there are people out there who actually read my ramblings and, even more blimey, some of them actually even look forward to it and enjoy it. Thank you to the folk who have made comments to me in the last few weeks - I'm very embarrassed and flattered, and will do my best to entertain in each article.

Well, June is here now and I still haven't heard the Cuckoo yet this year. Fred heard one a fortnight ago, as did Wendy's boss, but alas; neither myself nor Wendy have yet. If we don't hear one at all, this will be the first year ever that I haven't. Why's that then? I don't know ... are they all being shot on their way over or are they just not coming due to climate change? I just don't know. The Cuckoo was my mum's favourite bird and she always used to wait very impatiently to hear one.

The Hawthorn has been wonderful this year, with a big blossom which has had the most wonderful perfume and has looked very pretty. It is now going over, and the cow parsley again has made a wonderful display along the side of hedges, roads and woodlands. Reading my *Food For Free* book (*Is that then one by Richard Mabey? Ed.*) I found out that it is a wild herb, closely related to Chervil, but be careful, as there are a few other plants that look very similar and are really poisonous. (Including Hemlock and Hogweed, which we featured here a few months back. Ed)

In Mill Field, down below Chris, David, Bill and Jean, the Buttercups are washing over the field and Clover has come into its nice purple flowers, mixing with the Buttercups. As I walked Penny this morning I imagined that this is what an Alpine meadow might look like, though I don't know, as I have never been to see!

Tony Short has a Song Thrush in his garden that sings morning till night and Norman has a Mistle Thrush that visits his perfectly-kept lawns after worms and bugs. He also has a Blue Tit in his wall with chicks. I saw one of the adults coming out with a white dung ball from the chicks the other day. They always carry them a long way away so as not to attract predators.



We have a lone doe Roe Deer in the field below us. I have seen her twice now, which is a bit strange, as Roe are very communal mammals. Yesterday there was a Muntjac walking up the field at about six in the morning.

My sad note for this month is Mary and Jeremy tell me that a Curlew's nest has been destroyed down in the flood meadows. I think Mary said that the RSPB had been monitoring them and they think a fox had the eggs. Such a shame.

One last note - Wendy has just gone out on snail watch, and we seem to have hundreds in our greenhouse attacking our seedlings, but I spotted the Peregrine Falcon the other day just up the road in the field where they're laying the pipe.

Enjoy the nice weather,

Steve, Wendy & Penny

I was working in the front garden over the May Bank Holiday weekend and heard a Cuckoo across towards Beasley's Close, so there is one in North Aston, but perhaps not as vocal as usual. Ed.

This is a copy of a notice displayed prominently outside the gates to Nicholson's Nurseries

Notice of Application for a Premises Licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Name of Applicant	Nicholson Nurseries Ltd
Address of Premises or Description of Site	The Park, North Aston, Bicester, Oxon. OX25 6HL

It is proposed to Licence these Premises for

Sale of Alcohol

Representations can be made in writing by 20th June 2017

(insert date = 28 consecutive days after display).

Please write to the address below

The Licensing Authority Cherwell District Council Bodicote House Bodicote Banbury Oxfordshire OX15 4AA	Tel: 01295 753744 Fax: 01295 221878 E-Mail: licensing@cherwell-dc.gov.uk Web: www.cherwell.gov.uk
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Full details of the application can be inspected **by appointment** at the address above.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction of the offence is not exceeding £5,000.

Blandford flies

I should have included a warning last month's edition of the *News*, but hadn't appreciated at the time just how much of a problem these little monsters were going to be through May and June. I'm aware of several residents who've been badly bitten, not only here in North Aston, but also in Deddington.



About this time of the year, every year, the Blandford Fly (*Simulium posticatum*) emerges from its larval stage, and the females start looking for food. A member of the Blackfly family, the Blandford Fly (named after the first recorded outbreak near Blandford Forum in Dorset, about forty years ago) has a taste for blood. Because we humans are fairly hairless, it especially likes our arms and legs. Unlike mosquitoes, the Blandford Fly doesn't have a hypodermic extraction mechanism – it simply uses its jaws to take out a chunk of flesh and then sucks up the blood that oozes out.

The plus point to this is that we can usually feel the bite, and because we're fairly quick when we need to be, few bites go unpunished, and the fly often dies. Unfortunately, if you've felt the bite, then it's too late to avoid all the consequences ... but you can minimise them.

If you are bitten, then follow the guidelines included on this page of the Boots website: www.webmd.boots.com/travel/guide/blandford-fly-bite-symptoms

Try not to scratch the bite, which may exacerbate the wound. If the skin becomes broken, then a serious allergic reaction can set in. The effected limb (usually the leg) can swell up, and a bite on the ankle can sometimes end up effecting the whole leg. The area directly around the bite can also develop into an unsightly blister. Resist the temptation to pop it!

If you do get bitten, and a reaction sets in, then please don't hesitate to have it treated. The surgery in Deddington is already familiar with the problem, and in mid-May was seeing as many as a dozen victims a day. Countrywide, hundreds of people are hospitalised by Blandford bites every year and, in very rare instances, amputations have been known.

Do you suffer more than most from insect bites?

If you do, then it's worth investing in an Aspi venom device. The simple pump, with its various sized adaptors, is quick and easy to use on anything from a mosquito bite to something as serious as a snake bite, and can not only save your life (in the case of the latter), but can also minimise the effects of something less drastic, including the bite of the Blandford Fly. They're widely available now, from Amazon and other on-line outlets, but one of the cheapest is Purple Turtle: www.purpleturtle.co.uk/acatalog/Aspi venom.html

If you're out in the garden this month, enjoy any sunshine we get, but if it's humid, watch out for the flies.



From Thames Valley Police

This month's updates and information:

Last Month's IT Attack

There have been reports of Tech-Support scammers claiming to be from Microsoft and taking advantage of last month's WannaCry Ransomware attack to exploit computer users.

One victim fell for the scam after facing a pop-up window that claimed his computer had been infected by the ransomware. The victim phoned the bogus "Helpline" and gave the "technician" remote access to their PC after he'd been convinced that he had insufficient anti-virus protection. The fraudsters installed the Windows Malicious Software Removal Tool, which is actually free, before demanding a £320 fee.

Microsoft's error and warning messages on your PC will never include a phone number. Additionally, Microsoft will never offer PC or technical support, either by phone or on-line, unless you ask for it. Furthermore, bogus phone callers claiming your PC is infected have no way of knowing that to be true - they simply play on people's ignorance and fears.

It's easy to protect yourself ...

- Don't respond to pop-up messages - close them.
- Never allow remote access to your computer.
- Always be wary of unsolicited calls. If you're unsure of a caller's identity, hang up.
- Never divulge passwords or pin numbers.
- Microsoft or someone on their behalf will never call you.
- If you believe you have already been a victim get your computer checked over by a trusted professional.
- If you suspect you've been scammed, contact your bank to stop any further payments being taken.

Last month's global ransomware attack had very little to do with underfunding in the NHS or outdated operating systems (although the latter did contribute), but it did illustrate how easy it is for computer users to fall victim to these scams, simply through negligent browsing discipline and ignorance. Put bluntly, don't open unexpected email attachments and don't click on random links. If you're in any way unsure of the source or content of an email, delete it.

Ask a Policeman?

There have been several incidents recently of people being approached by someone claiming to be "a stranger to the area" and enquiring about directions or requesting recommendations for a good hotel. They are then joined by two others who claim to be plain clothes police officers and offer to help. They present false identification, and then give a reason for examining the first fraudster's wallet, purse or personal items, perhaps for ID, before asking to do the same to the 'victim'.

After these fake 'police checks' are completed, victims have then reported being handed back their personal items only to realise subsequently that money or valuables have gone missing.

If someone claims to be a police officer, ask to examine their identification and make a verbal request for their name, rank and police force; this is always good practice but especially important if they are not wearing uniform.

If you've been affected by any kind of fraud, report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

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Come and marvel, and if you want to go for a ride . . . book your tickets now!

With Father's Day coming soon, what better way to show Dad you care than to book him a ride in the car of his dreams? Deddington Festival is proud to present this event in conjunction with the incredible Teenage Cancer Trust, and all profits will be shared equally between the two organisations.



www.deddingtonfestival.org.uk

www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=deddy-car-fest

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01869 338090

Whispering Grass

In last month's News we ran an article by Sarah Bourke-Borrowes about the plight of those facing drought and deprivation in East Africa.

In preparing the piece for publication I misinterpreted her reference to the relative populations of what I took to be Kenya and Europe. In fact, she was actually drawing attention to the relative populations of the indigenous peoples of Kenya and those of European extraction living there. Whereas the former has increased eight-fold in her lifetime, to some 50 million (48,290,483 as of last month), the number of Europeans living in Kenya has remained fairly constant at around 50,000. Indeed, it has fallen, from nearly 60,000 in 1965, to just 32,000 today, further emphasising her point. I am sorry that my editorial meddling caused confusion.

That said, my own interpretation of what she intended does have some merit. That staggering increase in the Kenyan population, which has been mirrored by many other sub-Saharan countries, has contributed disastrously to the hunger and suffering of the indigenous peoples. By contrast, the overall population of Europe hasn't changed so much. In 1965 the population of Europe, as a whole, was 640 million. It now stands at 740 million, an increase of less than 2%, and it has plateaued. By the end of this century it is predicted to have fallen back to pre-1960 levels, whereas the population of Kenya is expected to have continued its upward trend and reached 156 million. Given the likely effects of climate change, this is possibly an "optimistic" calculation, and Kenya, together with its neighbours, is equally likely to witness even greater degrees of reducing crop yields and famine over the coming years. That predicted population growth may never have the chance to be supported. It is a sobering thought.

Since last month's piece was published, Sarah reports that the rains have finally arrived, and the Kenyan grass is now green once again.



The North Aston Christian Aid collection last month raised a record total of £564.38. A huge thankyou to all who contributed.

Many thanks, Vicky Taylor,
Annabel Bevan & Ginny Stay

There will be a concert in Duns Tew Village Hall next month to help raise funds for some essential restoration work to the walls.



Mark Wilkinson

in Concert

Duns Tew Village Hall
Monday July 3rd

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online at www.markwilkinsonmusic.com

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BREXIT - One Year On

A year ago your Editor published in NAN my humble view of the implications of the Brexit vote. This is my promised year-on, and absolutely last, follow up. I may be accused again of writing about politics in NAN, but Brexit by its plebiscitic nature was and is totally non-partisan.

We little imagined a year ago that we would now be in limbo on this issue, and that anxiety and trepidation would be stalking the land. We have looked into the eyes of the German hard men, and woman, as also those members of the EU senior bureaucracy (some with profile like Martin Selmayr 'the Monster of Brussels', some from low profile but hugely influential committees – the Deep Establishment), and the stare back has been unpleasant. Many of us are not sufficiently aware of the degree of zeal and commitment to the European Project that these people have. It's not just that it's where their jobs, money and power stem from, it's that there is a path – 'the path'. Ever-closer integration is the objective that they live and breathe, there is an agreed set of rules to achieve this, and those rules must be obeyed until there is effectively a *United States of Europe*. To them, the UK decision to leave the EU is despicable, they will do their best to make the exit hard, disagreeable and expensive. They have said so (feel the fear!). People often say that the UK government had and has no Brexit plan, but you can't have a plan when you enter complicated negotiations like this, only a list of objectives. And a *Plan B* if those objectives aren't attainable and the negotiations fail.

As things look now, *Plan B* is the outcome to focus on, and the best version of this will be a similar relationship to that which Canada has with the USA – separate sovereignty, very integrated on many levels, separate but mutually agreed standards in all areas that matter, low or zero tariffs. Protection of EU and UK nationals' rights would be at the top of that negotiating agenda. Trade Agreement? If there is none, well too bad. We can remember that by far the largest trading partners of the EU – the USA and China, have no EU Trade Agreements, neither has almost any other country that enjoys EU trade; in fact the existing EU trade deals cover less than a tenth of the global economy. After more than four decades it's very undesirable but do-able; relying mainly on WTO rules (*Plan B2*) will not be that bad. 'We must accept that no deal is better than a bad deal', but nobody is going to walk away from the negotiating tables in a blind rage; many many uncontroversial protocols that exist for everyone's benefit will be agreed.

That's the bad news. The good news is that, in spite of the predictions of 95% of the experts who uttered, the UK economy didn't fall off the cliff edge after the Brexit vote. It has since grown quite healthily, exports are up, the balance of payments is down, unemployment is down yet again, foreign investment is hugely up, the major equity markets continue to perform very strongly. 'Not yet' is often heard. That's quite right, but



it's a good place to be starting from. There are downsides from Sterling's weakness; inflation has risen a bit, UK citizens living in the EU are receiving less income causing hardship. However on the whole most countries want to achieve a weaker currency without devaluation or manipulation, and that's what has happened. Trade between the UK and the rest of the EU is booming; a symbol of that was the 151,245 trucks that crossed through the Channel Tunnel in March, an all-time record. The vision of the UK's future as a player in the global marketplace is one that is held by people across all political persuasions. There will be losses and losers; these will be hard but sustainable overall.

My view of the future, for what little it's worth? Our current obsession with Brexit is producing all kinds of predictions. Whether they are from the over-optimistic 'Brexit-mad' side or the pessimistic 'Remoaner' side, they are all futile. The negotiations will be done, the agreements or disagreements will be cemented, the speeches and handshakes will be warm or frosty, and then there will be the future. And in that future, the importance of Brexit will fade. There really are much more daunting challenges facing the UK, the EU and the world in general. Here at home there is the UK's Budget deficit, one of the largest deficits in the world in spite of the biggest fall in public spending on record. There is the alarming level of private debt. There is also the gigantic challenge of the rising cost of our aging population, along with the terribly stretched NHS. Another very serious challenge is Britain's engrained inability to increase our productivity and our shameful levels of investment, both of which will be very bad for Britain's future prosperity. The EU itself, especially the Eurozone, is facing gigantic problems, among them Germany's all-pervading domination and its almost obscene balance of payments surplus.

Then there are the 4.5 million people currently in North Africa trying to get to Europe, and behind them the 20, 50, 100 million more. There are the Europe-wide serious social cracks and disaffections and hatreds, there is climate change and the degradation of our environment, there are the terrible threats from cyber-attacks and the fundamentalist death cults, there is the mad regime in North Korea, China's mounting debts, Syria's dreadful civil war – it's a long list.

Brexit will get done and its significance will fade. It won't be a walk in the park, but hopefully more like a swim in the ocean (on a calm day).

Kildare BB

Councillor Calling



From Hugo Brown:

So, following the County Elections, on 4th May, Oxfordshire remains a hung county – or to use the correct parlance, a *County with No Overall Control*. The count was

- Conservative 31
- Lib Dem 13
- Labour 11
- Other 8

With 63 seats up for grabs, a majority governing party needed to win 32 seats – the Conservatives, as in 2013, missed it by one seat. Despite winning two seats from Labour (*Banbury Calthorpe* and *Banbury Hardwicke*) the Conservatives contrived to lose two seats in other areas of the County – *Charlbury* and *Wychwood* to the Lib Dems and *Henley-on-Thames* to the Henley Residents Group, the latter a literal interpretation of Local Politics.

On the subject of Local Politics, there is nothing to report on the “A New Council for a Better Oxfordshire” Unitary proposal. OCC submitted its Unitary proposals to the Department for Communities and Local Government only for the Prime Minister to promptly call a General Election, thereby stalling any further progress on the issue. The Secretary of State, whoever it might be, will surely turn their attention, one way or the other, to this issue once installed, on 9th June, in Fry Building, Westminster.

Because of the General Election, Cherwell District Council has been in a state of so-called *Purdah*, which means that we have to be careful to avoid doing or saying anything which could be construed as giving electoral advantage at the National Level. This restriction has already resulted in the cancellation of the first Budget Planning Committee meeting of the new Municipal Year.

Given that the restrictions mean there is not really much news I can relate, I thought that you might be interested to learn how the talents your three CDC Councillors have been allocated, for the forthcoming Municipal Year, throughout the power-structure which is CDC.

Mike Kerford-Byrnes

The most senior. He is Lead Member (ie: effectively a Cabinet Minister) for Change Management, Joint Working [ie: with Sth Northants District Council] and IT. In addition, he is a member of the following committees – (i) Accounts, Audit & Risk, (ii) Joint Commissioning, (iii) Planning and also (iv) the CDC Appointee to the Bicester Rural Neighbourhood Action Group.

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Hugo Brown

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If you have any queries or comments with respect to any of the above topics please feel free to contact Mike, Bryn or Hugo. If your concerns relate to another topic please contact any one of us and we will happily point you in the right direction.

Hugo Brown



It's been a long time coming, and residents of North Aston have endured repeated delays and broken promises, but the day finally came, on 12th May, when Superfast Broadband arrived in our sleepy backwater of rural Oxfordshire!

Those on the village mailing list were advised of this straight away, but if you don't receive the emails, then even now you may not be aware that you can take advantage of the new, improved service. Certainly, if you do nothing at all, then you may not notice a difference, because you may have to upgrade your contract with your ISP to get the full benefit.

Your best first move is to check your current speed using the Speed Checker website: www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk.

When I did this, I discovered that our own household Download

Speed has increased from a paltry 0.8 Mb/s to a modest 4.02 Mb/s, while our Upload Speed had improved from around 6 Mb/s to a fairly acceptable 19.21 Mb/s. These figures are not brilliant, but they reflected the restrictions of a fairly standard broadband package. Slower services like these are cheap, but the fastest ones that offer superfast connectivity can cost double or more. However, if you're prepared to pay and feel you can justify the expense, then you can now have access to download speeds approaching 75 Mb/s. Jan Liberadzki has already upgraded, and reports 33 Mb/s download on his office line through Phone-coop, and 36 Mb/s on the family line with Talk Talk. Since these are download speeds, his uploads must be significantly quicker.

Through the Speedchecker site you can enter your postcode and see the kind of deals that other ISPs are offering. Some have been quick off the mark, including BT and Vodafone Unlimited, and you may already have received offers either in the form of leaflets through your letterbox or targeted emails. However, even on the most basic package, North Aston's users should now find that they can watch iPlayer or Netflix without the stop-start buffering problems that were such a nightmare before - although on-line gamers may have to invest!

Please let us know how you've fared in the upgrade.



The Church MATTERS



I love the summer!

A bit of sunshine makes us all feel that bit brighter, don't you think? Everyone smiles, everyone gets out a bit more, everyone enjoys the longer evenings and forgets the rain and the cold and the snow - of May. At least it was dry for a while!

One of the initiatives that the Archbishops have been putting forward at this time of year for a couple of years now has been to pray for our churches at Pentecost under the banner "Thy Kingdom Come". Pentecost is the season, seven weeks (50 days) after Easter when the Holy Spirit was first poured out on the disciples, turning a band of frightened followers of Jesus into a revolutionary force that turned the world upside down with love.



Any organisation gets things wrong from time to time: any work place or school, any government or charity, any church or chapel. We may know what is right, we may mean to do what is right - and somehow we frail human beings get sidetracked and knocked off course, or we just make mistakes. We all need to find that Holy Spirit power again, turning fear to love, turning failure to unstoppable out-reaching care, healing our brokenness and forgiving us daily.

The Archbishops' call is not about pointing fingers at the big wide world, but at being honest about ourselves: please pray for the church. Please pray if you think of yourself as belonging, and please feel free to pray if you count yourself as simply interested! Pray for the world-wide church, where there are Christians suffering for their faith - struggling to find food in East Africa, fearful for

their lives in Iraq. Pray they might be protected. Pray for the caring church, where there are Christians reaching out to help others in all sorts of need - Syrian churches protecting all sorts of people from the bombs that fall, Christian aid agencies amongst the hardest places on the planet offering food and medicine. Pray they might be blessed. Pray for the lazy church, where there are Christians happy to sit back in comfort and judge others - those rich in money, poor in compassion; those who rely on God forgiving their own sins but feel a remarkable freedom to condemn everyone else. Pray that they might be challenged. Pray for the local church, where real people you know try to shape their lives with the values of loving God and loving other people - right here in North Aston. Pray that words and ideas might become life-changing truth - and might be for you.

The Archbishops suggest that to help us, we all pray the Lord's Prayer. We have supplied prayer cards in all of our Benefice churches to help. On one side are pictures of all three churches in our Benefice - Steeple Aston, North Aston and Tackley - along with the title "Your Kingdom Come". On the reverse is the modern language version of the Lord's Prayer. We chose the modern language version, because most of us know the traditional version, and sometimes it's good to see something familiar in a slightly different light - so that we think about it. So that we can't quite do it automatically. So that we really do pray, and not just say the words without meaning them.

And this month, whether you are thinking about the world-wide church, or here in North Aston focussing on the Family Service (June 11th), the PCC (meeting on June 13th), the Fete (July 15th) or the projects we have in hand on the church building, or any other aspect of Church life - please follow the Archbishops' call and pray for us. With us. We are your church, and we are built on your prayers.

Revd Marcus Green

Morning Prayer is on Thursday June 8th in Church at 10am. Bible Study is on Mondays at 2pm in the Rectory. More news is always available on our website: www.sntchurch.com.



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Any other member of the PCC will also be very happy to talk, and they are: Richard Bailey, Kildare Bourke-Borrowes, Beryl Greenwood, Vicky Taylor, Jenny Martin, Ted Short, Jeremy Taylor and Norman West.



CHURCH SERVICES

PARISH WORSHIP IN JUNE-JULY

NORTH ASTON

STEEPLE ASTON

TACKLEY

Sunday June 4th 2017 - Day of Pentecost, Whitsunday

9:30 am
Holy Communion
Book of Common Prayer
Rev'd Marcus Green

11:00 am
Holy Communion
Book of Common Prayer
Rev'd Marcus Green

5:30 pm
Evensong
**Rev'd Marcus Green and
Canon Robin Gibbons**

Sunday June 11th 2017 - First Sunday After Pentecost, Trinity Sunday

9:30 am
Family Service
Rev'd Marcus Green

11:00 am
Family Service
Rev'd Marcus Green

5:30 pm
Holy Communion
**Rev'd Marcus Green and
Canon Robin Gibbons**

Sunday June 18th 2017 - Second Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 am
Holy Communion
**Rev'd Marcus Green and
Richard Bailey**

11:00 am
Holy Communion
**Rev'd Marcus Green and
Richard Bailey**

5:30 pm
Informal Service
**Rev'd Marcus Green and
Canon Robin Gibbons**

Sunday June 25th 2017 - Third Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 am
Morning Prayer
Rev'd Marcus Green

11:00 am
Holy Communion
*Church Patronal Festival
with Children's Church*
Rev'd Marcus Green

5:30 pm
Holy Communion
**Rev'd Marcus Green and
Canon Robin Gibbons**

Sunday July 2nd 2017 - Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 am
Holy Communion
Book of Common Prayer
Rev'd Marcus Green

11:00 am
Holy Communion
Book of Common Prayer
Rev'd Marcus Green

5:30 pm
Evensong
Rev'd Marcus Green

Families are welcome to **all** Sunday services within the parish.
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