

PARISH NEWS



St Peter's Church, Marchington

St John's Church, Marchington Woodlands

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**The next Parish News is the October issue.
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Information about September for this print edition of the magazine had to be sent to us in July. We have done our best to be accurate, but you might like to check with the organisers of events and look on the magazine web site for any updates.

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Rev. Jules Walker



We are very pleased to welcome to the village, and to our church, the Rev Jules Walker as a Team Vicar within the Uttoxeter Area, having responsibility for Kingstone, and Stramshall as well as Marchington and Marchington Woodlands.

Her Induction will take place at St Peter's Marchington on Thursday, 5th August at 7.30pm, and we look forward to a long and happy association with Rev Jules as she takes up her new post in the Church. We hope that together with her family, she soon feels very much at home in our village.

St Peter's Church Family
invite you to



A FAMILY TREASURE HUNT !

On Sunday 29th August at 3.00 pm
in St Peter's churchyard

- For anyone of any age -

Come and meet up again with friends
and make new ones!



*Please bring a picnic and
seating*

*Pork baps, cake and drinks
available by donation*

Joy in Ministry

*Maggie Hatchard, Reader in the Uttoxeter Area of Parishes,
explains how joy is to be in her ministry.*

A question that Rev Margaret asked the staff team recently was “What is the joy in our ministry?” It certainly got me thinking. 17 years ago I had felt the call to take my faith a step further and after 3 years of study and a few interviews when I had to discuss and explain my faith, I was licensed as a Reader.

During these years I have had the privilege of preparing and taking services in all of the churches in the Area. I’ve taken many funerals which has involved talking to the bereaved families and preparing a service that they feel recognises the love for their family member and celebrates their life. This, despite the sadness that surrounds a funeral, gives me joy that I can help in some small way to make a difference for the family. As you can imagine it takes a lot of thought and prayer to put together such a service, but it is also the pastoral work that goes alongside this that is most joyful. Not that these times are joyful.

I also find joy in putting together services and other occasions where we

all get together to think about and discover what our Christian faith means. It really is fun thinking of creative ways to share our faith and working with other like-minded people in the preparation. Thinking of different ways to explain, discuss and to share our faith is joyful – the hope is that people who attend such services or events also find it joyful! Just a plug here – I hope you will join us at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall on 15th August at 3pm for one of these creative ways to look at our faith and enjoy getting back together over tea and cake!

So what is joy? The dictionary definition is a feeling of pleasure and happiness. Defining joy in ministry is difficult. I suppose that it is the pleasure of what I have just described. But then the happiness comes from the feeling I can get when I get the sense that a service has been well received, not that I’m often told! I just hope it has!

But the real joy is that I am not alone – I may live alone but I have a

companion in all that I do – one who understands me, one who I can talk to, one who puts up with me, accepts me as I am with all my faults and failings, one who will never walk out on me, one who will give me encouragement.

There is the continuous assurance that God in Jesus through the Spirit walks beside me always. What more can I ask for!?

Maggie Hatchard,

Reader for Uttoxeter Area of Parishes.

A Date for your diary.....

Return of the Harvest Lunch.

A Harvest Lunch is being planned for the last Sunday in September, the 26th, at 12.30 for 1pm.

The Village Hall is booked, and we look forward to welcoming everyone to what is always a very enjoyable event.

Tickets, by donation, will be available nearer the date from Lynda Nicholson or Joyce Halcrow.



Messy church in September will take place on Sunday 19th September at 3pm.

We have decided to move Messy Church to a Sunday afternoon as we think this will suit more people. We do hope that you will be able to come to join in with the usual activities and worship.

In the meantime I hope you will be able to come to Marchington Woodlands village hall on 15th August for an all age messy church and tea, and also Sunday 29th August at St Peter's when we are holding a Church Treasure Hunt. Both are for everyone and a chance for us all to get back together.

Maggie Hatchard

The Uttoxeter Area of Churches
invites you to



AN AFTERNOON TEA !

On Sunday 15th August
at 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
at Marchington
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for an afternoon of
activities for all the
family.

Meet friends
and make
new ones!

Are you good with figures?

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For more details, ring Thelma Brassington

Mobile 07477 66790 - preferably 9.00am to 4.00pm

St Peter's Edward Bear Club

For birth to nursery aged children and mums, dads or carers. Hopefully Ed Bear Club will be back in action face to face and we



would like to welcome all newcomers 0 to nursery age and expectant mums who would like to meet other mums too. We also welcome grand parents and carers. We start from dropping off time at school, 9am -10.30 am on a Wednesday morning in the Church vestry. This is, of course, subject to compliance with any remaining Covid restrictions. For further details ring Thelma on 01283820447.

To whom it may concern:

Messing Around in the Churchyard

You may not know about grief yet. To those who have lost loved ones taking flowers and plants to their graves gives them consolation.

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St. Peter's Church Council

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Open Gardens! Raising funds to support your community shop.

Why not plan your day for the open gardens weekend, August 7th and 8th? (See our poster on page 9.)

Join us at the shop anytime between 10am -1pm for a sausage or bacon roll and as you go round the beautiful gardens you can then partake of a ploughman's lunch, cream tea, cake, ice cream, burger and a variety of tipples or just a good old cup of tea. For more information look in your programme to tell you which gardens are serving food. Programmes and tickets available from the shop provide entry for both days.

There is also a wine tasting session from 11am to 2pm on Saturday 7th, thanks to your Wine Committee.

Then why not join your neighbours at the recreation ground anytime from 5pm on Saturday 7th August?

Bring your own food, drink, chairs, gazebos, or anything you want, and let's have a good old fashioned get together.

Looking forward to a good catch up!

Liz Morgan

Chair, Marchington Community Shop



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- Provide plenty of shaded areas for your cat
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- Place water bowls away from food bowls
- Avoid plastic bowls – use glass, metal or ceramic
- Use a large bowl with a big surface area
- Keep the water topped up so that your cat doesn't have to put its head 'in' the bowl
- Place water bowls in different places around the house

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MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's report for August / September 2021

In my previous report I mentioned our plan to have our first face to face parish council meeting on the 22nd June, a day after the proposed lifting of Covid restrictions. Despite the restrictions continuing for a further four weeks we decided to go ahead with our meeting on a voluntary basis. All councillors who could attend did so. All precautions were taken and the Covid protocols were observed. Having said all that it was just really good to get everyone back together in a productive way. I find that Zoom or Teams meetings , although efficient, do not fulfil the needs of everyone. We have decided to continue with face to face meetings for the foreseeable future.

To be honest, since the last report it's been business as usual in the parish i.e. very quiet. A van went through the hedge on Snow's Corner (as I've always known it named) and ironically the chevron signs appeared later after being wiped out several months earlier. Apparently the shortages of metal, wood etc is blamed for the delay.

One area of interest for us all is the development of the Uttoxeter Masterplan. After some cajoling those proposing the plan have gone out to consultation with the wider community. Councillor Mann will lead our involvement in this process. Uttoxeter is very important to our parish as it is our nearest service town. Any views on subjects like car parks , bus stations etc should be aired . Clearly, those who live in Uttoxeter will potentially have the loudest voice, but it is important to offer viewpoints from outside the town. We will keep you all updated as to progress.

I was asked last week by a resident of the village to attend a dementia event in Yoxall. Yoxall already have a group that helps people with dementia and their carers. There were representatives from Alrewas , Barton and Yoxall , the aim being to try and give a wider understanding of this condition. They talked about a multi village alliance on dementia and how to tackle it. With wider knowledge we can adopt best practice and perhaps share experiences that help others. The Yoxall group are keen to offer dementia friendly activities and one is planned for Sunday 12th September from 1.00 pm at Saint Georges Park. Supported by the Alzheimers society and the Football Association the day will offer three walks

around the grounds of the complex, which is a great opportunity for parishioners to see the establishment where the England football team trained for the Euros. It is a beautiful area and right on our doorstep.

You know I've always waxed lyrical about our parish which I and others have nicknamed 'Happy Valley'. It came home to me last week when my eldest son, James, worked from here whilst helping organise the stag party for his good friend who he grew up with. James lives in London and I could hear him talking about all the activities he was seeing outside the front window from our house in Moisty Lane. A Hercules flew over and then a Chinook helicopter. A young rabbit skipped across the lawn and in the sky two buzzards were circling above. He also mentioned the birdsong which has been tremendous this year. It makes you understand why, when houses come up for sale they are snapped up very quickly. It's a great place to live and to bring up children and long may that continue.

All for now and please do enjoy the summer.

Ian Morgan - Chair, Marchington Parish Council

Forthcoming Events

Open Gardens - 7th & 8th August - see page 9

Malakey in the Parky - 7th August - On Silver Lane.

Bring your own food, drink and canopy.

See the Marchington Village Shop article on page 10.

MADS Variety show - 26 & 27th November.

All these events are subject to compliance with any further government guidelines.

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Marchington Nature Notes August/September 2021

Our community orchard continues to flourish, with masses of growth attracting increased wildlife. Great spotted woodpecker, melodic warblers, and a pair of enchanting bullfinches are now regular visitors. The fruits on the trees are bulging nicely and the young plum trees are bearing fruit for the first time.

An area is being cleared in readiness for our living willow arbour, which will arrive early 2022.

Many of us had to wait until the end of June before we spied young blue tit fledglings. Trees, especially oak, were, due to the cold month of May, late coming into bud. Subsequently the caterpillars that feed on them and the chicks source of food, were late in hatching too. This shortage of food, caused around 24% of clutches to fail. The second broods have been considerably more successful, with groups of pale blue babies popping up around our Parish gardens, entertaining us with their antics.

Birdsong diminishes greatly in August and our birds become secretive and difficult to spot. Their moult is in full flow now, as they shed their worn feathers ready for their new plumage. These will sustain them through the colder months ahead.

This is also a time of plenty in the natural world. Flowers and seeds are in abundance, with lots of stocking up to be had. Caches are prepared and those with good memories, will have a better chance of survival later on.

Perseid Meteor Shower

This is a fabulous time to see shooting stars between July 16th and August 23rd in the night sky (peaking on the 12th/13th August) Debris left from behind the comet, Swift Tuttle is quite a performance and one of the best meteor showers of the year.

Find a place with low light pollution and choose a clear night, avoiding bright moonlight. The more sky you can see the better. Sit in a deckchair or lie on a waterproof sheet (stops your neck from aching) Wrap up warm and give your eyes around 15 minutes to adjust to the dark. It's a great time to share with others, as they sweep into view.

A suggested read...

Wild Kingdom by Steven Moss.

A book about Bringing back Britain's Wildlife

Janey Hilton



In recent weeks, we have been fortunate enough to enjoy some record breaking feats at Jacks Lane. Joe Rooke scored 103 for our 1st XI versus Hilton CC to become the first Uttoxeter player to score a century at Jacks Lane since our move in 2019. A new highest score was set just a few weeks later by Adam Johnson who compiled a devastating 153 versus Chellaston CC. Both performances helped secure convincing wins.

Here are the leading performers of the season so far:

	1 st XI	2 nd XI
Leading Run Scorer	Alex Hannan 299 runs	Stan Maxwell 203 runs
Leading Wicket Taker	Dan Cotterill 16 wickets	David Hunt Junior 12 wickets
Most Outfield Catches	Gary Cotterill 5 catches	Will Bugey 5 catches



Continued overleaf



Date	Team	Opposition	Start Time
Saturday 24 th July	2 nd XI	Walton on Trent	1:30pm
Saturday 31 st July	1 st XI	Burton	1:00pm
Saturday 7 th August	2 nd XI	Trentside	1.30pm
Saturday 14 th August	1 st XI	Abbots Bromley	1:00pm
Saturday 21 st August	2 nd XI	Wootton	1:30pm
Saturday 28 th August	1 st XI	Spondon	1:00pm
Saturday 4 th September	1 st XI	Alrewas	12:30:00
Saturday 11 th September	2 nd XI	Washlands	1.00pm

MARCHINGTON W.I.

I am writing this article on a positive note as it is being reported that the Government will be lifting the majority of Covid 19 regulations. This is super news as it means that for the first time in over a year we will be able to meet face to face at monthly meetings in the village hall.

The committee have kept up to date with any business and where appropriate have communicated regularly with members. One of the items was the resolution for this year which related to increasing awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer. Our representative from Uttoxeter WI has now been advised on how we wish her to vote on this resolution.



Another item that has been discussed was our plans for the coming months. We are anticipating starting our meetings in the autumn and our first has been arranged for Monday 20th September. Members will be issued with a new programme in the near future. We have arranged an excellent speaker to attend our annual autumn lunch which will take place on Thursday 14th October – make a note in your diaries as this is always a popular event.

Enquiries are also being made regarding our Christmas lunch and a canal outing in the spring.



Our first get together will be an afternoon tea at the Boar's Head Hotel, on Monday 19th July. This event, apart from giving us the opportunity to meet up again should be very enjoyable especially as no one will be doing the cooking!

Looking forward to seeing you soon, in the meantime, please take care.

Sheila Jones.

HALLELUJAH!

SINGING RULES FOR CHOIRS TO BE LIFTED!



The Marchington Singers are delighted to report that the Government's Culture Secretary has confirmed the following: "Choirs can resume singing indoors without any restrictions when 'Freedom Day' arrives. Tough rules on gatherings have meant only six choristers being able to perform indoors together in recent months, or up to 30 outside." In a video posted on social media Oliver Dowden said "The last restrictions will be lifted on July 19th, in a boost to the two million amateur choristers across Britain. I'm happy to say that now, with the work we have done with the Covid vaccine rollout, as we move to Stage 4 [of the roadmap out of lockdown], we will remove all remaining restrictions on choirs." So at last there is a light for us at the end of a very long tunnel!

We have been entertaining each other by regular editions of a newsletter entitled 'Reasons To Be Cheerful' and enjoying hearing of many and various ways that our Singing friends have been keeping themselves 'on top of things' during the pandemic. Several of our members have been at the front line, as medics or volunteers, and their stories have been fascinating, sometimes sad, but always tremendously valued. Others have found new pursuits - Zoom concerts, virtual Literary Lunches, theme days (Burton Albion colours, pyjamas, socks over shoes) to say nothing of detailed accounts of bumper crops of vegetables! There have been tragedies and delights, poems and jokes, intricate details of garden tools and a regular "Wet again this week. Glad I don't have to cut the lawn." I have to say a huge thank you to all Singers who have contributed.

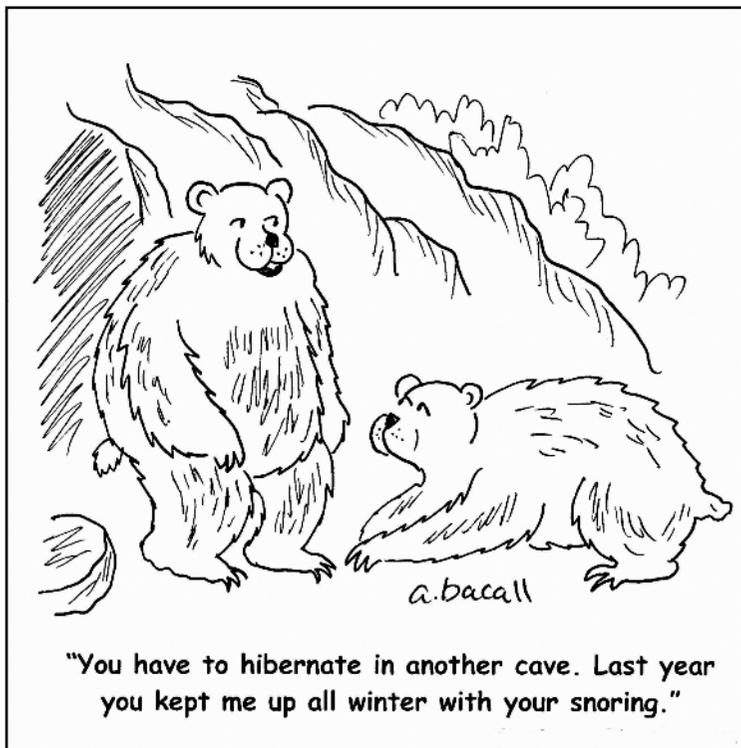
But now, it seems, we can get back to singing! This is the best Reason To Be Cheerful ever!! The plan is to have our AGM (which should have been in 2020 of course) in September and see what our members feel happy to do in terms of safely getting together again. Caution is our watchword.

Wendy Scott - Conductor, The Marchington Singers.

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Why Singing Is Good For You

- It makes you feel better - there is evidence that singing releases the 'happy chemicals' that improve your mood.
- It can enhance your lung function.
- It helps to reduce stress and increase confidence.
- It can improve memory and concentration.
- It can help to build social bonding and a sense of community.
- There is some limited evidence that regular singing can reduce snoring - surely this is good news for the partners of singers!



Marchington Village Hall News August & September 2021



Making our presence felt

Our new neighbours, who moved in during the long period of pandemic closure, must have wondered what had hit them! A very, very noisy wedding on the night England beat Ukraine (no direct correlation, they were quiet during the match) caused all our neighbours severe disruption. We sincerely apologise for any upset caused that night to anyone in the village. When I joked on this page several months ago about all-nighters and congas down the High Street, I never expected it to be a reality, and on our first big event too. We have put several measures in place to ensure that it does not happen again. As for our newest neighbours, with a background in hotel management, they are made of stern stuff and appear to have forgiven us for now...

We had an open afternoon on Friday 9 July, still sadly under Covid restrictions, but those people who did attend enjoyed seeing people again and chatting over tea and cake. Thank you to Rhoda for emailing magazine subscribers correcting the date mix up in last month's issue.

We welcome bookings for all events large and small as we try to build back up again after the pandemic. You can find our calendar of events at <https://www.marchingtonvillagehall.org/calendar.html> and will notice a weekly over-50s exercise class at 1pm on Mondays. Please show your support for this by taking your bones and muscles for a workout each Monday.

Gill becomes Ginny

Gill Williamson, who has been our Bookings Secretary for nine years, has decided to close her calendar for the last time and we are truly sorry to lose her vast experience of the hall. We think she's been involved as a trustee for at least 42 years!

Ginny Odey has very kindly stepped in to be our new Bookings Secretary and we welcome her hard work and dedication to the Hall.

If you want to book the Hall, call Ginny Odey on (01283) 820461 or 07810 830268 or email marchingtonvillagehallbookings@hotmail.com.

Get involved with your village hall

If you would like to take a more active role in village life, you could do worse than joining us as a village hall trustee. Responsible for setting the direction for the village hall, improving its facilities, maintaining it as a hub for the community and helping at events, you will find your skills are much needed and much used as a trustee. Contact me or one of the other trustees if you are interested in knowing more.

Geraldine Flavell



See our advert on page 22 for Sunday music sessions in August.

The Sunday 9th August session, featuring GLORY DAYS, will be a 'music and dine' event. The first 40 people to sign up can have a guaranteed seat and a Sunday Lunch for £15 a head. This will allow you entry from 3.45pm with the rest of people allowed in around 5.30 where it will be standing room only at that time. Music begins around 17:30.

Unless otherwise stated, the rest of the events are the usual format,
lunch on Sunday 12-4, music from 5.30pm
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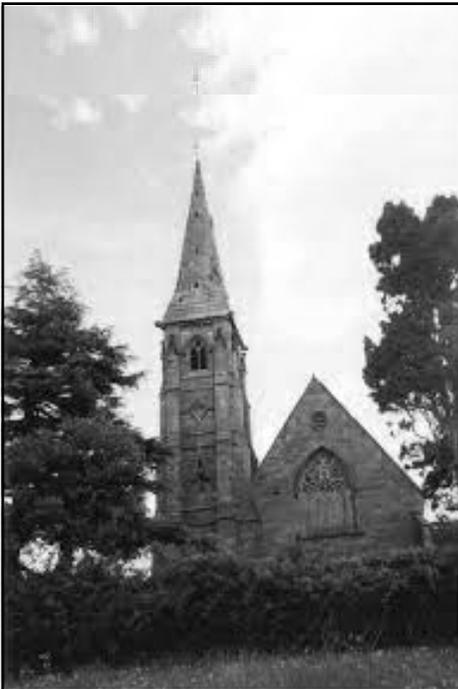
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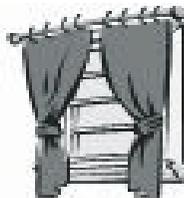
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Welcome Back to Woodlands WI

Almost a year has passed since Woodlands WI met last August for a garden party and most members approached this 'give it a go' July meeting with caution and optimism. We've had Zoom meetings, goody bags, emails and phone calls, but nothing actually replaces an 'in person' meeting and hearing a group of women's voices chattering away.

Twelve members gathered together, following Covid guidelines, social distanced seating, face masks and personal hand sanitizers at the ready. So much a part of normal living, aren't they? We were all early, ready and waiting as Helen directed us to our nominated seats.

Big smiles and applause as Helen, the president, welcomed us to the July meeting! She welcomed the three new members to our perhaps not 'normal' meeting, but as close as possible. Notices about the August 12th meeting at Elford Gardens and the September 8th meeting back in the village hall. In September there will be a special competition of 'Jenny's Shortbread'. Sadly Jenny Speed, a valued member, died earlier this year but left us a legacy of delicious shortbread. Her secret

recipe was distributed by Helen and, in September, members can 'have a go' at bringing their version.

Helen told us humorous family stories which led everyone to share their own stories. Somehow it evolved into a discussion about life in Covid lockdown and how it had affected us personally and our families. It gave us the opportunity to talk about life in lockdown, not only the Downs, but also the Ups! How we found a new 'quality' to perhaps a more thoughtful, caring pace of life, one which we decided to try and keep hold of.

So much talking meant a welcome cup of tea as we unpacked our refreshments from home. We kept talking as raffle tickets were sold and cups of tea drunk. All too soon, the meeting was over.

A BIG THANKS to Helen and the committee for enabling us to meet. Next time, in August, we are off to Elford, and in September back at the Woodlands Village Hall for Jenny's Shortbread competition.

Until then, keep safe and enjoy the summer.

Grace Hodges

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Update



I have left this update until the very last minute and apologise to Rhoda, again, as this isn't a unique occurrence.

Writing so close to deadline means that it has been possible to hear the government's confirmation that almost all Covid legal restrictions are to be lifted as of 19 July. The ban on social gatherings of more than six people or two households indoors will be removed, allowing the Village Hall to operate more freely again. In case everyone thinks that ending lockdown restrictions means we can return to 'normal' and life as it was before Covid, the government also warned that people need to proceed with caution since coronavirus continues to carry health risks. It expects and recommends that people continue to wear face coverings in crowded and enclosed spaces where they may come into contact with people that they don't normally meet. We all have a social responsibility to think and look out for others, especially those who are vulnerable and I would ask everyone to bear this in mind when entering the Village Hall in the coming weeks and months.

The good news is that the lifting of restrictions gives a green light to the Summer Dance booked for 14 August at the Village Hall. The AGM/Social can also be rearranged, following the cancellation in June. With Parish News taking a well-deserved holiday, keep an eye on social media and please use the Village Hall's website (www.mwvh.co.uk) to get updates on events, information about the Hall and its facilities and to hire the venue. Booking Secretary for the Village Hall, Isabel Wilson (tel. 01889 569411), will help with any hiring details.

I draw your attention to the Parish Council's website too, as the Parish Council is due to be holding one of its meetings at Woodlands Village Hall in the next couple of months. This is an ideal opportunity for residents to raise and discuss issues of concern with the Parish Council. Meeting Notices and Agendas are advertised on the Parish Council's website as well as being placed on the noticeboard in front of the Village Hall building.

Enjoy this summer time, whether it is catching up with family and friends, having a staycation or venturing off on an overseas trip. Please stay safe and well. The Committee very much looks forward to seeing you at forthcoming events in the Village Hall.

And, for those who have been missing the weekly ritual, roll on the start of the new season and watching live football once again.

Karen Perrins

Woodlands Councillor Contact Information

Two councillors on Marchington Parish Council represent the residents of the Woodlands.

They are Councillors Darron Hayes and Paul Nixon.

If you have any issues that you feel you would like to raise with the Parish Council, please contact the Councillors by email at cllrhayes@gmail.com and nixon.council@btinternet.com to discuss.

These details are now available through the home page of the Woodlands Village Hall website, under Local Links, along with a link to the Parish Council website.

On the Parish Council site, under the Meetings tab, you will find a brief description about how Meetings are run, information on all of the Councillors, Minutes for previous Meetings and the location and Agenda for the next Meeting.

As mentioned in the Village Hall Update, look out for the Parish Council Meeting that is to be held soon in the Woodlands.

St. John's Church Marchington Woodlands



Church Services at St John's during August & September

Thursday 5 th August	7:30pm	Licensing Service for Rev Jules Walker at Marchington St Peter's
Sunday 8 th August	4.00pm	Evensong
Sunday 15 th August	3.00pm	Area Service at Woodlands Village Hall
Sunday 22 nd August	09:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th September	4:00pm	Evensong
Saturday 25 th September	2.00 - 4.00pm	Cleaning and decorating the church for Harvest Festival
Sunday 26 th September	3:00pm	Harvest Festival Service

In July we were very pleased to welcome into the family of the church

On 4th July Eva Victoria Barton

On 11th July Maddie Florence Williamson

We pray that both girls will grow and flourish in the love of Christ.

Don't forget Uttoxeter Area of Parishes AFTERNOON TEA at 3pm on Sunday August 15th at WOODLANDS VILLAGE HALL as advertised on page 7.

Two social events to look forward to in September and October to raise funds for the church :-

Please order your tickets early and advise us of any special dietary requirements for both of these.

St John's Church
AFTERNOON TEA at WOODLANDS VILLAGE HALL

Come and enjoy a sumptuous tea with delicious sandwiches and cakes and catch up with friends and neighbours

On SATURDAY 4th September from 3pm to 5pm

Tickets £10 per person

From Graham Salt or Linda Beech

Book early to avoid disappointment

St Johns Church Harvest Supper

Saturday 2nd October

At Woodlands Village Hall

7pm for 7.30pm

Please bring your own drink and glasses

Tickets £14 (children under 12 - £7)

Marchington Woodlands 100 Club

Correction to the information in the July magazine:- the results given there were for May, not June.

Winners of the June draw:-

May Shaw, Linda Beech, Laura Beech, Rosa Read

St. John's Contacts

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<http://www.marchingtonwoodlandschurch.co.uk/> St. Johns website



ST PETER'S CHURCH MARCHINGTON - SERVICES DURING AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2021

	<i>Sidesperson</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Intercessions</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
Sunday 1 st August 9.30am Communion	Joyce Halcrow	Ian Jones Rhoda Castle	Maggie Hatchard	Joyce Halcrow
Sunday 8 th August 9.30am Morning Prayer	Valerie Whitehead	Joyce Halcrow Fiona Needs	Liz Morgan	Thelma Brassington
Sunday 15 th August 9.30am Communion	Joyce Halcrow	Amanda Shaw Tim Scott	Wendy Scott	Grace Hodges
Sunday 22 nd August 9.30am Morning Prayer	Sheila Jones	Liz Morgan Joyce Halcrow	Thelma Brassington	Shirley McCoy
Sunday 29 th Auhust 10.00am Area Service	Zoom Service... If you would like an invitation, please email maggiehatchard@gmail.com			
Sunday 5 th September 9.30am Communion	Kath Wood	Gordon Whitehead Pat Wilson	Gill Williamson	Sue Butler
Sunday 12 th September 9.30am Morning Prayer	Tim Scott	Tony Butler Wendy Scott	Maggie Hatchard	Gill Williamson
Sunday 19 th September 9.30am Communion	Valerie Whitehead	Ian Jones Amanda Shaw	Liz Morgan	Lynda Nicholson
Sunday 26 th September 9.30am Morning Prayer	Gill Williamson	Claire Marjoram Gill Williamson	Wendy Scott	Joyce Halcrow

If you are unable to carry out your duty, please find a replacement and inform the church wardens.