

PARISH NEWS

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St Peter's Church, Marchington
St John's Church, Marchington Woodlands

WELCOME to the PARISH NEWS for OCTOBER 2022

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We heard the sad news of the death of HM The Queen in September, and I have included some memories and tributes to her in this issue. Many thanks to those who contributed to this. This month it might be worth taking a look at the online edition of the magazine in which you can see the pictures in colour and also view some videos of Her Majesty.

Do look at the information about ultrafast broadband on page 14 - this is once more a real possibility for Marchington and the Woodlands. You can sign up if you have not already done so.

This is the last issue of Parish News that I will be compiling. I have enjoyed working with ALL the contributors - without them there would be no magazine! I hope everyone will give their support to the new editor.

Rhoda

The next Parish News is the November issue.

Deadline for copy is 12th October

For the November magazine and also the December and January JOINT magazine please send all dates and events, NO ARTICLES or POSTERS, to thelmabrassington@yahoo.co.uk by 12th of the month .

We will endeavour to produce a magazine of dates in the interim until a new Editor is forthcoming.

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If any of the articles in last month's magazine upset anyone we apologise.

PCC Magazine Committee

The PCC wish to thank our editor Rhoda Castle for all the hard work and enterprise which has gone into the smooth running of the Parish magazine especially during the last two years of the Covid pandemic . Rhoda is stepping down from the position of editor and we shall miss her style of editing and producing an excellent magazine for us. Thank you Rhoda for all your hard work.

Position of Editor for the Parish Magazine.

We are looking for a volunteer who is interested in editing our Parish Magazine.

It is well set up in PagePlus X9 format and Rhoda Castle is happy to help any person who is interested in taking this on with the technical aspects of the task.

Please initially contact Thelma Brassington on 07477 667970 by text or email to thelmabrassington@yahoo.co.uk.

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ST PETER'S CHURCH EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

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| Sunday 30 th October | 10am | All Souls Service A service of celebration and remembrance for our loved ones. |
| Sunday 6 th November | 10:00:00 | Remembrance Service |
| Saturday 26 th November | 10am-4pm | Advent Festival of Light |
| Sunday 27 th November | 10am-11am 11am-4pm | Advent Service Festival |
| Sunday 11 th December | 2pm-4pm | Christmas Postal Day in the church |



St Peter's Edward Bear Club

This is for children aged 0 to 3 years, and their parents or carers. We meet on Wednesdays at 9.00 am during term time to enjoy coffee and a chat while the children play. This is followed by craft activities and stories, ending with a short prayer. If you would like to come, please email or phone Thelma using the contact details below.

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Thank you

Rev'd Chris Brown reminds us to thank God for his blessings at this harvest time. He observes that many words have been spoken about Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, but perhaps all it needs is a simple 'thank you'.

Dear friends,

As you read this letter you will be celebrating, or are about to celebrate harvest, a time of thanksgiving to God for his abundant generosity in supplying us with food for sustenance and thought and also in the midst of preparing for All souls and remembrance services. As I write this letter the world is still recovering from the shock of the death of our Queen Elizabeth. As I listened to the many words that are being spoken about her the simple words that our new King, Charles III said at the end of his first proclamation strongly stood out from the rest. He said, simply, "Thank you." With those two simple words he expressed everything that the people of this country and the world were trying to say about the Queen. All too often we put together lengthy treatises listing all and everything we can think of and all it needs at the end of the day is a simple thank you.

As we celebrate our harvest this year we perhaps need to look at the simple thank you as a way of bringing before God our thanks for all that he has provided us with over the last year. The many blessings we do not always recognise or accept as gifts from God.

We are very aware of the rapid rises in our cost of living, our basic needs are now getting to be a luxury but still in the midst of all this turmoil God is still sending blessings. How these blessings play out or how we will recognise them I am not sure as yet but I am sure in time it will all become clear for as Paul says in his letter to the Corinthians "now we see in a mirror dimly, but then we will see face to face (1 Cor 13: 12.). I feel that in this mixed up time of grief, remembrance and thanksgiving we may find the path that God is calling us to tread to serve not just him but his people as well.

[continued overleaf]

I will finish with Psalm 126 and a prayer.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
Then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter
And our tongue with songs of joy.
Then said they among the nations,
'The Lord has indeed done great things for them.'
The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
And therefore we rejoiced.
Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,
As the river beds of the desert.
Those who sow in tears
Shall reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,
Will come back with shouts of joy,
Bearing their sheaves with them.

*Lord as you send rain and flowers even to the wilderness,
Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
Help us to sow good seed in time of adversity
And live to rejoice in your good harvest of all creation;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.*

All God's blessings
Chris

Rev'd Chris Brown Uttoxeter Area of Parishes

Prisons Week

October sees Prisons Week (www.prisonsworld.org), a reminder to Christians to pray for all those affected by crime and imprisonment. More than 80,000 people are incarcerated in the UK, but it is very easy for those of us 'outside' to forget about them, as well as the officers, education and care workers, visitors and other members of the prison community – and the dedicated clergy and lay people who minister as chaplains and as chaplaincy volunteers. The Diocese of Lichfield has one of the highest numbers of prisons of any diocese, and whenever I visit any of them I am struck by the intense, isolated and often pressured atmosphere in these environments. Ministry in such situations can be very demanding; it can also make dramatic differences in the lives of broken people. 'Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them', the author of the Letter to the Hebrews wrote (Hebrews 13.3).

Churches and Christians outside can build a sense of connection with those inside in several ways. It is good to learn more about the realities of prison life in order to understand some of the challenges facing people in our criminal justice system. The Prisons Week website has some good resources and links to help with this, and of course prison chaplains and visitors can speak powerfully from their own experience. I am impressed by the number of faithful church members who give of their time, energy and wisdom in supporting the work of chaplaincies and other prison departments as volunteers, helping some of the most helpless members of our society with friendship, encouragement and skills. And of course there can be great opportunities for individual Christians and churches to be involved at what can be the most challenging points in prisoners' lives: their release from prison. In our diocese, I am proud of the Yellow Ribbon Community Chaplaincy, (yellowribbonuk.org.uk), offering faith based support to people looking to change their lives by breaking patterns of criminality.

Another way in which churches can engage with the criminal justice system is through hosting Community Payback projects. As part or a whole of their sentence, some people are required to perform unpaid work in the community. Such schemes are overseen by the Probation Service, who are keen to look for partnerships with churches. Supervision is provided by probation officers, and the practical benefits for churches can be considerable – for example, in clearing or restoring churchyards and in redecorating or repairing halls. Beyond the material results, though, there can be opportunities to build new relationships of friendship, trust and appreciation with people for whom those values have often been in short supply. In one village, for example, a group of women in the parish started providing tea and buns for a group of young men working in the churchyard on a community payback scheme. Our own [Transforming Communities Together](#) can advise on this, as can local probation offices.

Whatever feels the right way for you or your church to engage with Prisons Week, my expectation is that you will find it an opportunity to deepen your faith as well as to support people whose needs can be acute. When we take the time and the confidence to build links, we will find our lives enriched in many unexpected ways.

Rt Revd Michel Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022



Since the death of HM The Queen was announced in September, many people have expressed admiration for the way that she has carried out her role throughout her long life. These are just a few examples - you may also find appreciation of The Queen in other articles in the magazine.

From the Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave:

“I share the deep sorrow of people across the Diocese of Lichfield at the death of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and send our condolences to all members of the Royal Family.

“The Queen lived a remarkable life of faithful service and maintained strength, courage and grace as she led our country through countless changes and challenges. She has served all our communities tirelessly and lived a life the like of which we are unlikely ever to witness again.

“The Queen’s strong personal faith in Jesus Christ informed her sense of duty and her role as Defender of the Faith. We pray now that she finds rest and peace, assured by her faith, and for our cathedral and other churches across the diocese in the coming days and weeks as they offer a place of consolation for all those who mourn.

“We also pray for His Majesty King Charles III at the beginning of his reign and we pray that he may know comfort as he grieves his mother’s death.”

From Marchington Women's Institute

On behalf of Marchington WI members, I would like express deep sadness at the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

As some of you will be aware, she was a member of Sandringham WI for many years. She always visited in January when she was in Norfolk, and enjoyed chatting with members over tea and cakes. As their President quoted "she was one of us". As we look back at her life and reign that spanned so many years, we will remember and cherish Her Majesty's wisdom, compassion and warmth. She has certainly left a memorable impression on people from all walks of life both in the UK, The Commonwealth and the World.

Sheila Jones President



Credit: Eleanor Tomlinson. Used with the permission of the artist.



This photograph dates from a memorable day for my family back in 1961. The Queen and Prince Philip are being greeted by the Dean at the west door of Rochester Cathedral when she came to distribute the Maundy Money. My sister, Sally, was among four children chosen to carry posies and accompany The Queen during the service. Sally has kept an album of memorabilia of the day, including this photograph.

Rhoda

Paddington Bear was an excellent choice to have afternoon tea with The Queen. They share values of honesty, politeness and kindness to strangers for example. The video in which they both featured shows The Queen's sense of humour - and acting ability. We now know what she kept in her handbag! Another side of her personality is apparent in the broadcast she made during the pandemic; her more serious side, combined with a capacity for kindness and understanding. You can watch both videos on Youtube or on the magazine website at <https://www.marchingtonparishnews.net/october-2022-parish-news>.



Marchington WI

Dates for your diary:-

THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER – “Annual Lunch” in Village Hall. 12.30 p.m.

Cost £15. Speaker Paul Newsham “*L.S. Lowry – under the microscope.*”

This is an open event and all friends and family are invited.

MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER – monthly meeting, Topic “*Charles Dickens and Christmas Traditions.*”

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER – Five Ways Group Carol Service at St. Peter’s Church, Marchington. 2.30 p.m. Everyone welcome to attend a traditional carol service.

MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER – Christmas lunch at The Boar’s Head.



W.I. Lunch

DATE: THURSDAY 20th OCTOBER 2022
TIME: 12.30 p.m.
VENUE: MARCHINGTON VILLAGE HALL
COST: £15 for 2 course lunch plus glass of wine, cheese & biscuits.

The speaker: Paul Newsham,
Title of talk: *L.S.Lowry “Under the microscope.”*
Tickets obtainable from:
Sheila Jones (01283 820576)
Margaret Johnson (01283 820635)
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Do come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon.

MARCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OCTOBER 2022

September has been dominated by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September and the implications for councils at all levels around the UK have been far reaching. It was necessary to re-arrange the Marchington PC meeting to beyond the date of the state funeral and the period of mourning. The PC meeting was re-arranged to the 27th September. I am writing this article for the October report before the September PC meeting has taken place. Some neighbouring parishes decided not to have a September meeting but Marchington had pressing issues.

Two Union flags in Marchington at St Peter's School and Marchington Tennis & Bowls Club together with a Union flag at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, were set at half-mast on the evening of 8th September after the announcement of the death, then on Saturday 10th September raised to full mast at 9:30am for the proclamation of the King and returned to half mast the next day at 1pm for the resumption of mourning. A black tablecloth and picture of HM Queen Elizabeth II was set up in the entrance to Marchington Village Hall. Residents were directed to Uttoxeter Town Hall to write messages of condolence.

New Parish Clerk

The new Parish Clerk, Clare Nash fully took up the reins on 14th September after our previous Parish Clerk, Becci Ede stood down and there had been a period of six weeks overlap to ensure a seamless transfer. Although much has happened in September for Clare's initiation! In fact Becci started at the beginning of the COVID pandemic so her start up was also abnormal.

Green Lane Community Orchard Improvement Scheme

The Support Staffordshire Transforming the Trent Valley (TTTTV) funded initiative described as an area beauty by the TTTV team is attracting visitors,

some cyclists and walkers, from far and wide around Marchington to see the sights of natural beauty in Green Lane.

Church Lane Sewer

Severn Trent has programmed an excavation of the sewer at in Church Lane around the manhole near the bridge over the Brook on 20th September to alter the curvature of the main sewer and improve flow in Church Lane. During periods of heavy rain, sewage has been seen regularly spilling out onto Church Lane and into the Brook. This excavation will have caused some inconvenience with the road closed for a few days but these works are very much for the benefit of residents in Church Lane.

Woodlands Chapel Triangle

There is no change with the current situation with the Chapel Triangle in that the issues are with the legal department of Staffordshire County Council.

Travellers

Residents have been concerned about a group of traditional travellers who have set up camp with their horses in the Woodlands on the verges of Hobb Lane near the boundary with Abbots Bromley. Staffordshire County Council and the Police have been informed but no reports of issues have been reported.

Playing Fields and Playgrounds

After a period of drought for at least two months, the grass is beginning to grow with the onset of thundery showers and the playing fields are beginning to look green again. Marchington Bulls Head Football Team are looking forward to playing again after the period of mourning. Please go along and support our local football team

Andrew C Mann, Chair, Marchington Parish Council

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If you value this service, it is important to show the County Council that there is a demand for it. You can find further information at the following web site:
<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Libraries/mobilelibraries/mobile2/routes/route04.aspx>

Ultrafast Broadband

This project has now restarted and looking positive again for the Woodlands, Forestside, Draycott and Marchington village. We have presented again the agreed list of those who pledged to BT Openreach who will now submit it to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) for acceptance. It is likely this process will take 3-5 weeks for a final decision.

Following approval by DCMS all of us who pledged to sign up to the service will be asked to reconfirm that pledge. This should be during October. Following meeting the required number / value of pledges BT Openreach will begin construction of the system which they have to complete within 12 months. They are aiming to complete within 9 months.

So, having been delayed 6 months following the Government's suspension of the voucher scheme, it now looks to be a real possibility.

We will know more mid October when we will communicate to all of you.

Ian Morgan

If you haven't already signed up and would like to do so, go to <https://marchingtonparishcouncil.org/villagenews/>, where you will be able to find the link.



Marchington Tennis and Bowls Club

Thank you to those who have signed up for the Tennis and Bowls Club '100 Club'; your support is much appreciated. Winners of the September draw were:

£5 - Kelly Moore

£10 - Mary Adderley

£15 - Andrew Mann



Mark Flavell. Marchington Tennis and Bowls Club.

Marchington Village Hall News September 2022



As we look forward to the Autumn, we are delighted that MADS has chosen Marchington Village Hall for rehearsals of their ambitious musical Oliver! Most Tuesday and Thursday evenings are booked out and we are looking forward to the performances on 23-26 November.

Marchington Singers are back in the hall after their summer break and Zumba continues on Wednesday evenings. We also have a Dog First Aid training session in early November.

Now that the school is back, we expect a rush of children's parties which have proved so popular in the last few years.

Our plans to refurbish the Gents toilets are underway and we will shortly seek planning permission to remodel the front canopy, making the Hall an even more attractive venue for your special occasion.

We still need a local person who is handy and can do odd jobs for us. The post is paid. Please contact Andrew Mann in the first instance on 07887 988715.

Don't forget, if you want to book Marchington Village Hall, please email Ginny Odey on marchingtonvillagehallbookings@hotmail.com or call her on 07810 830268. You can check what's happening and hall availability on the calendar at <https://www.marchingtonvillagehall.org/calendar.html>.

Geraldine Flavell

Now we are definitely in autumn! Please remember for your open fires that we have excellent quality kindling, coal and wood, and great value firelighters, so you don't have to travel out of the village to get that fire going, as the evenings get chilly and it's so easy to pick up from the shop and put heavy things straight into your boot.

Thanks to our bakery suppliers, we are now stocking extra pies, savoury slices and quiches, iced buns and tea cakes (delivered 3 times a week). And a reminder of our usual bread range: white, wholemeal and Granary, small & large, sliced and unsliced, and orders can be placed up to 12 noon the day before.

If you need something to read whilst cosy near that fireplace, magazines and newspapers can also be reserved in the shop for collection or be delivered (within our local area).

Great news that we will be selling tickets in the shop this month for two sets of events taking place in the Village Hall in November: a Fleetwood Mac Tribute for the Bulls Head Marchington Football Club on November 12th and the latest MADS production: Oliver! The Musical by Lionel Bart, running from Wednesday 23rd to Saturday 26th November.

Liz Morgan, Chair, Marchington Community Shop

Bulls Head Marchington Football Club



The Bulls Head Marchington Football Club played their first league game of the season on Sunday 4th September

BHMFC 5 - 1 Cheadle Rovers

A great start.

We were scheduled to play the team that came second last year the following Sunday but with the passing of Queen Elizabeth the game was rightly postponed.

On a similar note the Keep Fat Club veterans visited our Spanish friends to play our annual game (which we lost) and a proper minutes silence was observed by both teams before kick off. It was very moving.”

Ian Morgan

Uttoxeter Cricket Club



At the time of writing, we still have one weekend of the season to be played. Please look out next month for our end of season review.

Nature Notes

Autumn has arrived and the promise of long, fine warm days has diminished. The light levels are softer and more subdued though, and govern much of the natural world to make changes. We reach for warmer garments, whilst wildlife either hibernates or puts on more layers, be it fur, feathers or fat.

Exciting news! A pair of Barn Owls (*Tyto alba*) have set up home in one of the 12 boxes that were placed around the Parish 2 years ago. They have been spotted regularly, quartering in the fields nearby and returning to the box. The area they have chosen, has permanent rough grassland, that isn't heavily grazed or regularly mown. The perfect nesting environment for the rodents that barn owls like to feed on. 75% of barn owls now nest in man made boxes, as many of the farm buildings they used to frequent, have either become so derelict, or turned into dwellings. The breeding season is a long one. Starting in February or March and sometimes going on until September. The adults are unmistakable, with white underparts and a gentle, honey coloured upper. They possess a beautiful heart shaped face and long legs that help them catch prey at the base of deep vegetation. They can fly very slowly, without stalling and hover incredibly easily, with silent flight, like falling snow.

We hope the young, when fledged, take up one of our other boxes in the Parish.



We have had also, lots of sightings of hedgehogs in Marchington. It looks like they like our gardens, as many people are creating suitable habitats and giving them supplementary food and water. This has been vital during this years hot, dry summer, as much of their prey has been difficult to access.



Hummingbird hawk moths, have also frequented our gardens during the hot summer. These large, day flying moths, are visitors, from Southern Europe. They hover in front of flowers like geraniums, honeysuckle, periwinkle and verbena, with their long proboscis, drinking the nectar. Their wings beat incredibly fast and can be heard humming.

The fruit from the trees in our Community Orchard, has been a plenty. We had a glut of black plums and the damsons trees fruited for the first time. Leaving the orchard unaffected by harmful sprays, has encouraged natural predators to keep pests under control and in balance. Leaving our trees healthy and organic.

We had a very nice visit from the organisers of Transforming The Trent Valley, who part funded, together with our PC and The Hall Road Stall, the living willow arbour and brookside tree planting in the community orchard. They came to view the finished project and were very complimentary, relaying that it was a place of beauty and added value to our communal space. Thank you again to the bodies who allowed this to materialise.

The heatwave and drought proved too much for a couple of our newly planted Sorbus trees. Even though there was much watering with bottles carried to them regularly, we have lost two in the field by the church. They will be reinstated this winter, with bare rooted replacements and we plan to plant more in the same field, to create an arboreal walkway along the footpath.

Janey Hilton



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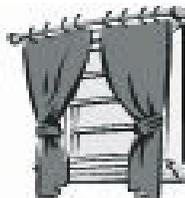
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Woodlands WI News September 2022

It was with a heavy heart that members of Woodlands WI made their way to the Village Hall for our monthly meeting on Thursday 8 September. Buckingham Palace had just announced that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth had died peacefully at Balmoral that afternoon. Her Majesty had been a much loved and greatly admired figure not just here in the UK but around the world and it was in recognition of this that the ladies of Woodlands WI joined our President, Helen, in a minute of quiet reflection for this fellow member of the Women's Institute.

We were back at our usual venue having enjoyed two outings during July and August and we were about to hit the ground running. Ben from RPA Associates had come to talk to us about "Tax, Care and Toyboys." Under the guidance of Ben, a subject that could have been hard going was both informative and thought provoking. Ben started by saying that unfortunately in life Common Sense doesn't always prevail and consequently everyone should think about their future needs and wishes and plan ahead to ensure these can be achieved. Regarding taxation, Ben explained some of the options available in-

cluding estate planning and discretionary trusts to name just two. He then went on to discuss later life care; terms such as Lasting Powers of Attorney and living trusts were explained and again, he reminded us that with the correct planning in place many unhappy outcomes can be avoided. Finally toyboys, none of us know what the future holds and maybe like Dame Joan Collins some ladies may meet and marry their "Percy" who is 31 years her junior. Whatever the eventuality Ben reminded us again how, with the correct planning, the arrival of a toyboy does not have to herald family arguments.

Having listened intently to Ben the evening concluded with the usual delicious supper; looking around the table I could see the members deep in discussion whether it was about toyboys, tax or the forthcoming cocktail evening in October I wouldn't like to say.

Don't forget you can contact us on our general email address: wewoodlands@gmail.com

Date for your diary Pudding and Pie Night
– Friday 21 October.

Judy Slaney

Marchington Woodlands Village Hall Update

Despite knowing that this moment was always going to arrive, there was a profound sense of shock and huge sadness, when it was announced that Queen Elizabeth II had died on 8 September. Whatever has happened in the UK and the world in the last seventy years, the Queen has been there with us and for us, with her wise counsel and words of sympathy and encouragement.

At its last meeting, two days before the Queen died, Woodlands Village Hall Committee happily talked about the Summer Dance held on 20 August. The weather had been kind, contributing to the nice vibe during the evening, as attendees were able to sit inside the Hall or on bales in the field, eating, drinking and chatting to friends and neighbours, while listening to the music provided by The Silicone Taxis. There was dancing too, a little later on. As is often the case, it just takes those first few brave souls to start things off. (Well done, Linda and Richard.)

A number of folk helped to make the Summer Dance a very enjoyable event. Thanks go to Luke Sargeant for providing the hog roast, Richard Smith for the marquee, The Silicone Taxis for the great music, Tim and Fiona for their ideas and organisation, Isabel for the lovely flower decorations, Matt for the excellent lighting around the Hall, Graham for kindly mowing the field and verge area, fellow Committee members for helping to set up and clear away, the team behind the bar who worked tirelessly all evening (Zoe, Sophie and Heidi, Fiona and her niece) and, last but not least, everyone who came along to support the Summer Dance and kindly donated raffle prizes.

The Committee also spoke about 5 November. It very much hopes that the communities of the Woodlands, Marchington Village and the surrounding areas, will support the Bonfire Night and Fireworks event at the Village Hall (see separate advert for details). Numerous people, now with families of their own, have mentioned that they always used to go to the fireworks at Woodlands Village Hall when they were little. "Expect it has changed", they all say. We look forward to welcoming you all at this traditional family occasion.

19 September sees a momentous occasion for the nation, with the state funeral of the Queen. It marks one of the steps along the way to the successful and smooth transition from the second Elizabethan era to the reign of King Charles III. The Queen will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace.

God save the King.

Karen Perrins



**Sat 5
NOV**

**MARCHINGTON WOODLANDS VILLAGE HALL
COMMITTEE**
invites you to

BONFIRE NIGHT FIREWORKS

**ADULTS (Over 16) £5 CHILDREN (5-16) £2.50
UNDER 5s Free
Pay on the Gate**

**Hot dogs and hot drinks for sale (including mulled wine).
Also beer and regular wine.**

There will be a tombola and lucky dip.

DOORS OPEN 6.30pm BONFIRE WILL BE LIT 7pm

FIREWORKS AT 7.30pm

Parking available.

Please have a torch with you as it will be dark.

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Marchington Woodlands Village Hall

Social & General Information

2022 Calendar

Tuesday, 4 October and 1 November – Next two Woodlands Village Hall monthly Committee Meetings, 7.30pm start.

18 October and 15 November – Regular Tuesday coffee mornings in the Village Hall, come and have a chat with friends and neighbours from your community, 10.30am start. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, 5 November - Bonfire Night event. See separate advertisement.

Sunday, 11 December – Evening Christmas social.

Tuesday, 20 December – Christmas lunch instead of the usual December Coffee Morning.

Further details will follow on the two community events in the Village Hall in December.

Village Hall Booking Information

The Village Hall's website (www.mwvh.co.uk) provides information about the Hall, its facilities and how to go about hiring.

If you would like to ask anything further, please get in touch with the Village Hall Booking Secretary, Isabel Wilson (landline 01889 569411 or mobile 07817 989859).

Contact Details

You are invited to send any comments, questions or issues about the Village Hall to the Committee via email address mwvh@btinternet.com.

Alternatively, you can put a note in the Village Hall's post box. Your feedback is always welcome.

Woodlands Community Group

Please do look out for up-to-date local news and information on the Woodlands Community Group Facebook page and post your comments and suggestions.

St. John the Baptist Church Marchington Woodlands



Church Services and Events during October 2022 (At St John's unless otherwise stated.)

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| Saturday 1 st October | 7pm for 7.30pm | <p>Harvest Supper at Woodlands Village Hall</p> <p>Hopefully you have your tickets - do bring them along as there will be a prize draw on the ticket numbers) Also a general knowledge quiz with a prize for the winning table and a quick game of bingo with prizes. Remember to bring your own drinks and glasses)</p> |
| Wednesday 5 th October | 7.30pm | <p>Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>To join in please email uttoxeterareaparish@outlook.com for the link.</p> |
| Sunday 9 th October | 4pm | <p>Evensong.</p> <p>Readers: John Bostock & Nigel Harmon</p> |
| Sunday 23 rd October | 9.30am | <p>Holy Communion</p> <p>Reader: Judy Slaney</p> |
| Thursday 27 th October | 7pm | <p>PCC Meeting</p> |
| Sunday 30 th October | 3pm | <p>All Souls Service</p> <p>If anyone would like to do All White Flowers (but not lilies please) for the All Souls service please contact Isabel Wilson on 07817989859 or email chrisalwilson@aol.co.uk</p> |

St. John's Church Contacts

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

From the registers

2nd August: the burial of Mr Vincent Michael O'Hara. May he rest in peace.

8th August: the baptism of Eve Walker. May she grow in faith and love.

27th August: the wedding of Rebecca Louise Thompson and Benjamin Joshua Thompson. May their love grow and their marriage be long and happy.

Our evensong service on September 11th was changed following the sad news on Thursday 8th. Instead we had a service of prayers and reflection on the long and magnificent reign of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd. The service was led by Maggie Hatchard and Mary Minor played the organ for our hymns, some beautiful reflective music as we lit candles and a rousing national anthem as we sang God save the King for the first time in this reign of King Charles III.

St John's Marchington Woodlands 100 Club

Winners of August 100 club draw were :-
36 John and Hilda White; 44 Tony Shaw
27 Jenny Talbot; 1 Steve Perrins.

ST PETER'S CHURCH MARCHINGTON - SERVICES DURING OCTOBER 2022

| Date / Time | Service | Sidesperson | Readers | Intercessions | Coffee | Flowers |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Sunday 2nd October 10.00am | Morning Worship | Tim Scott | Pat Wilson Rhoda Castle | Maggie Hatchard | Wendy Scott | Joyce Halcrow |
| Sunday 9th October 10.00am | Communion | Valerie Whitehead | Claire Marjoram Tony Butler | Wendy Scott | Claire Marjoram | Thelma Brassington |
| Sunday 16th October 11.00am | Communion | Gill Williamson | Rhoda Castle Gill Williamson | Thelma Brassington | Joyce Halcrow | Grace Hodges |
| Sunday 23rd October 10.00am | Ministry Team Service I | Kath Wood | Ian Jones Claire Marjoram | Liz Morgan | Kath Wood | Shirley McCoy |
| Sunday 30th October 10.00am | All Souls Service | | | | | |

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