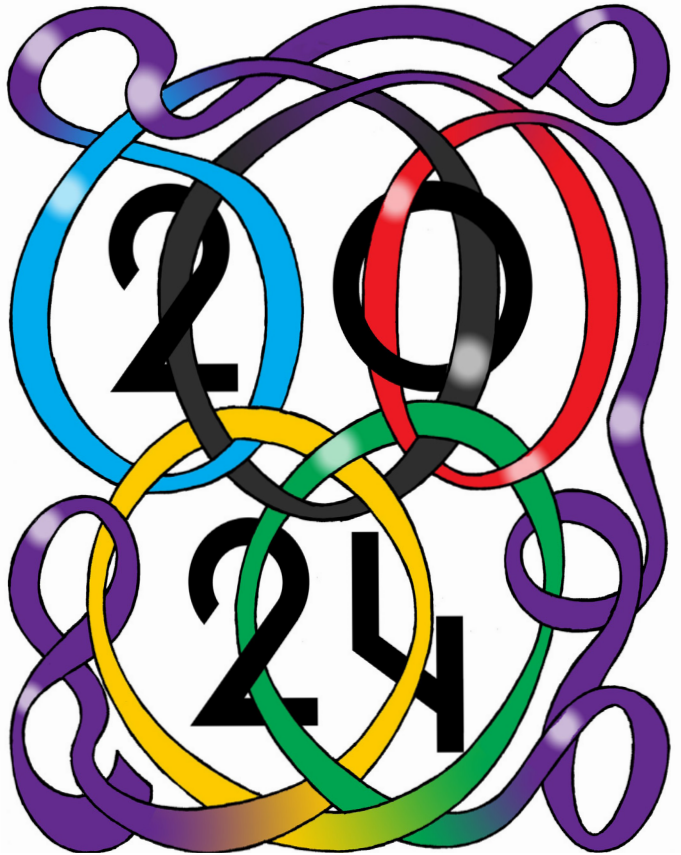


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## From the Vicar

Dear Friends,

It can feel very busy at times here in the Parish. I am often trying to catch up and keep on top of things, trying to fit 30 hours into just 24. A little while back I was racing from appointment to appointment to try and fit in as much as possible.



I had an appointment in Coventry. With the clock ticking I drove in and parked the car in the closest free space I could find with a view to popping into a bookshop on an errand while I was there. I'd given myself about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour to try and get everything done.

Once I'd got what I wanted I hurried back to where I'd parked the car. But when I returned, I found that another vehicle had parked so close that I couldn't move. The other driver was nowhere to be seen! With the car completely blocked in, my busyness was brought to an abrupt halt. There was nothing I could do. I had a list of jobs requiring my attention back at the Vicarage but no means of getting there.

Initially I found the experience deeply frustrating and I must confess to harbouring a few uncharitable thoughts about the car driver who had reduced me to this state of inactivity. But then it occurred to me that since I was going nowhere, I might as well use the time usefully.

Being forced to stop in the midst of all my busyness was actually something that did me a power of good. Sometimes we can simply become too busy to find the time to stop and simply be still. Sometimes when it comes to setting our priorities, time for stillness and inactivity come a long way down the list.

**“You hem me in – behind and before;**

**you have laid your hand upon me.” Psalm 139:5**

I don't think the other driver blocked me in intentionally but the line from the 139th Psalm did come to mind and perhaps God was somehow at work. In the end, therefore, I was grateful to the driver who had forced me to stop. The world didn't come to an end, the parish didn't collapse, and God was able to show me once again the value of being still.

With every blessing,

William



# Caring for God's Acre – St Mary Magdalene's Churchyard Maintenance

Many of you may have noticed that the churchyard is not looking its best right now; not in the pristine condition you have come to expect. There are a number of factors here, not least of which is the weather – nigh on continuous rain since December has not enabled us to maintain our usual standards.

Unfortunately the last twelve months have not been kind to the churchyard team, some of whom have faced medical challenges resulting in valuable volunteering hours lost. The average age of this amazing team is nearer to 80 rather than 70 and since none of us are immortal we need to seriously consider succession planning; who will look after the churchyard when we can no longer do the work?



I would like you to seriously consider joining the team. We meet on a Wednesday morning from approximately 10.00am to 12.30pm. We are a friendly group. The work is not arduous and requires minimal gardening expertise. You even get a coffee break as there are refreshments available in church following the mid-week service. We also enjoy an annual meal together at Christmas.

If you feel you can contribute to this special opportunity to work in peaceful and God given surroundings then please speak to any member of the team.

**John Butler, Godfrey Carr, Martyn Davies, Ted Dear, Ellie Hucklesby and Gaynor Cook.**

# The Ukraine Charity Shop

The Ukraine charity shop is located on the 2nd Floor of the Royal Priors, please pay a visit when you are next in town. There are many items for sale, including costume jewellery, chinaware, glassware, books and many other nice items that could be given as birthday presents.

It is well worth a visit, and for a fantastic cause.

Thank you.

**Margaret Moore**



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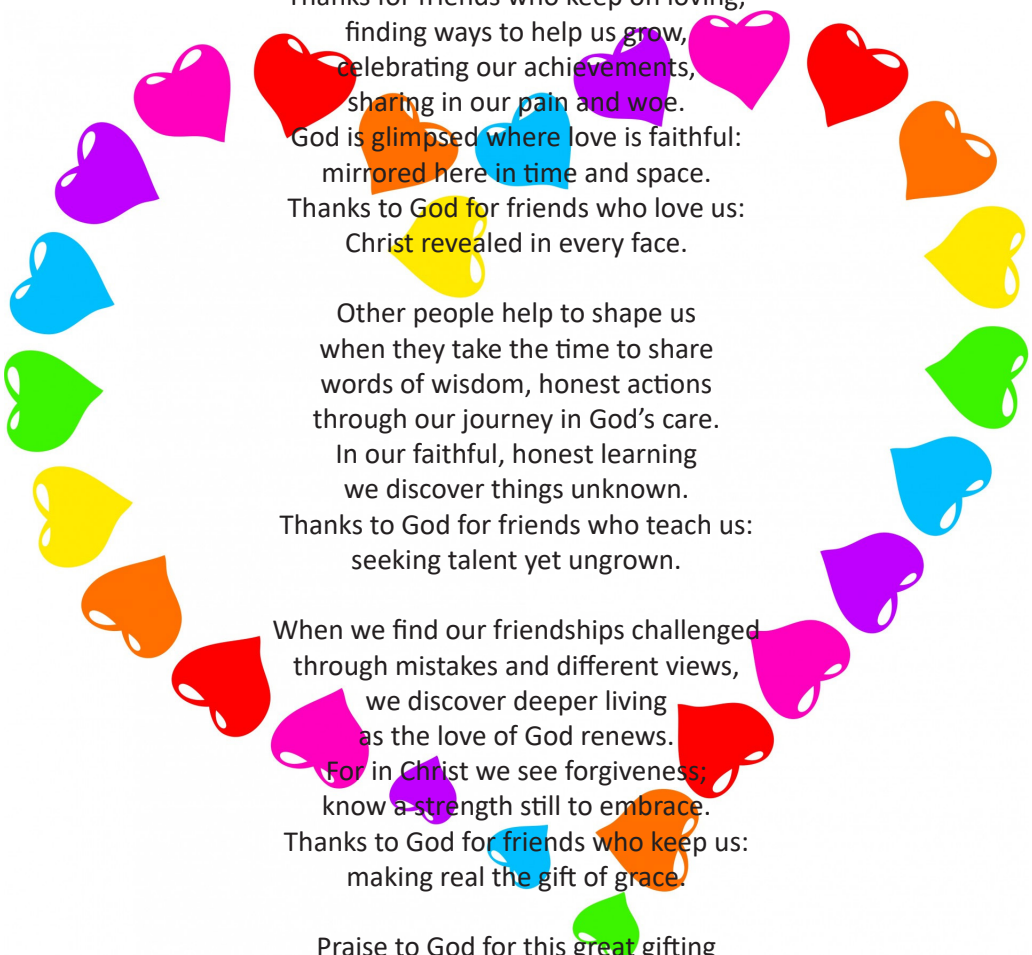
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# Thanks for friends who keep on loving



Thanks for friends who keep on loving,  
finding ways to help us grow,  
celebrating our achievements,  
sharing in our pain and woe.  
God is glimpsed where love is faithful:  
mirrored here in time and space.  
Thanks to God for friends who love us:  
Christ revealed in every face.

Other people help to shape us  
when they take the time to share  
words of wisdom, honest actions  
through our journey in God's care.  
In our faithful, honest learning  
we discover things unknown.  
Thanks to God for friends who teach us:  
seeking talent yet ungrown.

When we find our friendships challenged  
through mistakes and different views,  
we discover deeper living  
as the love of God renews.  
For in Christ we see forgiveness;  
know a strength still to embrace.  
Thanks to God for friends who keep us:  
making real the gift of grace.

Praise to God for this great gifting  
of relationship and friend:  
imaging divine relating;  
found in heaven with no end.  
Bless us Maker, Word and Spirit  
as companions on the way.  
Thanks to God for friends who help us  
to fulfil our lives each day.

# Looking forward to Paris

This month sees the start of the Olympic Games in Paris. In describing the Christian life as a marathon race, the writer of Hebrews (12:1-2) challenges us to finish well.

## **‘throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles’ (1)**

As in a normal race, we have to get rid of any burdens that weigh us down (eg possessions, worries, what others think of us) and besetting sins (wrong habits or attitudes). We can cast our burdens on the Lord (Ps 55:22) and be assured of His forgiveness (1 John 1:9).

## **‘run with perseverance the race marked out for us’ (1)**

The Christian life is like a marathon not a sprint race, which calls for endurance. The course is marked out for us, as we all have a unique race to run, with its opportunities and difficulties. God knows our path and will provide all that we need to complete the race.

## **‘fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith’ (2)**

The runner keeps their focus on the finishing line and avoids all distractions. Our focus is on Jesus, who has run the race before us (‘author’), but is the one who can show us how to finish well (‘perfecter’).

We are also surrounded by a **‘great cloud of witnesses’ (1)**. These are God’s people, both past and present, who are cheering us on!

During the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the British athlete Derek Redmond was running in the 400 metres semi-finals. About 250 metres from the finish his hamstring tore, and he fell to the ground in pain. However, his father ran on to the track to support him in completing the race. Let’s not forget that whatever we face, God is there beside to enable us to finish the race!

**Canon Paul Hardingham**

# Octotots still need help!

About 18 months ago when there was a change in the leadership of Octotots I read an appeal for help in the church handout, and since then I've had a lot of fun on many a Thursday morning! As the team could do with expanding again I thought I'd outline what it entails and how I've found things as a helper.

Firstly, it is not a commitment to helping every week. Some of the team have other activities on some Thursdays. I myself am inconveniently away in our caravan in the weeks around the school summer holidays. Octotots is only held in school term-time and when the Octagon is not being used as, for example, a polling station.

The adults who bring the youngsters (often as many grandparents as parents) are responsible for watching over their charges with our help and, in my view, the Octagon provides a safe and welcoming space for all. The children are, for the most part, in the 1-3 years age group with a few babies and a few pre-schoolers. Numbers do vary, but I have never felt there were too many for good supervision to be possible.

The helpers gather at about 10am to start the essential coffee machine (easy) and to get the toys and activities set out before arrivals from 10.30am. After that, it's a question of playing, if that's your thing, or reading or drawing or, often just listening and chatting, to old and young alike. I think the company we offer is much appreciated by those in charge of little ones, whose days can seem very long – I remember! One of us looks after refreshments, simple but again appreciated. At 11.30am toys get cleared up (everyone helping) before a short music session, with folk leaving and everything tidied up before 12 noon.

So it really isn't too onerous, and all we need is a few more people to come and see us and then be able to slot in on the days when we can see we're going to be short of help. Could this be you? If so, perhaps you could contact Cerys on [curate@lillingtonparishchurch.org](mailto:curate@lillingtonparishchurch.org) and I very much look forward to meeting you when I'm back from my travels!

**Barbara Howes**





# Octotots

**Parent and Toddler Group**  
**Thursdays 10.30am – 12.00noon**  
**in term-time**

**Octotots is an informal weekly  
get-together for babies, toddlers and  
their grown-ups held at  
St Mary Magdalene's church  
Vicarage Road, Lillington CV32 7RH**

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**Pick up a flier where the dates of our  
meetings are listed or contact the church  
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**check out our website :**

**[www.lillingtonparishchurch.org](http://www.lillingtonparishchurch.org)**

# Saturday coffee mornings recipes

## Lemon drizzle cake

This is a very adaptable recipe. If you don't like lemon don't put it in just add a couple of tablespoons of marmalade and brush the top with melted marmalade for than sticky finish. You could also use coconut instead and finish with a little jam on top and sprinkled dessicated coconut. I have even put into the basic recipe the end of a jar of mincemeat! I usually double the ingredients and make two at the same time – and freeze the second.

### Ingredients

6oz Self Raising Flour  
4 oz Softened Butter  
1 Tsp Baking Powder  
6oz Caster Sugar  
2Large Eggs (Free Range)  
6 Tbsp Milk  
Finely grated rind of a large unwaxed lemon  
Icing  
Juice of a large lemon  
4oz Caster Sugar



### Method

Preheat oven to 180 °C/gas mark 4. Tip all cake ingredients into large mixing bowl and beat for 2-3 minutes; mixture will drop easily off spoon.

Spoon mixture into tin and smooth with back of spoon. I use an oblong tin which measures 9" x 8", lined with baking parchment. You could also use a round tin.

Bake for 30-40 minutes until golden & firm to the touch.

Melt together icing ingredients and pour over the cake while it is still HOT. Cool in tin & slice.

**Robin Innes**



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# Charity Coffee Morning for Prostate Cancer Testing



Wednesday  
10<sup>th</sup> July  
2024

10:45am to 12:30pm

at St Mary Magdalene's Church,

Vicarage Road, Lillington



*In aid of the Graham  
Fulford Charitable Trust*

# Mary Mags Yarn Café



Dictionary Definition: Yarn

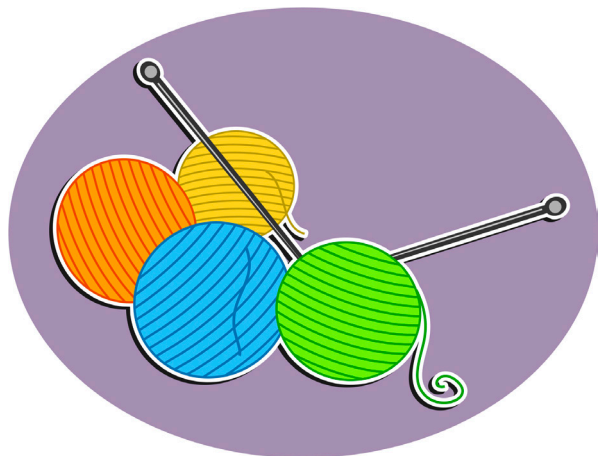
- *thread used for making cloth or for knitting;*
- *a story, usually a long one with a lot of excitement or interest (from which we get 'having a yarn, or having a chat')*

The knitting group is rebranding itself to be a Yarn Café, where you can knit, stitch, crochet, craft or just come and have a yarn. Perhaps you'd like to spend a couple of hours having a tea or coffee, reading a book, playing dominoes, or even just chatting to someone.

**When:** Second and Fourth Tuesday afternoons of each week, from 2-4pm

**Where:** The Octagon, St Mary Magdalene's Church, Vicarage Road, Lillington.

# Come along and have a yarn ...!



# Hire our Octagon!



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# What's happening

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Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July at 10.45am	Charity Coffee morning in church – for Graham Fulford Charity Trust (Prostate Cancer testing)
Sat. 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Coffee morning in the Octagon from 10am
Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup> July – afternoon	Lillington Fun Day on The Holt Park (Note – no Film Evening)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon	Visit and talk at Warwickshire Lavender Farm
Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Coffee morning in the Octagon from 10am
Sat. 17 <sup>th</sup> August at 6pm	Film Night – The Imitation Game. Based on the real-life story of Alan Turing as he tries to crack the German Enigma code with help from fellow mathematicians while attempting to come to terms with his troubled private life.
Sat. 31 <sup>st</sup> August from 2pm	Afternoon Tea and Quiz. Light-hearted quiz suitable for all ages with scrumptious afternoon tea.
Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Coffee morning – with Open Heritage event in church and the Octagon (10am until 12 noon)
Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept at 6pm	Film Night – Heaven is for Real. Based on a true story of a father who must find the courage and conviction to share his son's extraordinary experience.

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Note - Curry and Kerala has been postponed – look out for new date



# Join Us Online!

Did you know you can attend our church services online?

If you are unable to join us in-person due to illness, caring or travel, you can still join our weekly services. You can join us live if you are at home, or catch up later if you're otherwise engaged.

You can participate from anywhere in the world and from any time zone. We have regular virtual congregation members from Australia and Germany among others!

We stream our Sunday morning service live at 9.30am and our Wednesday morning service live at 10am. There are booklets on our website so you can follow the service.

You can join us via our website:

[www.lillingtonparishchurch.org/streaming](http://www.lillingtonparishchurch.org/streaming)

or follow us on Twitch:

[www.twitch.tv/lillington\\_parish\\_church](http://www.twitch.tv/lillington_parish_church)



Do give it a go - you may be at home but you will feel like you are with us in person and we welcome your participation.

Diana Taulbut





# Join us at Star Church!

THIS IS WHAT OUR 11.15 SERVICE LOOKS LIKE  
Join us for Star Church Worship every Sunday

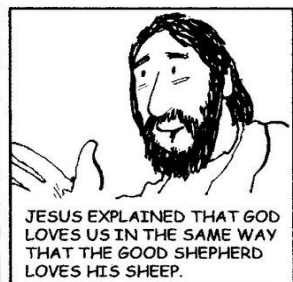
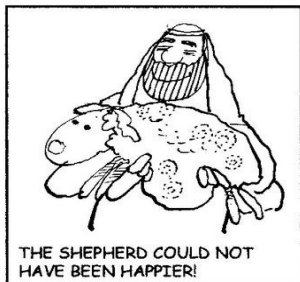
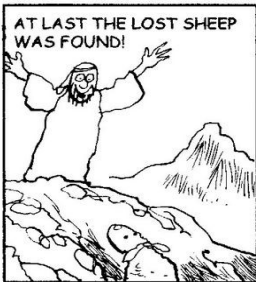
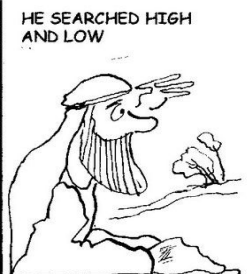
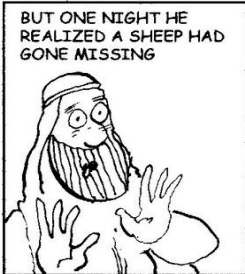
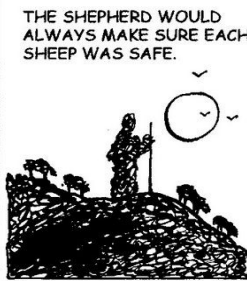
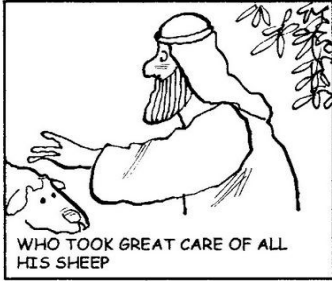
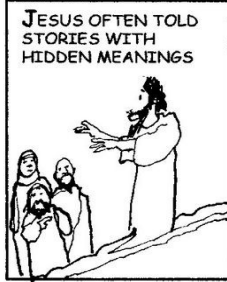



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# The tale of the Lost Sheep

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Baa!



# Lillington Open Gardens

What a beautiful sunny day we had for the Lillington Open Gardens on Saturday 22nd June. Eight private gardens were opened to the public, from Chestnut Gardens to Lime Avenue with stops in between.

Visitors were treated to stunning displays of flora and fauna, from lively rose gardens to natural wooden sculptures, topiary and ponds and even some pet rabbits.

Plants were for sale in some gardens, as well as some delicious strawberries, cake, cream teas, and limoncello if you were lucky!

Thank you to everyone who welcomed people to their gardens on the day, and worked so hard to make them look beautiful.

**Alex Robinson**



**Thank you to Christine, Sara and others for the lovely photos!**



Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying this month's issue of Crosstalk. We aim to provide interesting and informative articles for you to enjoy, and to this end invite you to contribute towards your Parish magazine.

Have you got a story to tell? We'd love to know your faith story – how did you come to God? Or perhaps you'd like to tell us about an amusing situation which happened to you, or about a cause which is dear to your heart.

Please send articles to me, Alex at:

**[crosstalk@lillingtonparishchurch.org](mailto:crosstalk@lillingtonparishchurch.org)**

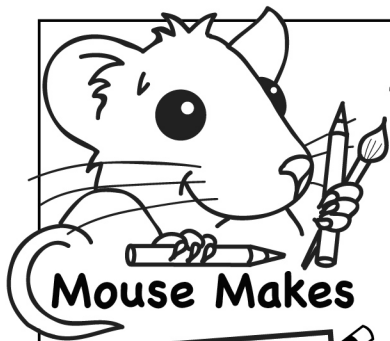
by Weds 14th August (September issue)

If you have any questions or have an idea for an article but are unsure what to write, please speak to Sara Snatt [sazzysnatt7@icloud.com](mailto:sazzysnatt7@icloud.com) or Gaynor Cook [gaynormail@btinternet.com](mailto:gaynormail@btinternet.com).

Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you!

**Alex Robinson**





# Mouse Makes

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to find the bible verse:

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What did Jesus turn water into?

John 2:1-11

Who's mother-in-law did Jesus heal?

Matthew 8:14-15

How did Jesus get out to the disciples in the boat?

Matthew 14:22-27

Who did Jesus raise from the dead?

John 11:38-44

How long had the woman at the synagogue been disabled?

— — years

What did she do after she was healed?

Luke 13:10-13

Who did Jesus heal when his ear was cut off?

Luke 22:47-51

DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus fed thousands of people from a few loaves and fish, ... not once but twice!

READ

Matthew 14:13-21

AND

Matthew 15:32-39

In each story... How many loaves and how many fish did Jesus have?

How many people were fed?

How many baskets of broken pieces were left over?

DID YOU KNOW?

There are over

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miracles of Jesus recorded in the Gospels.

How many of them do you know?

Find these words in the word search

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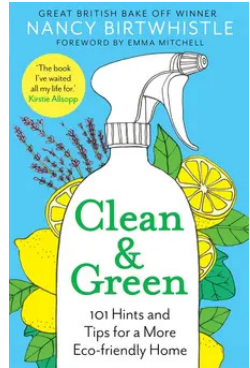




# ECO TIP!

Protecting your skin with sunscreen can reduce your chances of sun-caused skin cancer and melanoma. However, while it may protect you, chemical sunscreens put coral reefs in danger. One drop of toxic sunscreen can poison coral reefs the size of six Olympic swimming pools. You're best to replace your chemical sunscreen with a zero-waste sunscreen alternative.

Also, on the odd sunny day we get in the UK, don't forget to seek shade and wear sustainable sunglasses. And for that all-important summer read, why not pick up a book on living sustainably? I love Nancy Birtwhistle's books!



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# Services in July & August

## SUNDAY WORSHIP – July 2024

7 July	Trinity 6	9.30am 11.15am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (in church & online) All Age Communion (in church) Evening Service (in church)
14 July	Trinity 7	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion (in church & online) Star Church (in church)
21 July	Mary Magdalene	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion (in church & online) Star Church (in church)
28 July	Trinity 9	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion (in church & online) Star Church (in church)

## Weekday Services in July

**Wednesdays** Holy Communion **in church** and online at 10.00am on  
3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 July

## SUNDAY WORSHIP – August 2024

4 August	Trinity 10	9.30am 11.15am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (in church & online) All Age Communion (in church) Evening Service (in church)
11 August	Trinity 11	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion (in church & online) Star Church (in church)
18 August	Trinity 12	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion (in church & online) Star Church (in church)
25 August	Trinity 13	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion (in church & online) Star Church (in church)

## Weekday Services in August

**Wednesdays** Holy Communion **in church** and online at 10.00am on  
7, 14, 21 & 28 August

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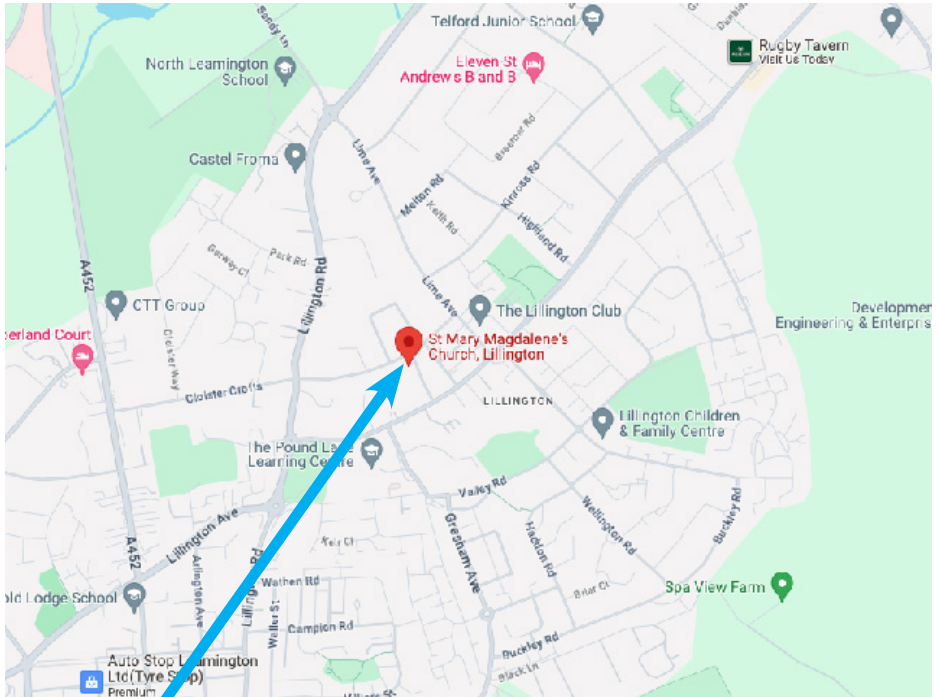
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