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Lillington Parish Church  
St Mary Magdalene's  
Magazine

OCT 2024

## From the Vicar

Dear Friends,

As I write this the rain is falling and the warmth and balmy days of summer are fast receding. Ahead of us in October is the traditional Harvest Festival which we celebrate on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Once again it will be a joint service at 10.30am and we invite both the morning congregations to come together as one family to give thanks to God for His bountiful provision. There is something uplifting and strangely enriching in the act of saying thank you. The earth produces so much and a visit to the supermarket reveals just how much variety is on offer and what choice we have as consumers in one of the world's most advanced economies.



Unfortunately, even though Leamington is seen by many as a wealthy town we know that there are pockets of real deprivation and areas in our own parish here in Lillington that are amongst the most deprived in the entire country. It is a sad fact that in 2024 around 1700 food banks have had to operate in the UK to help those who are struggling. We too have our own which we support each week and also the Pantry which does an amazing job to offer food at a much reduced cost.

This year we will be collecting tinned food for distribution to local

people and will be taking a special collection in support of Water Aid which seeks to ensure that people around the world have access to this most basic of essentials.

Most of us have more than enough to eat and do not feel anxious that the water we drink will poison us. Do please join us on October the 13th for our special service to give thanks for what we have and to share with those who still lack these basic provisions.

With prayer and best wishes,

**William**



# Harvest Lunch

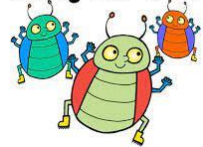


Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

At 12 noon in the Octagon

***Come and share the abundance of the season with a Main course, a pudding and a game of Beetle.***

**Beetle Drive  
Family Fun Game**



If you would like to come along please sign the sheet at the back of church so that we can get the catering right, or If you could provide a casserole in a slow cooker or a harvest pie/pudding that would be wonderful

Contact Heather Ransom (07962 061 362) for more information.



***Donations to our Harvest  
Charity – Water Aid***

# Bulb planting in the churchyard

**Saturday 12th October**



To coincide with the Coffee Morning on 12th October between 10.00am and 12.00noon we shall be planting bulbs in the churchyard. All are welcome – young and old alike. This is an enjoyable annual event so please do come along and support it.

We would also appreciate donations of bulbs for planting : daffodils, narcissus tete a tete, and crocus are preferred. These can be left in the church office or contact me direct.

Finally – volunteers to help organise the planting are needed – so if you would like to get involved please email me on [j.butler1john@gmail.com](mailto:j.butler1john@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

**John Butler**

07853 258835

# HARVEST

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

# JOINT SERVICE

10.30am



**Tinned food collected for the Foodbank**  
**Money for [Water Aid](#)**

**Followed by lunch in the Octagon**



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# Step out and share your faith

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus prepares his disciples to go out and teach and tell those of Jesus that they meet along their way. He is sending them out in pairs, never alone. He tells them to take only what they need but that they shouldn't take money or a bag or a belt or extra clothing. Just a staff, the clothes on their back and a pair of sandals as they will be supported on their journey.

I don't know about you but I do not travel light! On a recent holiday I took far more than I needed! I took extra clothes, money, bags of stuff I thought I needed but never used.



And it is the same on our journey of faith with God.

What do we need to have courage to step out in faith as the disciples did and as we are called to do?

Again, we would like to know how we can help you to be comfortable as Christians in the world, in your places of work, in our parish here in Lillington, with your friends, families, neighbours and those you meet on your journey with God.

The Gospels continually challenge us to think about our faith, and our calling as Christians, to share what we have and who we are with the world around us, and we can do that right here in Lillington. We can share our gifts, and skills, our time and our talents.

If you are able, think about volunteering in church, with Octotots,



Love Lillington, the Community Pantry, or other community groups. You can donate food to the foodbank or medical supplies to the Ukraine appeal. There is so much we can do and be in this place.

So let us take on that challenge, and support each other in it as we journey with God.

**Revd Cerys Smith**

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# New Editor needed!

I am soon to have my hands full with another baby on the way, so Crosstalk needs a new Editor.

Please take the time to consider whether this is something you could take on. It only takes a few hours each month, and you may learn something new.

If you'd like to volunteer but you're not sure you have the right skills, never fear! I can teach you how to use Canva or Adobe Indesign - great skills to add to your toolkit or put on your CV.



If you're a budding editor, content creator, or marketer, or you just have a few hours to spare each month and are happy to help out and try something different, please get in touch or have a chat with me at church!

**Alex Robinson**

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

LILLINGTON PARISH CHURCH

# CONCERT

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER, 7.30PM

- JUDITH AND PETER IRVINE WITH SONGS FROM THE SHOWS
- PAUL MONKS LIGHT JAZZ WITH ALTO AND TENOR SAXOPHONES
- MICHAEL KING WITH ORGAN PIECES

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# Walker's Group

On 1st July, six of us drove to the Navigation Inn at Lapworth. We then started our walk by going southwards along the Grand Union Canal towpath. We followed this to Turners Green, where we turned onto Dick's Lane, which crossed the country between the canals, and also the Leamington to Stratford railway line. The lane reached the Stratford Canal at the lock cottage which formerly belonged to Doug Smith, the British Waterways cartographer who invented the Lockmaster series of maps.

After a coffee break, we turned North up the towpath of the Stratford Canal, past the Kingswood Basin, until we reached the Old Warwick Road. We spent a short time exploring the canal beyond this road, but as it had by then come on to rain quite heavily, we soon returned along the road to the Navigation Inn, where they were able to fit us in before our booked lunch time, and dried our wet clothing for us as well as providing an excellent lunch. Overall, we had walked about three and a half miles.



**Bob Cooke**



If you are able to volunteer,  
please speak to Chloe  
Scanlan at [lillington@  
thecommunitypantry.org.uk](mailto:lillington@thecommunitypantry.org.uk)



PANTRY  
CHRISTMAS DATES

**Wednesday 4th December** - Christmas Wrapping  
1 - 3pm

**Saturday 7th December** - Breakfast with Santa  
10am - 12pm

**Monday 9th December** - Leamington Round Table, Santa's  
Sleigh - 6pm - 8pm

**Wednesday 18th December** - Hamper Packing  
1pm - 3pm

**Thursday 19th/Friday 20th** - Normal Pantry


**KEY DATE - Monday 23rd December:**

Veg Pack - 9:30 - 10:30  
Hamper Distribution - 11 - 3.  
Normal Pantry Closed

**Christmas Break - 24th December to 1st January.**

**Re Open Thursday 2nd January 2025 - 1pm - 5pm**

Please note different opening hours - this is to  
accommodate for an early morning delivery as there will  
be no delivery on Wed 1st Jan.





**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**

**The sessions are FREE! and**  
**Refreshments are served throughout**

**Pick up a flier where the dates of our**  
**meetings are listed or contact the church**  
**office to find out more**

**01926 470449 – email**

**[lillingtonparishchurch@gmail.com](mailto:lillingtonparishchurch@gmail.com) or**

**check out our website :**

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

# Mary Mags Yarn Café



Dictionary Definition: Yarn

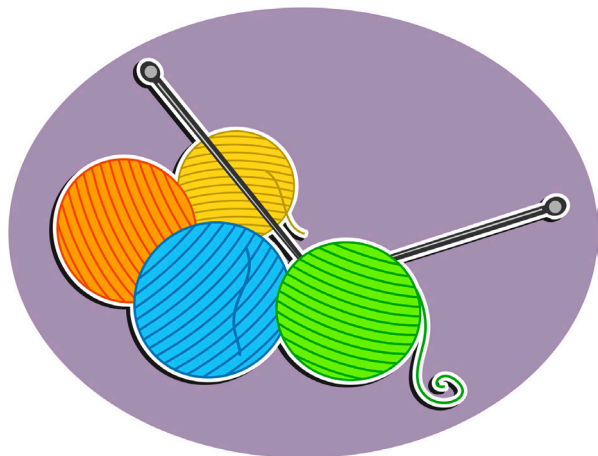
- *thread used for making cloth or for knitting;*
- *a story, usually a long one with a lot of excitement or interest (from which we get 'having a yarn, or having a chat')*

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!



Are you looking for a venue?  
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# What's happening

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>  
October at 5pm**

**Curry & Kerala — Sally Druce will be talking about her upbringing in Kerala, followed by a Curry supper at 6pm**

**Sat 12<sup>th</sup> October  
from 10am to 12  
noon**

**Coffee morning in the Octagon raising funds for Love Lillington**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>  
October from  
7.30pm**

**Concert with songs from the shows, jazz saxophonist and Mike King on the organ. Interval with cheese and wine. Donations towards the organ for its survival**

**Sunday 13th  
October at 12  
noon**

**Harvest Lunch in the Octagon after the morning services, followed by a Beetle Drive**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>  
October at 6pm**

**Film night starting at 6pm with Hot dogs! Come and watch Cher and Nicolas Cage in this romantic comedy**

**Sat 9th  
November from  
10 to 12 noon**

**Coffee morning, with cakes and craft activities**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
November from  
2-4pm**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR! Stalls, Grand raffle, Tombola, Christmas Cafe, Mulled wine and mince pies, and a chance to visit Father Christmas.**



# 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!

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# Saturday coffee mornings recipes



## Gluten Free Sticky Toffee Pudding

This fabulous cake was adapted from a [mygfguide.com](http://mygfguide.com) recipe by Sara Snatt.

### For the Cake

- 100g chopped dates
- 100g butter
- 150g brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 50ml treacle
- 200g gluten free self-raising flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 0.5 tsp xanthan gum

- 0.5 tsp ground ginger
- pinch of salt
- 150ml milk

### For the toffee sauce:

- 75g salted butter
- 100g brown sugar
- 50ml golden syrup
- 125ml double cream

1. Preheat the oven to 160C (fan). Grease the inside of a bake-proof oven dish with butter (approx 20cm x 30cm).
2. **Sponge:** Cream the butter and brown sugar together in a bowl until smooth. Add the eggs, one at a time, incorporating well, then add the treacle and mix until well combined. Sift the dry ingredients (flour, baking powder, ginger, salt and xanthan gum) into the bowl and fold them into the wet ingredients. Toss the dates in a little flour then add to the mixture and stir.
3. Finally add the milk and mix until smooth. You will have quite a runny batter, but this is perfect. Pour the batter into the baking dish and bake on the middle shelf of the oven for 35-40 minutes at 160C (fan), or until the sponge is fully cooked through.
4. **Sauce:** Melt the butter, sugar and golden syrup together in a small non-stick pan over a low heat. Cook very gently for 10 minutes or until it is starting to bubble and simmer slightly. Swirl the pan to mix the ingredients. Add the cream, swirling to ensure fully mixed and then turn off the heat. Set aside until you are ready to serve. Serve sticky toffee sauce in a jug on the side. Enjoy!



## APPEAL FOR UNWANTED GIFTS

The coffee morning in October is devoted to raising much needed money for our Love Lillington Grant Fund. This fund enables us to donate new items to the vulnerable, poor and needy in our parish who cannot manage to buy them for themselves.

We would like to receive any unwanted gifts that you may have tucked away in a cupboard or drawer at home. These would be items we can sell at the coffee morning and we would ask that anything donated is in good saleable condition.

If you have anything you can donate for Love Lillington we would be very grateful. There will be a box for items at the back of church.

Many thanks

Christine Butler and Delia Button



"It's either an appeal to youth culture  
or we can't afford to service the boiler  
for the Winter season"



**Coffee and Crafts Coffee Morning  
with Bulb Planting  
Supporting**



**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**10.00am – 12.30 pm**

**Children's Craft Corner, Gift Sale**

**Coffee morning offerings of delicious savoury  
snacks/cakes/coffee/tea/hot chocolate**

**Place : Octagon**

**Lillington Parish Church**

**St Mary Magdalene's CV32 7RH**

**<https://www.lillingtonparishchurch.org>**

**All Welcome!**

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 18th September (October 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).

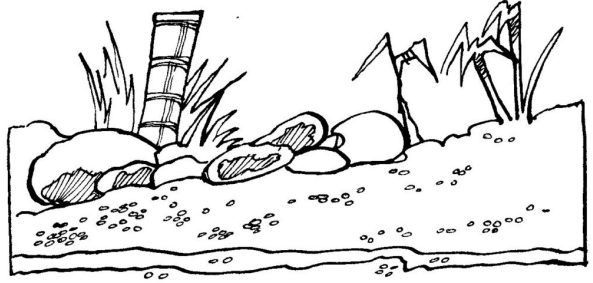
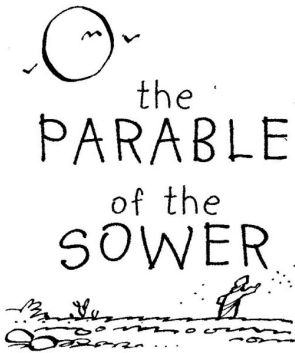
Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you!

**Alex Robinson**

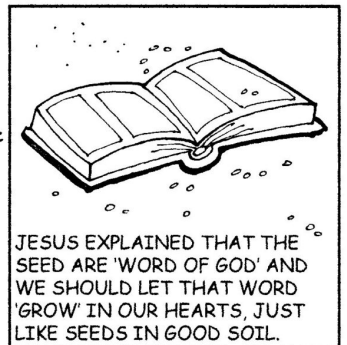
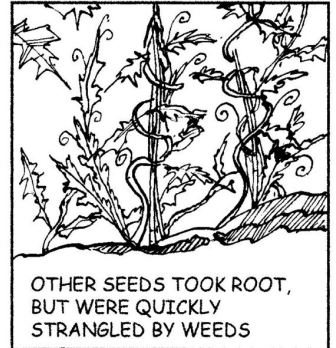
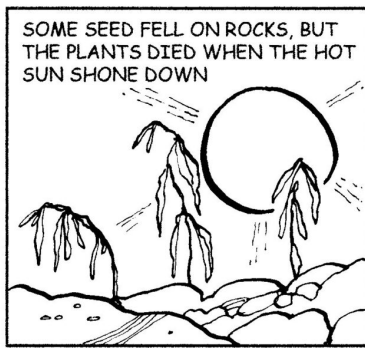




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THE FARMER HOPED THEY WOULD TAKE ROOT JUST WHERE THEY LANDED



# Help to keep our magazine going!

If you have enjoyed reading this issue of Crosstalk and you are able to, please consider donating a small amount to help with our running costs.

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Thank you for all you are able to give.



**Lillington Parish  
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# ECO TIP!

You worked hard to pick that pumpkin (or buy it from the supermarket...), don't let any of it go to waste. Try roasting the seeds or drying them ready for next year. Then add the rest to your compost by cutting up pumpkins into small pieces, and putting them directly into your compost bin. Make sure to break up the pumpkin to help it break down quicker and spread it around the compost pile.

You can also recycle the tough outer skin to make a temporary bird feeder for your garden. Simply cut the skin in half, pierce a hole in the top, gently loop wire through and use this to hang your pumpkin from a tree branch. Once hung, hold the pumpkin gently fill the pit with your favourite bird feed.



**Alex Robinson**

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# Services in October

6 Oct.	Trinity 19	9.30am 11.15am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (in church & online) All Age Communion (in church) Evening Service (in church)
13 Oct.	Harvest	10.30am	Joint Holy Communion (in church & online)
20 Oct.	Trinity 21	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion (in church & online) Star Church (in church)
27 Oct.	Trinity 22	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion (in church & online) Star Church (in church)

## Weekday Services in October

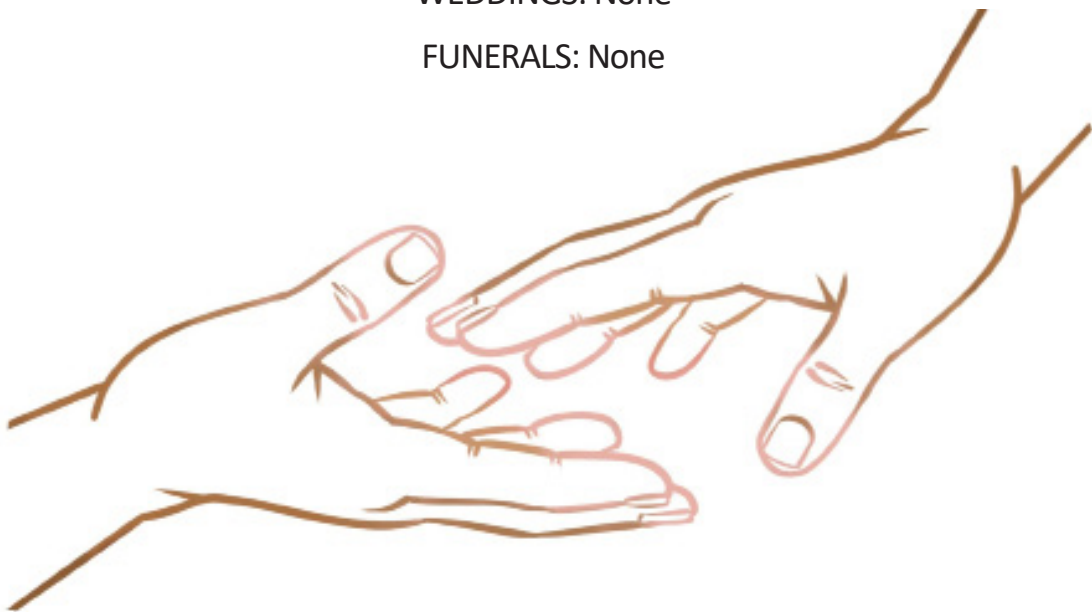
**Wednesdays** Holy Communion **in church** and online at 10.00am on  
2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 October

From the church records (August)

BAPTISMS: Zachariah Leamy

WEDDINGS: None

FUNERALS: None



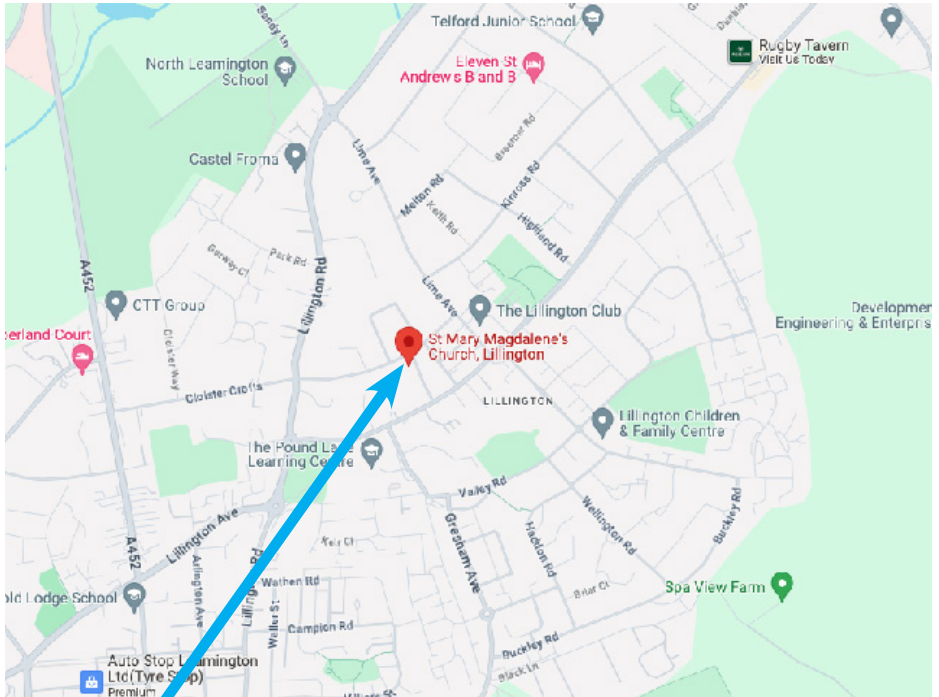
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For Funeral, Baptism and Wedding enquiries, please  
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smith@btinternet.com](mailto:wms.smith@btinternet.com)

For general enquiries please contact the church office by  
telephone on 01926 470449 or email  
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please leave a message on the answer phone and we will  
return your call.



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# CONTACT US

Please do contact us with any questions or queries, or  
just to say hello!



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The earth is the Lord's  
and all that is in it,  
the world  
and those who live in it.



Psalm 24: 1

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