



**PARISHIONERS' NEWSLETTER**  
**SEPTEMBER 2024**



*The Queen Elizabeth rose on the New High Street side of the church garden - Brigid*

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## A Message from Paul

Hello again from Me, Paul.

It's been a very busy first month as Priest in Charge of All Saints'. Thank you all so much for your welcome, kindness and encouraging words. As Christians we are all called to serve one another, using our gifts and skills, as well as being fruitful in love.

As we look at the world in which we live, we can all see how vital it is that Christians offer an alternative to so much of the hatred and wickedness that surrounds us all.

As a new scholastic year gets underway and "Normality" returns to many of our lives, perhaps, each can consider what it is that God is currently asking of us, both individually and as a Church. Whilst for me this is the next step in a new start as Priest here, I feel sure that there are challenges for us all, so let's all hold each other in prayer and, wherever we can, be encouraging and thankful to all who serve us in any way, both in the Church and beyond.

We must also support each other as we do as God calls us; in prayer, friendship, fellowship and love, thus, once again, showing the world there is a better way of being: God's way.

Happy September, New term, fresh start and, perhaps, new way of living.

God bless.

*Paul*



*Our new minister Paul and his wife Helen, with churchwardens Janet and James after a recent Morning Service. Many thanks to Brigid for the photo.*

## Worship in September

With the new start of the academic year, things get started again properly this month. We will be having our beautiful Choral Evensong again on the last Sunday of the month, the feast of St Michael and All Angels.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Celebrant/Preacher</b>
10:00 am	Holy Communion	1 September	Trinity 14	Paul Niemiec
10:00 am	Holy Communion	8 September	Trinity 15	Paul Niemiec
10:00 am	Holy Communion	15 September	Trinity 16	Paul Niemiec
10:00 am	Holy Communion	22 September	Trinity 17	Paul Niemiec
10:00 am	Holy Communion	28 September	St Michael & All Angels	Paul Niemiec
6:00 pm	Choral Evensong	28 September	St Michael & All Angels	James Larminie

Each week we also have morning prayer on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8:30 am. On Tuesdays we use the Book of Common Prayer, whereas the Wednesday service is more informal.

Readers should also know that, as a church we also lead services once a month in McMaster House (Holy Communion), St Luke's Hospital (Choral Evensong), and The Headington Care Home (informal worship service consisting mainly of well-known hymns).

*James*



## News from the Social Committee

**Wednesday 4 September 12.15 pm - The Britannia Lunch** - Come and join your fellow parishioners for our convivial monthly lunch in the back area of the Britannia Inn.

**Sunday 8 September 3.00pm-5.00pm -The Parish Garden Party** - in the church garden, weather permitting, or in the church. Sandwiches, scones, cakes and other refreshments, plus music and games.

### Looking Ahead -

**Sunday 5 October 12.00pm - Harvest Lunch in Church House.** The Social Committee will need to know the numbers for catering. Please look out for the list at the back of the church to sign and indicate menu preferences.

*Susan*

## Happy Birthday, Phyllis

Congratulations were given to Phyllis on the day before her official Birthday

Well done to a lovely lady 99 years old on Monday 12th August 2024.





## Oxfordshire Historic Trust, Annual Ride and Stride

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 10am-6pm**

September is the time to Ride and Stride. This is a sponsored bike ride or walk in which members of All Saints' join people from all over the county to cycle or walk around the city, or nearby towns and villages. The idea is to visit as many churches as possible in the day between 10am and 6pm, and be sponsored for each one. There are more than 550 eligible churches and chapels in Oxfordshire to choose from. The event is organised by the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and your sponsorship money will be shared between the Trust and All Saints'. Since 1964 The Trust has raised over £3.5 million.

We do hope you will join in this year's Ride and Stride event. If you would like to cycle or walk we will have a list to sign at the back of the church and you will be able to pick up a sponsor form. If you have not done this before and would like to give it a try have a word with James Larminie or myself, we have done it many times.

If you would like to sit in church for an hour or two to welcome visiting cyclists please put your name on the list at the back of the Church. The Church will be open for visitors to sign in and get refreshments from 10am to 6pm.

Please sponsor our riders on this year's Ride and Stride, they are:

John and Carol Glasson, and James Larminie.

More instructions for participants can be found on the official website [rideandstrideoxon@ohct.org.uk](mailto:rideandstrideoxon@ohct.org.uk).

Thank you, *Carol*

## From the Editors

Welcome to the September newsletter. As you will have read, there is much to look forward as the ‘Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness’ draws nigh. The end of summer will see our traditional garden party with Paul and Helen attending this occasion for the first time, so we will have the opportunity to get to know them better in this informal setting, and also to bring friends and family to meet them. As September draws to a close and the days shorten, the monthly Choral Evensong makes a welcome return bringing with it the solace of its words and music, followed by the warming comfort of Stuart’s soup.

We received news that our previous Minister, Leon Catallo and his wife Charlotte have had a new baby, David. Congratulations to all the family.



As a congregation we seem to be short of September birthdays with greetings going to Sheila Fitzgerald on the 25<sup>th</sup>. As most of you know Sheila is a longstanding member of our congregation who is currently in St Luke’s; everyone will wish her a happy birthday. Our thoughts turn to other members of the congregation, who like Sheila, are unable to attend church; please remember Sheila, Joan Turner, Marian Loudon, Eve Vause, Audrey and Derek Woodcock. Brigid has provided this lovely photo of Eve with Joanna and Anja in church a few weeks ago. More recently Eve has fallen and fractured her wrist; we hope it will soon be healed.





We hope you all have a happy and peaceful September,

*Catherine and Catherine*

PS – it is also Catherine Jnr's birthday on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Best wishes to her - *Catherine*

## Age UK Oxfordshire's Homeshare Service



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Age UK Oxfordshire's Homeshare service carefully brings together an older person (or couple) who would benefit from companionship or practical support at home, with another person (usually a professional, a keyworker or a mature student) who is happy to lend a helping hand and who is seeking affordable accommodation.

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