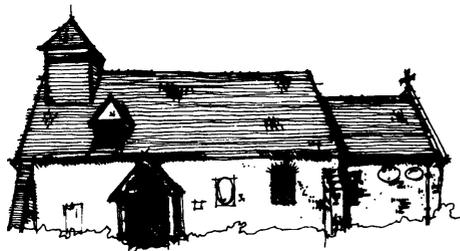




Five Alive!



A Monthly Magazine

for the parishes of Michelmersh, Awbridge,
Braishfield, Timsbury and Farley Chamberlayne

June 2022

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including the parishes of Michelmersh, Awbridge, Braishfield,
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Sunday 26th June '22

From the Rector: Revd Tom Benson

Dear Friends,

Here we are in 'flaming June' already, it seems that the last time I looked out of the window we were in the depths of winter. At this time of year there often seems so much to be thankful for. Our lanes and woodlands seem to be bursting with new life, either of the green and leafy variety or the feathered sort. I am sure that the birds don't strictly *need* to sing out with such joy, but I'm very glad that they do.

One of the most joyful parts of ministry is when we have the privilege of conducting weddings. As ministers we are 'parachuted' into a family's life and so we see, on the whole, just how much love there is in the world. Not so much that slushy, over-sentimental love, but love that holds and sustains families over years. In any wedding there are negotiations to have and compromises to be made. Budgets to be made - and sometimes even to be kept to! There is always excitement, anxiety, and the understanding that this is one of the pivotal moments of life, so it is right to make the most of it together.

Weddings are also a time for people to take stock of what is most important in life, the commitments that we make, the direction that we head in and the declaration -made in public- to love honour and protect another person. These are a big deal in anyone's life and we need help to carry them out especially when life goes through its tougher times. In the marriage service we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen them, that they may fulfil God's purposes for the whole of their earthly life together. And these prayers are also a big deal because God's help, support guidance, and above all, love is something that we all need in our life whether we are married, single, in a partnership, young or old. So I would ask you all as we are in the 'wedding season' to hold all these couples and families in your thoughts and prayers and ask for God's Blessing on them now and always.

God Bless,

Tom

Thursday 26th May is Ascension Day. One of the earliest Christian festivals, Ascension Day marks the end of the Easter season. We recall the day Jesus left the disciples 40 days after Easter. (Luke 24.50-53)

There will be a service of

Holy Communion at 7.30pm at Romsey Abbey for everyone.

Do come and celebrate this joyful festival!



At All Saints' Church
Braishfield
we will be celebrating
the Queen's Platinum
Jubilee

Flowers in the church on a royal theme

Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June

Drop in between 9.30 - 5.00pm each day

'Tea at Three' on Thursday 2nd June

3 - 4.30pm

Join us in the Church Room for a

Cream Tea and raise a teacup to the Queen!

A service to celebrate Pentecost and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

9.30am Sunday 5th June, followed by coffee

Everyone is very welcome!

Eco-friendly paper..... If you are reading a hard copy of *Five Alive* you may notice that the pages are less white than previously. This is because we have decided to change to mainly re-cycled paper in the Benefice Office, making another step to reduce our carbon footprint. Even small actions make a difference!

AWBRIDGE VILLAGE
JUBILEE FLOWER FESTIVAL

2nd June - 5th June

JUBILEE FLOWER

FESTIVAL

2022

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

2nd June - 5th June

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FROM 9AM - 5PM EACH DAY
ON SUNDAY 5TH JUNE THERE WILL BE A SONGS OF PRAISE AT 7PM

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AT THESE EVENTS TO CELEBRATE
OUR QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

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St Andrew's Church
Timsbury

Flowers & Foliage Festival



Green for the Queen



Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd July

10am - 4pm

In honour of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, our lovely village church will be open with beautiful floral displays.

Home made cake & refreshments



For all queries please contact: Clarissa Smith: 01794 367134

Donations gratefully accepted for the maintenance & upkeep of St Andrew's Church

What's Happening at St Andrew's, Timsbury in June?



Tuesdays

Play Reading Group 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Thursdays Little Seedlings pre school singing 1.45pm - 2.45pm

Tuesday 14 Coffee & Cake in the church from 10.30 – 11.30am

Tuesday 28 Celtic Prayer at 11am

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 July Flower Festival: Green for the Queen

Come & enjoy our beautiful floral decoration & refreshments

Saturday 23 July St Andrew's

Heritage Day. Find out about the history of our village and church with local historians and speakers. Bring a picnic lunch.

Michelmersh Prize Draw

May 2022 Winners

1st Prize	Godfrey Orrell	£71.40
2nd Prize	Sheila Neil	£35.70
3rd Prize	Name withheld	£20.40

Contact Mr Peter Hill 01794 523364 or the Benefice Office if you would like to join in the monthly draw which raises funds for St Mary's PCC.



Do you want to help Ukrainian refugees? Don't know how?

The BUSG (Braishfield Ukrainian Support Group) is appealing for donations of money to support refugees and host families in the communities of Braishfield, Michelmersh, Farley Chamberlayne, Timsbury, Awbridge, and King's Somborne as well as Ukrainian refugees wherever they are.

If you are a refugee yourself or a host family and think that we might be able to help you, please do be in touch.

If you think that you can help financially or in some other way please contact:

Geoff Briggs geoffbriggs@btinternet.com

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It would be really helpful if you could consider regular giving via our pledge scheme, but any donation large or small (cash, cheque, or online) is gratefully received.

If possible, please make your donations by on-line banking as follows: Account name: Braishfield PCC Sort Code: 60 18 46 Account Number: 21204470 Reference: BUSG [donor's surname]

If you are making an online donation please let Geoff Briggs know so that we can keep our records up to date.

Thanks

AWBRIDGE COFFEE HUB



BREASTFEEDING
WELCOME
HERE



Tuesdays: 9.15am - 11.30am

Open to all

A friendly atmosphere

Delicious cakes & pastries

Fairtrade tea & coffee

Money raised goes to charity



All Saints Church
Church Lane
Awbridge
SO51 0HN

News from Awbridge

Thank you to everyone in the village community who supported the wonderful fete in Awbridge in May and all those in the village who took part. The church stall was a great success raising £694 from the plant stall, £200 from the puzzles and ducks and Sheila Clewer made an amazing appeal for Ukraine donating £300 for the local group helping Ukrainian families in our area. Thank you to Trevor and Sheila and Katie and their teams and all who donated plants and helped on the day. We also had a prayer tree and an opportunity to give out bookmarks with gardening related scriptures on them. Our Rector Tom could also be seen judging the classic cars, riding his own bike and helping children to win a lollipop with the hook a duck game.

Our next social event will be our special Jubilee Flower Festival, in church, on 2-5 June, do come along and enjoy all the flowers to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The church will be open to see the flowers on each day 9-5pm Thurs, Fri & Sat and between services on Sunday. There will be two special services at church on Sunday 5 June, a special service of Holy Communion at 9 30 am and an evening Songs of Praise at 7pm. As this is also Pentecost Sunday there will be much to celebrate. Both services will be followed by refreshments and opportunities to enjoy the flowers.

Our new service of informal worship continues to grow, looking at the theme of Christian hope in May and in June we will have a special service for the Platinum Jubilee.

Advance date: Summer BBQ and train rides will take place at Chanwel, Romsey Rd, Awbridge on Sunday 17 June from 12 noon.

All Saints' Church, Braishfield Dates for your diary

Saturday 9th July 9.30am Churchyard Working party with refreshments

On **Friday 2nd September**, we are supporting an evening of entertainment in the Village Hall to raise funds for Ukraine.
More details to follow.

Saturday 3rd September 3.30pm BBQ in the Church car park.

Saturday 1st October Harvest Supper in the Church Room.

St Mary's Church, Michelmersh - An invitation



**Sunday 26th
June**

**Michelmersh
Silver Band
Concert
and Picnic in the
church grounds**

4pm - 8pm

The Band will start playing in the church at 5pm and there will be a picnic break mid-evening.

Sit inside to listen to the Band, or if it's a lovely evening as we hope, sit outside!

No need to book. This is a free event, but donations for the Ukrainian appeal will be welcomed.

A great opportunity to meet up with friends and enjoy a musical evening together!

Next Village Afternoon Tea in Braishfield Church Room

Tuesday 7th June from 2.30pm

Look forward to seeing you!



NOTES FROM AROUND THE BENEFICE

The Braishfield House Group will be re-starting on Thursday 26th May at 2.30pm at 5, Megana Way, SO51 0QD, the home of Sue and Alan Manners. Meetings will begin at 2.30pm, and the group will meet fortnightly, so the next meetings will be on 9th and 23rd June. Everyone from across the benefice will be very welcome.

The first Benefice Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday 11th June 8.30am at Chambers, Stirling Walk in Romsey - full English breakfast - to book/more details phone Trevor Clewer on 07434593953.

Our annual service in Eldon Church will be on Sunday 31st July - United Benefice Holy Communion at 11.00am.
With our efforts to be eco-friendly in mind, we thought people might like to walk to the service so have planned a later start to enable this.
Hope it's a fine day!

AWBRIDGE: ARK - parent and toddler group meet every term-time Friday 9.30-11am Awbridge Village Hall. Open to all.
Prayer meeting: 8 45 am in the church before Coffee Hub on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
House group: 7.30pm - 9pm on every first and third Thursday of each month at Chanwell House, Fred and Lynda's home. All are welcome, which ever village, please do join us.
Craft & Chat: 10 30 am-12 30 pm Friday 17 June, Village Hall Committee Room, contact Sue Franklin 322185
Awbridge Lunch Club: Wed 9 June at Awbridge Church Rooms & Wed 23 June Village Lunch at village hall, both at 12 noon, contact Sarah Keith 01794 340707

FARLEY CHAMBERLAYNE The annual Walk organised by Iain Chisholm starts on Wednesday 25th May, setting off along the Ridgeway. The Walk will conclude with a dinner at the historic Hospital of St Cross in Winchester on the evening of Wednesday 1st June. The night before the start of the Walk, on the evening of 24th May, there will be a Walk send-off Barbecue at Oakfield.

We are approaching the end of time for the Braishfield church clock!



Villagers who live close enough to hear the church clock chiming each hour are familiar with the sound. Others may hear it when out on a walk or visiting the church yard. It's the only public clock in the village and even in this digital age has a role to play. It's been a key part of the Braishfield scene for a long time! Research in *'Braishfield Memories'* and elsewhere gives a range of information: the clock was bought by public subscription and installed in the original bell tower in the 1890's; the new turret (1902) and clock were a gift from Mrs Dodgson and the clock cost £60; the clock was added to celebrate the coronation of King Edward V11 (August 1902). Recollections clearly differ!

If you have looked up at the clock recently, you will have spotted that the dials are showing their age. The Church Council decided to investigate having the dials renovated. The chief cost is the cost of the scaffolding. To make the most of the expense of the scaffolding, it was agreed also to have the clock mechanism overhauled, re-gild the weather vane (£2,125), and erect the lightning conductor which we had been advised should be in place. Allowing for contingencies and VAT, the whole project amounts to £29,000. Costs have increased somewhat since 1902!

We already have £4,500 set aside in church funds. Through the hard work of Diana Wyers, we have received £6,500 in grant funding from H1HCT and ChurchCare towards the clock renovation, with possibly a little more available, and we should be able to claim the VAT back on the whole project at the end. This means that to have sufficient funds to restore the clock, add a lightning conductor and re-gild the weather vane we need a further £14,000.



We would like to know that the clock will keep on ticking, show the time clearly and strike reliably on the hour for many years to come. To do this work in the year of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee seems very appropriate! If you would like to make a donation to enable this work to be completed,

maybe in thanksgiving for an event in your life or in memory of someone, or just because the sound of the church clock is the sound of home, please contact All Saints' treasurer, Graham Bennett, 368109, graham.d.bennett@btinternet.com.

Donations can also be made online to Braishfield PCC

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annotated 'Church Clock'.

Sarah Boothman, Churchwarden

Michelmersh and Timsbury - Change of Time For the next few months the joint service on the **1st Sunday of each month will be at 11.00am**. It is hoped that this may be a more convenient time for people and that more will be able to attend. The time-change will be reviewed after a trial period.

Prayer for peace in Ukraine from Archbishops Welby and Cottrell

Holy and Gracious God

We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fulness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy.

Amen



Bible readings for Sunday 29th MAY - 3rd July

SUNDAY 29th MAY – 7th Sunday of EASTER - Sunday after Ascension Day

For Epistle Acts 16.16-34

Gospel John 17.20-end

SUNDAY 5th JUNE – Day of PENTECOST - WHITSUNDAY

For Old Testament Acts 2.1-21

For Epistle Acts 2.1-21

Gospel John 14.8-17 [25-27]

Psalm 104.26-end

SUNDAY 12th JUNE - TRINITY SUNDAY

Old Testament Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31

Epistle Romans 5.1-5

Gospel John 16.12-15

Psalm 8

SUNDAY 19th JUNE - 1st Sunday after TRINITY

Old Testament Isaiah 65.1-9

Epistle Galatians 3.23-end

Gospel Luke 8.26-39

Psalm 22.19-28

SUNDAY 26th JUNE – 2nd Sunday after TRINITY

Old Testament 1 Kings 19.15-16, 19-end

Epistle Galatians 5.1,13-25

Gospel Luke 9.51-end

Psalm 16

SUNDAY 3rd JULY - 3rd Sunday after TRINITY

Old Testament Isaiah 66.10-14

Epistle Galatians 6.[1-6] 7-16

Gospel Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

Psalm 66.1-8

Updates and more All Saints Braishfield information can be found at
www.asbchurch.org

SERVICES FOR JUNE 2022

SUNDAY 29th MAY – 7th Sunday of EASTER - Sunday after Ascension Day

10.00am Braishfield **UNITED BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION**

T.Benson & J.Thompson

SUNDAY 5th JUNE – Day of PENTECOST - WHITSUNDAY

9.30am Awbridge **Holy Communion & celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee** J.Thompson

9.30am Braishfield **Holy Communion & celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee** T.Benson

11.00amTimsbury (and Michelmersh) **Holy Communion & celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee** J.Thompson

6.00pm Farley Chamberlayne **Holy Communion & celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee** J.Thompson

7.00pm Awbridge **Songs of Praise for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee** T.Benson

SUNDAY 12th JUNE - TRINITY SUNDAY

8.00am Farley Chamberlayne **HOLY COMMUNION** BCP T.Benson

9.30am Awbridge **MORNING WORSHIP** CW T.Benson

9.30am Braishfield **MORNING WORSHIP** CW A.Manners

11.00am Timsbury **FAMILY WORSHIP** CW J.Thompson

6.00pm Michelmersh **HOLY COMMUNION** CW T.Benson

SUNDAY 19th JUNE - 1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30am Awbridge **HOLY COMMUNION** CW T.Benson

10.00am Timsbury **HOLY COMMUNION** CW J.Thompson

11.15am Farley Chamberlayne **FAMILY SERVICE** CW T.Benson

6.00pm Michelmersh **EVENING PRAYER** BCP J.Thompson

6.00pm Braishfield **EVENING PRAYER** BCP T.Benson

SUNDAY 26th JUNE – 2nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Michelmersh **HOLY COMMUNION** BCP T.Benson

9.30am Awbridge **FAMILY WORSHIP** CW Family Team

9.30am Braishfield **HOLY COMMUNION** CW J.Thompson

11.15am Farley Chamberlayne **MORNING PRAYER** BCP J.Thompson

6.00pm Timsbury **EVENING PRAYER** BCP T.Benson

SUNDAY 3rd JULY - 3rd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30am Awbridge **HOLY COMMUNION** CW T.Benson

9.30am Braishfield **FAMILY WORSHIP** CW J.Thompson

11.00am Michelmersh (and Timsbury) **MORNING WORSHIP** CW T.Benson

6.00pm Farley Chamberlayne **EVENING PRAYER** BCP T.Benson

7.00pm Awbridge **BENEFICE INFORMAL WORSHIP** J.Thompson