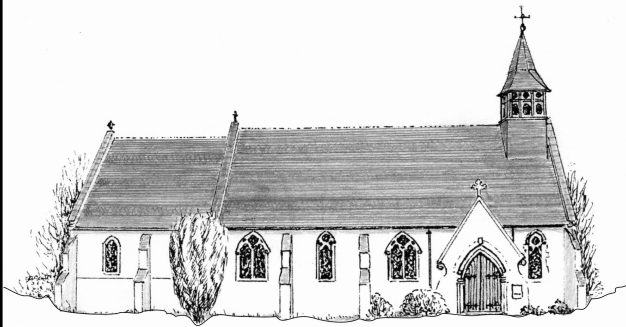
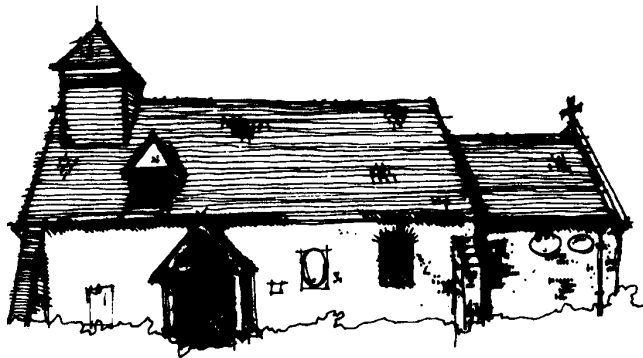




Trinity Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June



# Five Alive!



**A Monthly Magazine**

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

**June 2023**

# **THE UNITED BENEFICE OF BRAISHFIELD**

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## **Items for 5 Alive**

may be sent to Sarah at the  
Benefice Office by post or  
email.

**Deadline for  
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**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June**

next edition  
of Five Alive  
will be available by  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June

## **From the Rector: Revd Tom Benson**

Hello everyone,

What a busy time it is .....

First of all, welcome to Summer!

Secondly, thanks to everyone who has sponsored me for my ride to the Arctic Circle. To date, you have raised over £1300 for Prostate Cancer UK. There is still time to donate and the details should be somewhere in this magazine.

Thirdly a huge welcome to Rev Anne Newport and her husband Rob who have joined the team and have now moved in to King's Somborne. Anne's licensing service is on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June at 7.30 in St Peter and St Paul's church which Bishop Debbie will be taking.

Fourthly, once again a huge thanks to everyone who has worked so hard over the Coronation events, the fete, flower festival and the music event up at Farley - to name just a few. You are really making a difference to the life of our churches and the communities in which we serve.

All of the above points have made me reflect on the importance of 'family', whether it be our biological family, our family of friends and neighbours, or our church family. Because within a family, we need to be rooted in love if we are to flourish. To be rooted in love means that we care for each other, we are gentle with each other, we are *kind*.

I am reminded again and again that as 1 Corinthians 13 tells us 'If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.'

God Bless and have a happy and joyous summer.

Tom

## OUR SHOPPING LIST

- TINNED POTATOES
- TOOTHPASTE
- MICROWAVE RICE
- POT NOODLES
- SUGAR
- SWEETS

## WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

- PASTA
- SOUP
- CEREAL
- BAKED BEANS
- TINNED TOMATOES
- 'FREE FROM' ITEMS
- PILCHARDS/SARDINES/MACKEREL
- PORRIDGE OATS



The list of needs is updated weekly – please check the website if you can.  
The list printed here was produced mid-May

<https://romsey.foodbank.org.uk>

Donations of food can be dropped off at Romsey Foodbank, Freedom Centre, Unit 6, Greatbridge Business Park, Budds Lane, Romsey SO51 0HA Tues, Wed, Thurs 10.30 - 12.30

If you're unable to drop donations off in our opening times, we have drop off points in Waitrose, Botley Road Co-op, Abbotswood Co-op, The Hundred Co-op, Ganger Farm and Romsey Library.

## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June - An Evening at Elm Grove Farm, Braishfield

Wendy and Peter Quarendon are holding an evening of pudding and wine with entertainments at Elm Grove Farm, on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, to raise funds towards the All Saints Clock Tower Appeal. All are welcome. If you would like to come, please can you **let us know by Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>** so we can organise catering and seating.

We will not be charging, but donations to the Appeal will be gratefully received on the evening.

Wendy Quarendon 01794 368015 [wendy@quarendon.net](mailto:wendy@quarendon.net)

## Michelmersh Prize Draw

### MAY 2023 Winners

1st Prize	[Name withheld]	£72.80
2nd Prize	[Name withheld]	£36.40
3rd Prize	Carol Chapman	£20.80

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.

## Braishfield Ukulele Musical Society

We had an excellent turnout for our Dementia Sing Along on the 15th May in the Church Rooms in Braishfield. It was good to see everyone taking part and enjoying singing together. Afterwards we enjoyed meeting and chatting to our guests over a cup of tea and biscuits. We also visited the Dovetail Centre in May for their Mind Group, and we are booked in September for the Totton Dementia Care Hub. So we are spreading our wings and becoming known for our help with Dementia.

Our next Sing Along is on June 12th at 2.30pm in All Saints' Church Room, Braishfield, please feel free to invite anyone from your area to come and join us, they will be made very welcome.



### Honorary Canon

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April Sarah Boothman was installed as an Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral during Choral Evensong. She is pictured (3<sup>rd</sup> right) with, (from left) Canon Alison Coulter, Canon Jeff Williams, Bishop Debbie, Dean Catherine, Sarah,

Canon Michael Smith, Canon Alison Evans.

Sarah, who is our Benefice Administrator and also a churchwarden at Braishfield, has been invited to serve for a period of three years in recognition of her long service to the diocese. Sarah has been Lay Chair of Romsey Deanery Synod for many years and is also Chair of Finance for Romsey Deanery. She served for a term on Bishop's Council and is a member of the Diocesan Synod. As her grandfather and father were also honorary canons of the Cathedral she feels it is a special honour to have this opportunity!



**Women's Breakfast:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June from 9am - kindly hosted by Clare Harvey. Clare lives at Manor Farm Bungalow, Manor Farm Lane, Michelmersh, SO51 0NT.

Directions: from the A3057 in Timsbury turn up New Road. At the top, Manor Lane is almost straight over - to the left of the big gothic -looking house. At the end of the Lane, go through the farm, up the hill between the barns. Clare lives in the red brick bungalow next to the solid wooden gates.



If you would like to contact Clare to let her know you are coming/have got lost on the way [clareharvey1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clareharvey1@hotmail.co.uk) /01794 368789.

**Also next Men's Breakfast the same day - see p 14 for details**

## RUN TO THE (MIDNIGHT) SUN



**Rev Tom Benson is riding to the Arctic Circle to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK.**



**If you would like to make a donation, go to [JustGiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) and search for 'Tom Benson'. To hear more about the trip or alternative ways to donate, please give Tom a ring on 01794 368335.**

There is a direct link to the JustGiving page from the [www.asbchurch.org](http://www.asbchurch.org) website - click on the QR code to the right of the motorbike!

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/tom-benson-1683661298356>

# A Teddy Bears' Picnic

at The Island House, Greatbridge, Romsey SO51 0HP

**Saturday 29th July, 2.30 – 5pm**

Bring your own bears, picnic, chairs, tables etc and enjoy the garden

*in aid of*  
The Braishfield Ukrainian Support Group  
*and*  
The David Nott Foundation  
– saving lives in Ukraine through  
trauma Surgery and teaching

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The Romsey Ukulele Group  
Meet 'Harvey' Bear  
Tombola  
Carlo's of Wellow Ice Creams  
and other treats

Advance tickets available from  
braishfieldbenefice@gmail.com  
01794 878020  
or The Rev. Tom Benson  
tbenson09@aol.com  
01794 368335

**Entrance £8 pp**  
**children under 10 free**

Guide Dogs Only





**BBQ in Awbridge**  
**Sunday 25 June 2023,**  
**From 12 noon**  
**At Chanwel, Romsey Road,**  
**Awbridge SO51 0HG**



**All Welcome**

**Tickets: Adults £7 50 Children £2 50**

**Family Ticket £18 (2 Ad +2 Ch)**

**Please note, bring your own drinks, chairs/picnic rugs**  
**Trains Rides available**

**Please book with**  
**James Alexander 07785 724531 email: [jdalexander350@gmail.com](mailto:jdalexander350@gmail.com)**  
**or sign list at back of church**  
**Numbers by Wed 21 June please**



**Event organised by**  
**the Social Committee of**  
**All Saints Church, Awbridge**



## **Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles**

**All Saints Braishfield** together with Braishfield URC organised a Big Lunch for the village on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, following a service in the Village Hall. It was a great event with a large number at the service and about 150 gathering to raise a glass of prosecco to the King and Queen and sit down together to a shared meal, with more families picnicking nearby. There was a great range of food with plenty for all.



**A memorable celebration!**



All Saints Awbridge celebrated the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla with a wonderful display of flowers, craft and decorations in the church depicting the Coronation, including a garden from Highgrove, a golden coach, a meadow, hand-made bunting, afternoon tea and crowns in many designs! Donations of £400 were made to church funds. There was a special Songs of Praise service for the Coronation with everyone enjoying prosecco and refreshments afterwards.





St John's Farley Chamberlayne was decorated for the Coronation inside and out, and prosecco with Coronation Quiche made by Wendy Graham was enjoyed by everyone after the evening service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. The bells were rung briefly - how many coronations may they have celebrated?



## *Birthday of the Church at Pentecost*

**Friday 2 June 2023**

**All Welcome 3 30pm – 5 30 pm**

**Braishfield Church Room, Church Lane,**

**Braishfield SO51 0QH**

**MESSY ACTIVITIES**

**CELEBRATION**

**FEAST**

Messy Church is organised by the members of the local village churches

for all families to attend. Children to be accompanied by parent/carer.

For info contact: Sue Manners 01794 368230 email: [suemanners@live.co.uk](mailto:suemanners@live.co.uk)



### A prayer about the continuing war in Ukraine

Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.  
We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.  
We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.  
May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.  
Amen.

### **Update on BUSG - Braishfield Ukraine Support Group**

Our Ukrainain guests have been in our parishes for nearly a year now, and appreciate the warm welcome that they received. As we support them in gaining more independence there continues to be financial expenditure. Amongst other things we are currently subsidising transport costs including providing support in purchasing cars, driving lessons, travel fare reimbursements, school trips and helping to furnish their new accommodation.

BUSG are grateful for all the income received so far which is helping us to support 14 Ukrainians. If you would like to support BUSG a donation can be made online as follows:

Account name: Braishfield PCC  
Sort Code: 60 18 46  
Account Number 21204470  
Reference BUSG (donor's surname)



Please notify Geoff Briggs, BUSG Treasurer, at [busg2022@gmail.com](mailto:busg2022@gmail.com) of your donation so that he can ensure it is properly accounted for.

# All Saints' Church, Braishfield

## Dates for your diary

### Social events

**Saturday 24th June** A wine, pudding and evening of entertainment at Elm Grove.

**Saturday 19th August** BBQ in the Church car park

**Saturday 30th September** Harvest Supper in the Church Room

**Friday 22nd December** Carols on the Rec



**We do hope you can join us!**

More information: [www.asbchurch.org](http://www.asbchurch.org) or contact Jane Bennett on 01794 368109

## The Clock Tower Renovation



We are delighted and grateful that so many people have made donations - over 40 individuals or families to date. We have just been awarded a grant of £1,000 from a small charity which sponsors clock repairs, and with the other promised grants and all the kind donations we are now within £4,500 of our total. It's not too late to be involved with the renovation work: there are pamphlets with details in the church and links to the information on [www.asbchurch.org](http://www.asbchurch.org) A few numbers on the clock

face remain available for sponsorship as we make our last drive for funds.

On current estimates the work should be carried out late summer/early autumn, and we hope to be giving thanks for all that has been achieved through our corporate efforts at our All Saints' Day celebration at the beginning of November when we will dedicate the completed project in thanksgiving for the reign of the late Queen Elizabeth II and to mark the coronation of King Charles III. Everyone will be invited!





As a benefice I would like to draw your attention to a project being run by Hampshire Police.

It's a knitting / crochet initiative to produce bears - 'Bobby Buddies' - for them to use in their work with incidents of domestic abuse.

Previously, police were inundated with offers of help from members of the community to knit the police officer teddy bears. They've been so popular that they're now running low.

The bears, which are knitted by volunteers, are given to children by officers to help communicate with them and break down barriers that can exist when police attend after a domestic incident.

Detective Sergeant Adam Merrick, said: "We were so lucky to have had so many people help us previously and the bears were really well received. These little bears really do help to provide comfort and reassurance to young children when we attend an incident they have been involved in or have witnessed, and can help break down that initial barrier.

"Not only do they reassure the child, making it easier for us to talk to them and find out what has happened, they also help to distract the child if we are trying to talk to their parent.

"The children who receive these bears would have been through a lot and would be recognised as a victim of domestic abuse in their own right under the new Domestic Abuse Act. Being able to greet them with this small gesture really does make a difference and helps put a smile on their face at a difficult time in their lives."

If you would like to knit/crochet a bear - or bears! - please contact Katie Walton – Safeguarding Officer All Saints Awbridge and I can deliver patterns. When the bears are ready for collection drop me a line and I can collect. I will deliver to Southampton Police Station when we have a donation.

## **Events in the Benefice in June**

### **General**

**Women's Breakfast** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 9am at the home of Clare Harvey in Michelmersh see p 6

**Men's Breakfast** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 8.30am Chambers, Romsey, book by ringing Trevor Clewer on 07434 593953

**Licensing of Rev Anne Newport in Kings Somborne** Tues 13<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm

### **Awbridge**

**Summer BBQ with Train rides** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 12 noon see P 8

**Coffee Hub** Every Tuesday, 9 15-11 30 am Church Rooms. All welcome

**Prayer Meeting** Tuesdays 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> June, 8 45 am in Church Rooms before Coffee Hub

**Lunch Club** Wed 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon in the Church Rooms

**Awbridge Housegroup** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm at Chanwel

**Craft & Chat Group** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 10 30 am Committee Room, Awbridge V Hall contact Sue Franklin 322185

**"The Ark"** The All Saints Church Baby & Toddler group meets in Awbridge Village Hall, on Fridays in term-time, 9 30 am - 11 00 am. (le not meeeting on Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June) Contact: Lynda Tucker 01794 340709.

### **Braishfield**

**Dementia Sing Along** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June Church Room 2.30pm

**Village Voices** Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June 2- 4pm Church Room (Note 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday this month only)

**Pudding and Wine Evening with Entertainment at Elm Grove Farm** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June see P 4

### **Michelmersh** (advance notices)

**Summer Picnic at St Mary's with Michelmersh Silver Band** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July from 3pm

**Evening Prayer at Eldon Church** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 4pm

### **Timsbury**

**Coffee and Cake** Tues 13<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am in the church

## **Bible readings for JUNE 2023**

### **SUNDAY 4th JUNE - TRINITY SUNDAY**

**Old Testament** Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end  
**Epistle** 2 Corinthians 13.11-end  
**Gospel** Matthew 28.16-end  
**Psalm** 8

### **SUNDAY 11th JUNE – 1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Old Testament** Hosea 5.15-6.6  
**Epistle** Romans 4.13-end  
**Gospel** Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26  
**Psalm** 50.7-15

### **SUNDAY 18th JUNE – 2nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Old Testament** Exodus 19.2 - 8a  
**Epistle** Romans 5.1-8  
**Gospel** Matthew 9.35-10.8  
**Psalm** 100

### **SUNDAY 25th JUNE – 3rd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**For Old Testament** Jeremiah 20.7-13  
**For Epistle** Romans 6.1b - 11  
**Gospel** Matthew 10.24-39  
**Psalm** 69.14-20

### **SUNDAY 2nd JULY – 4th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**For Old Testament** Jeremiah 28.5-9  
**For Epistle** Romans 6.12-end  
**Gospel** Matthew 10.40 -end  
**Psalm** 89.1-4, 15-18 or 8-18

## **Timsbury (cont)**

**Celtic Prayer** Tues 27<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am in the church

**Play Reading Group** led by Olivia Murphy every Tuesday afternoon 2-3.30pm in the church. Just come.

**Teddy Bear's Picnic** at The Island House Sat 29<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm - 5pm  
see p7

## **Farley Chamberlayne**

**Farley Walk** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June

***Prefer to check information online?*** Updates plus a list of events in each parish can be found at [www.asbchurch.org](http://www.asbchurch.org) Click on 'Diary' and there is a list of the churches.

## **SERVICES FOR JUNE 2023**

### **FRIDAY 2nd JUNE**

3.30pm Braishfield **MESSY CHURCH**

### **SUNDAY 4TH JUNE - TRINITY SUNDAY**

9.30am	Awbridge	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	T.Benson
9.30am	Braishfield	<b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b>	Lay led
10.00am	Timsbury (and Michelmersh)	<b>MORNING PRAYER</b> BCP	Lay led
6.00pm	Farley Chamberlayne	<b>EVENING PRAYER</b> BCP	T.Benson
7.00pm	Awbridge	<b>BENEFICE INFORMAL WORSHIP</b>	T.Benson

### **SUNDAY 11th JUNE – 1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.00am	Farley Chamberlayne	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> BCP	T.Benson
9.30am	Awbridge	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>	A.Cross
9.30am	Braishfield	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>	T.Benson
11.00am	Timsbury	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>	T.Benson
6.00pm	Michelmersh	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	T.Benson

### **SUNDAY 18th JUNE – 2nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9.00am	Awbridge Village Hall	<b>FAMILY BREAKFAST SERVICE</b>	J.Thompson
10.00am	Timsbury	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> BCP	B.Pickett
11.15am	Farley Chamberlayne	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>	J.Thompson
6.00pm	Braishfield	<b>EVENING PRAYER</b> BCP	J.Thompson
6.00pm	Michelmersh	<b>EVENING PRAYER</b> BCP	Lay led

### **SUNDAY 25th JUNE – 3rd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

8.00am	Michelmersh	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> BCP	J.Thompson
9.30am	Awbridge	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>	Lay led
9.30am	Braishfield	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	J.Thompson
11.15am	Farley Chamberlayne	<b>MORNING PRAYER</b> BCP	J.Thompson
6.00pm	Timsbury	<b>EVENING PRAYER</b> BCP	J.Thompson

### **SUNDAY 2nd JULY – 4th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9.30am	Awbridge	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	tba
9.30am	Braishfield	<b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b>	Lay led
10.00am	Michelmersh (and Timsbury)	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>	T.Clewer
6.00pm	Farley Chamberlayne	<b>EVENING PRAYER</b> BCP	tba
7.00pm	Awbridge	<b>BENEFICE INFORMAL WORSHIP</b>	J.Thompson

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