



# The Edgehill Churches

## Parish Link

Loving  
God,  
Serving  
People,  
Growing  
Community

### Building Stronger Communities

March 2023

We are very blessed to have some strong communities in our area, communities where many people invest time in serving and helping the people in their village and the wider area.

At a time when so much of the world seems to be becoming more protectionist and inward-looking, it's encouraging to see so many outward-looking local people who want to make a difference for others.

Last November, I wrote about the great team of volunteers and generous donations that allow the Foodbank to operate over a wide rural area, but many other community projects operate in our villages. Some build community by creating spaces for people to make new friendships and strengthen old ones, and some are focused on helping people facing a crisis.

Across the villages in the area, there are monthly meals (breakfasts and lunches), regular gathering spaces for tea/coffee and chat, youth groups, scouting and guiding groups, events groups, arts and craft groups, many sports teams, and so many more. Many of these have restarted in this last year as COVID concerns have receded, and some of them are new; like the weekly Cosy Café in Kineton.

Alongside all the events that bring people together, many projects and charities in our villages offer support to people in need. They include things like Carers4carers, the Bereavement Café and the GIFT project.

GIFT is a project run by Kineton church that looks to help local people in need to make a fresh start.

We operate in Kineton and the surrounding area of South Warwickshire, providing holistic wrap-around support for people experiencing problems due to isolation, poverty, mental health and other challenges.

We work with families escaping abusive relationships, people with mental health problems, and people so overwhelmed by circumstances that they stop looking after themselves/their accommodation, etc.

We help people make a fresh start by providing practical support for people in their homes, sourcing furniture and appliances, basic DIY, clearing out, cleaning and decorating, help with budgeting, mentoring support, grief counselling, and more.

We have links with local tradespeople who are generous with their time and skills, and we have great connections with Orbit Housing and statutory agencies to help push for support when needed.

The GIFT project has been run by a small team of volunteers from local churches for many years. However, the number of people needing help is increasing. In the first two months of this year, we've supported 4 major projects, including decorating, major house clearing/cleaning, and helping furnish a home for a single parent that has moved into one of our villages.

If you would like to help by...

- Volunteering time to help with moving furniture, cleaning, befriending, DIY, admin support, etc.
- Making a donation or running a fundraising event
- Donating furniture or white goods (we don't have any storage space, so we usually only take furniture when we can pass it on directly)

- Providing a storage space (we'd love to have the space to store furniture that's offered so that we could respond to client needs more quickly).

...then please contact [barry@edgehillchurches.org](mailto:barry@edgehillchurches.org)

A huge thank you to everyone who gives their time, energy, talents and finances to invest in the many groups and organisations in our area. It's thanks to your generosity that we have such strong communities. I hope we can all continue working together to make them even stronger.

Rev Barry Jackson



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## MARCH SERVICES IN THE EDGEHILL PARISHES

	Kineton	Combroke	Radway	Ratley	Warmington	Shotteswell
5th	10.00am Simply Celebrate		8.30am Communion	10.30am Communion		8:30am BCP Comm
12th	10.30am Communion	9:00am Communion			10.30am Communion	
19th	10.00am Morning Worship		10.30am Communion	6.30pm Communion		8.30am Communion
26th	10.30am Communion				10.30am Communion	8.30am Communion

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – Fri 3rd March,  
2.30pm at Hornton Methodist Church.

This year the service. Has been put together by women in Taiwan.  
All are welcome



## TEA & CHAT

Friday 24th Mar 3pm-4.30pm  
in Ratley Village Hall

Come and meet up with neighbours and friends for a chat and catch up. Cost £1.00



## SHOTTESWELL LUNCH

Saturday 4th Mar 12.30 - 2pm, Shotteswell Village Hall

Come and join us for some good company over a light lunch. Small raffle with proceeds in aid of St Laurence Church, Shotteswell. Details from Pauline 01295 730687 or [pauline.tarrant@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pauline.tarrant@hotmail.co.uk)



## SIMPLY CELEBRATE

Sunday 5th Mar  
10am St Peter's Kineton



Come for **breakfast** to begin the service. A time with God for everyone. Our young people help lead the service with Bible readings, leading prayers, acting in dramas, leading the actions in songs, and more



## RADWAY'S TEA, CHAT & PLAY

Every Wednesday 3pm -5pm in the Village Hall

All ages are welcome from babies to grandpas!



## CONNECT

A life group for 12-15 year olds on Films, video clips, pizza, chill & chat about God, life, the universe and everything.

Next Meeting: Sun 5th Mar 6 to 7:30pm

More details Sarah 07801 303641



St Peter's invite you to join us for

## MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Next meeting on Sunday 19th March



In March we're meeting in Kineton church for a **Mother's Day Breakfast** from 10am.

There will be crafts, games and activities and a special service to thank our Mums.

**We hope you can join us**

WARMINGTON VILLAGE PRESENTS

MONDAY 10TH APRIL

# Easter eggstraviganza



10AM  
- 12PM

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TREASURE TRAIL

VILLAGE  
HALL  
OX17 1BX

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