



# The Edgehill Churches

## Parish Link

Loving  
God,  
Serving  
People,  
Growing  
Community

### Celebration

June 2023



Over the coronation weekend, our local communities showed off some of their many talents in organising some fabulous events. I love a good party and, being the vicar of 6 churches, the weekend gave me plenty of opportunities to attend them!

Celebrations are good for people; they are opportunities for fun, activity, conversation, laughter, and excitement. Laughter opens our airways, lowers blood pressure, and helps relax tight muscles.

Social psychology researcher Fred Bryant says, 'When we stop to savour the good stuff, we buffer ourselves against the bad and build resilience—and even mini-celebrations can plump up the positive emotions which make it easier to manage the daily challenges that cause major stress.'

Celebrations are not only good for us individually, they're also a real tonic for communities. Through them, we deepen old friendships and make new ones; celebrations strengthen our community.

Perhaps that's a key reason why God ordained that the Israelites should have so many festivals throughout the year... and why Jesus was always going to parties... and why the writer of the biblical book Ecclesiastes suggests:

*Seize life! Eat bread with gusto,  
Drink wine with a robust heart.  
Oh yes—God takes pleasure in your pleasure!  
Dress festively every morning.  
Don't skimp on colours and scarves.*

*Relish life with the spouse you love  
Each and every day of your precarious life.  
Each day is God's gift. It's all you get in exchange  
For the hard work of staying alive.  
Make the most of each one!  
Whatever turns up, grab it and do it. And heartily!*  
(Ecclesiastes 9:7-9a)

Thank you to the many people who helped organise the coronation celebrations in our villages, and to the many more that organise the other regular community events.

My prayer is that we will keep finding ways to celebrate together, strengthening our communities and building that foundation that will help us weather the storms of life.

Rev Barry Jackson

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## JUNE SERVICES IN THE EDGEHILL PARISHES

	Kineton	Combroke	Radway	Ratley	Warmington	Shotteswell
4th	10.00am Simply Celebrate		8.30am Communion	10.30am Communion		8.30am BCP Comm
11th	10.30am Communion	9:00am Communion			10.30am Communion	
18th	8.30am BCP Comm	10.00am Morning Worship	10.30am Communion	6.30pm Communion		8.30am Communion
25th		10.30am Communion			10.30am Communion	8.30am Communion

### SHOTTESWELL LUNCH

**Saturday 4th June 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)



### SHOTTESWELL VILLAGE FETE

**Saturday 1st July 1 - 5pm  
Shotteswell Playing Field**

Including a **flyover of a Lancaster bomber** at ~1pm. Stalls, competitions, displays, clay pigeon shooting and refreshments - including a licensed bar - through the afternoon. There is also a fantastic raffle with fabulous prizes.



**Admission and parking is free.**

Profits shared between the church and the village hall

### SIMPLY CELEBRATE

**Sunday 5th June  
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

### 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 June 6 to 7:30pm**



### Edgehill Churches

invite you to



A practical exploration of the Christian faith

**From week beginning 12th June (online)**

**A series of short online videos and discussions in groups meeting online, in pubs or various homes in the area**



Explore is a **5 session course** that provides an opportunity to explore the Christian faith online and in a friendly, open and informal environment.

**Everyone Welcome**  
Details from

[barry@edgehillchurches.org](mailto:barry@edgehillchurches.org)  
or on Eventbrite (see QR code)



### TEA & CHAT

**Friday 30th June 3pm-4.30pm**  
in Ratley Village Hall

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



### RADWAY'S TEA, CHAT & PLAY

**Every Wednesday 3pm - 5pm in the Village Hall**

All ages are welcome from babies to grandpas!



### THE BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

**A weekly drop-in group**

**Mondays 2-3pm Scout Hut, Kineton**

Grief and loss of any type is painful and isolating. Come and join us in a safe, gentle environment for tea/coffee and a chat.

More info from Dr Helen Gunton on [helengunton1@gmail.com](mailto:helengunton1@gmail.com)

**Kineton church invite you to join us for**

### FATHER'S DAY

**on Sunday 18th June**

**for a Father's Day Breakfast from 10am**

**There will be crafts, games and activities and a special service to thank our Dad's.**

**We hope you can join us**



### LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

**St Peter's Kineton**

**Thursday 6th July at 7pm**

Bishop John is coming to lead us in a service of renewal and refreshing in the Holy Spirit. Bishop John has been a wonderful spiritual father to the diocese and he is retiring this summer.

We've invited him to join us for this special service. Everyone Welcome.

