



# The Edgehill Churches

## Parish Link

*Loving  
God,  
Serving  
People,  
Growing  
Community*

July 2023



When do you feel most alive?

What things leave you with a sense of well-being that lasts?

Seeing a beautiful sunset? Enjoying a drink whilst watching cricket on a beautiful summer's evening (don't mention the Ashes test match)? A quiet time with a good book? Spending time with friends over a meal? Or being with a crowd at a community event like a village fete or the Kineton Music Festival (pictured above).

For some of us, a large event is a great time to connect with friends, laugh together, party together and make some great memories. Others prefer their social interactions to be small and shorter. We have different personalities and make connections differently, but whether in large or small groups, in a party atmosphere or at a quiet dinner, we all need social connection.

Psychologists say that social connection is essential to our physical and emotional health. Lack of social connection is a risk factor for a host of stress-related illnesses, anxiety, depression, and cardiovascular disease.

In today's culture, social connection is increasingly difficult. Remote working, longer working hours, and electronic gadgets have reduced contact with community both at work and at home. On top of that, the isolation we all experienced in COVID is still having an impact on how many people socialise.

Things like fetes and festivals are so important for the health of our communities AND for our personal health. They are a great excuse to get together with old friends and make new ones, but they also provide a wonderful vehicle for social connection, psychological healing, personal well-being and strengthening our communities.

The writer of Hebrews says;

*Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.*

*Hebrews 10:24-25a*

I'm looking forward to more community events in the coming months. I hope you can join us.

Rev Barry Jackson

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## JULY/AUGUST SERVICES IN THE EDGEHILL PARISHES

	Kineton	Combroke	Radway	Ratley	Warmington	Shotteswell
2nd	Ordinations at Coventry Cathedral					8.30am BCP Comm
9th	6.30pm Communion	10.00am Simply Celebrate	9.00am Communion		10.30am Communion	
16th	8.30am BCP Comm	10.30am Morning Worship		10.30pm Communion	6.30pm Communion	8.30am Communion
23rd		10.30am Communion			6.00pm Compline	8.30am Communion
30th		10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am Benefice Com			
6th		10.00am Morning Worship			10.30am Benefice Com	8.30am BCP Comm
13th		10.30am Communion				10.30am Benefice Com
20th		10.30am Morning Worship		10.30am Benefice Com		
27th		10.30am Communion				10.30am Benefice Com

### 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



### CHARITY TREASURE HUNT & PICNIC

**15th and 16th July around Kineton**

Test your detective skills with this family treasure hunt. Treasure Hunt Sheets from the church or by emailing Barry. Entries to be handed in to Kineton Sports and Social Club by 4.30pm on Sunday 16th and the winner will be announced at 5pm

It's free to take part, but, if you're able, there will be an opportunity to make a **£5 donation to the Playgroup.**

Bring a picnic tea to the Sports and Social Club from 3.30pm for some family games



### CURATES IN THE EDGEHILL CHURCHES

We are pleased to announce that Matthew Arnold will be joining us as a curate from 2nd July. Matthew will be ordained Deacon at Coventry Cathedral



on **Sunday 2nd July at 4pm.** Please do stop and say hello if you see him out and about.

On the same day at **10.30am** Alison Abbott (who has been with us for a year) will be ordained Priest. From July, both Alison and Matthew will be with us full time



### TEA & CHAT

**Friday 28th July 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!



### SIMPLY CELEBRATE

**Sunday 9th July**  
**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.

### 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.



### 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)

### SHOTTESWELL LUNCH

**Saturday 5th Aug, 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 on 01295 730687 or [pauline.tarrant@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pauline.tarrant@hotmail.co.uk)