



# The Edgehill Churches

## Parish Link

Loving  
God,  
Serving  
People,  
Growing  
Community

### What are you focussing on?

Nov 2023

And finally... I always remember the News at 10 with Trevor McDonald. Now 'Sir' Trevor, he always made sure to leave his viewers with a funny story to finish. Like the story about Bingo the dog, using his maths skills to help teach children how to count. When asked to count to three, he'd bark three times. When asked what two plus three was, he barked five times!

The Bibles 'and finally' section is a bit more sober, but wait, because it ends well. Towards the end of Matthew's Gospel the disciples come and ask Jesus about the signs of the times and what will happen in years to come. Jesus says to them:

*'You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth-pains.'*

Matthew 24:6-8

Jesus said these things over 2000 years ago and yet it often seems that he could have been saying them to us, this week. Uncannily accurate, there has rarely been a time in the last 2000 years when there has not been a conflict of some sort going on somewhere.

Our hearts go out to all caught up in the current conflict in the Middle East. Suddenly, an invasion, hostages, rockets and death once again stares us in the face from our TV screens and radios. There is a clamour for humanitarian help. Whatever must Jesus feel, the place he wept over and wished he could 'gather as a bird under his wings'. Undoubtedly both sides will claim victories, and both will suffer defeats. Perhaps the real defeat is to the hopes for

peace, once again shattered in the collapsing buildings in Gaza and the faces of those taking refuge in UN buildings. We continue to pray, pray for the war to be both contained and constrained, and perhaps above all, for peace, however long it takes.

We often only get to hear or see the bad news side of things, the calamities, war, earthquake devastation, what we rarely hear about is the good news, the amazing charity work, the scientific breakthroughs or the efforts for peace and reconciliation, such as those going on in the Sudan, Yemen and yes, even in the Ukraine.

WHAT  
CONSUMES  
YOUR  
MIND  
CONTROLS  
YOUR LIFE

There is perhaps not much we can do to help in these disasters, donations always help, prayer, but what about things closer to home. MIND, the mental health charity talks about a 'pandemic of loneliness', people who live alone, isolated, with no family, often feeling very low. Do you know anyone like this? Is this how you sometimes feel? The good news is that help is at hand, at our local churches and community groups, at numerous clubs and societies including the WI, Bridge Club, Amateur Dramatics and Gardening, all here in our Kineton village. Take a look at the back page!

Jesus leaves his disciples with a message of love and hope. He promises to always be 'with us' even in the darkest of times. He is our Good Shepherd, who never leaves or forsakes us and who reminds his followers that nothing in all creation can ever separate us from the love of God which is in Jesus Christ.

That's good news indeed!

Rev Tina Booker (Kineton Methodist Minister)

**THE BIG ?** **Big Questions**  
Exploring questions about life and faith

**WHERE IS GOD WHEN LIFE HURTS?**  
Wednesday 15th November at 7pm  
at Kineton Primary School

With so much pain and death being caused by wars, earthquakes, famines, etc, people often ask, 'Where is God in all this?' and 'Why doesn't God do something?'

**Big Questions** evenings explore big topics in a relaxed informal environment.

There will be a multimedia presentation and discussion all washed down with cheese and wine (or coffee and cake)

To help us plan for numbers, please contact Barry  
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## NOVEMBER 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	10.00am All Age Remembrance	11.00am Remembrance	11.00am Remembrance	11.00am Remembrance	11.00am Remembrance	8.30am Remembrance
19th	8.30am BCP Comm	10.30am The Table Brunch		10.30am Communion	6.30pm Communion	8.30am Communion
26th		10.30am Morning Worship			10.30am Communion	8.30am Communion

### SHOTTESWELL LUNCH

**Saturday 4th Nov, 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)

### SIMPLY CELEBRATE

**Sunday 5th Nov 10am  
St Peter's Kineton**



Come for **breakfast** to begin the service. A time with God for everyone, with drama, activities, fun, songs and more.

Our young people help lead the service, **if your young people would like to take part, please contact Liz at [lizhostelofson@yahoo.com](mailto:lizhostelofson@yahoo.com).**

### A TIME TO REMEMBER

**At St Peter's Kineton and online  
on Sunday 5th Nov at 4.00pm**

A short service of reflection and tranquillity to remember with thanksgiving those who have died and whom you hold in your heart with love. We will be remembering those who have died recently or very many years ago; from those who have lived a long life, to babies lost during pregnancy. If you'd like someone who has died and is special to you to be remembered by name in this service contact Matthew at [mtr.arnold@googlemail.com](mailto:mtr.arnold@googlemail.com)  
All are welcome.



**St Peter's invite you to join us for  
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**at Kineton Primary School**

**on Sunday November 19th from 10:15-11:30**

**For children ages 4-11**

An action-packed time for children, where parents can drop them off at the school, and pick them up later from church. Details from Liz at [lizhostelofson@yahoo.com](mailto:lizhostelofson@yahoo.com).

### TEA & CHAT

**Friday 24th Nov 3pm-4.30pm  
in Ratley Village Hall**

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



### MEET & EAT IS BACK

**Tuesday 7th Nov, 12 noon – Kineton Methodist Hall.**  
Meet & Eat is restarting with a soup lunch on the first Tuesdays every month. All Welcome!

Details: Alison [rev.alisonabbott@gmail.com](mailto:rev.alisonabbott@gmail.com)  
07923 442970.



### Charity Pop-Up Board Games Café

**Friday 17th Nov at 7.00pm at**

**The Swan Function room Kineton**

If you love board games, then come and join us for a charity board game evening. Our Board game experts will be there to help explain the game rules.

Come with a group of friends, or come along to meet some new ones  
Adults and ages 14+ only

**(under 18's must be accompanied by an adult)**

We'll plan to eat at 7 and start playing at 7.30. It helps our planning if we know numbers, so please register for a place on Eventbrite (see QR code) or with Charlotte at

[charlotte\\_helene93@hotmail.com](mailto:charlotte_helene93@hotmail.com)



### THE BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

**A weekly drop-in group**

**Mondays 2:15-3:30pm 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 Matthew at [mtr.arnold@googlemail.com](mailto:mtr.arnold@googlemail.com)



### RADWAY'S TEA, CHAT & PLAY

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

All ages are welcome from babies to grandpas!



### PINTS OF VIEW

**The White Swan, Kineton**

**Sunday 26th Nov at 6pm**

Each month we explore a theme or story from the news.

### SIMPLY PLAY

**Wednesdays 9.00am-11am**

**St Peter's Kineton in term time**

Come and catch up with friends over

coffee and cake whilst your toddlers enjoy our new soft play area. More details Liz [lizhostelofson@yahoo.com](mailto:lizhostelofson@yahoo.com)

