



The Edgehill Churches

Parish Link

*Loving
God,
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Community*

Make Space for Wonder

July/August 2026

As the end of the summer term beckons, many of us will no doubt be taking some time to holiday, be that at home or in places far-flung from the familiar. For those travelling, after the first day filled with all the doings of the journey, unpacking, getting one's bearings, there comes that moment of peaceful exhale - relief. The busyness and pace of the day-to-day might be put on hold for a time; breakfast-time comes later, takes longer than necessary, and conversations lack the urgency they did just hours before. Perhaps we might notice something with the capacity to generate in us feelings of awe, delight and exultation – a beautiful sunset, some natural wonder, a deepening love or friendship, or simply feeling more alive owing to a little more required rest.



Holidays offer us a time to wonder. An opportunity to embrace our natural capacity to look upon the world and people around us amid the stillness that holiday affords, without the immediacy that many of our days demand and (re)discover a new sense of meaning. Wonder allows us the time of not only self-discovery, but to wonder upon things beyond ourselves, those things that generate awe, amazement, that cause us to simply marvel.

After Whitsun (Pentecost), the church year moves into so-called Ordinary Time, not in the sense of it being seemingly mundane as the name might suggest, but instead that it is a time outside of the major feasts and celebrations – time to reflect upon living life in all its fullness. One theme of Ordinary Time is the Holy Trinity – the Christian reading and understanding of the bible that God is One yet three Persons, Father, Son (Jesus) and Holy Spirit. It describes the mind-bending mystery that within God's very being, there has been - from eternity – relationship: a giving and receiving of love between Father, Son and

Holy Spirit. It is the understanding that God *is*, by His very nature Love and Relationship.

Maybe it is no surprise that perhaps the most important things to us all are love and relationships. If we are indeed created in the image of God, the one who is Love and Relationship, we might expect this to be so. Psalm 19 begins 'The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands'. It perhaps then also of no surprise that we experience that deep sense of awe and wonder when we witness something in the natural created world that reflects such beauty, wisdom and goodness beyond ourselves.

Waiting, as we make space to wonder, are our relationships, meaning, our faith and spirituality. When time stretches because the pace is reduced and the number of commitments is on hold, we can notice things differently. Perhaps our challenge is how to both make the most of this time to wonder, and also how we might do so between our holidays too.

I wish you a most splendid summer, a time to renew, to wonder, to live life in its fullness.

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JULY/AUGUST 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	10.30am Morning Worship		10.30pm Communion	6.30pm Communion		8.30am Communion
26th	10.30am Communion				10.30am Communion	
2nd	10.00am Simply Celebrate			10.30am Benefice Com		
9th	10.30am Communion	9.00am Communion				
16th	10.30am Morning Worship		10.30am Benefice Com			
23rd	10.30am Communion				10.30am Benefice Com	
30th	10.30am Morning Worship					10.30am Benefice Com

SHOTTESWELL VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 4th July 1 – 5pm
Shotteswell Playing Field

Stalls, competitions, and displays

Admission and parking is free.

Profits shared between the church and the village hall



Teddy Bear Parachuting from the Church Tower

Saturday 4th July, 2:30-4.30pm

Ratley Church invites you to join us for Tea, Coffee, Cake, Games, Crafts and a Teddy Bear Parachuting competition!

SIMPLY CELEBRATE

Sunday 5th 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.

Breathing Space

Sunday 5th July, 4 - 5pm at Kineton church

A time of mindful, meditative prayer to help release tensions and find some peace.

BREATHING
SPACE

Letting go of our daily stresses



10:10

YOUTH GROUP FOR 9-12 YEAR OLDS

Sun 12th July, 5.30-7.00pm

10:10 is a monthly youth group for years 5-7.

We meet at the church in Kineton for food, games and chat about God, life, the universe and everything.

Register with Liz at SPKfamilies@gmail.com



CHARITY CAKE SALE

Mon 13th July 2pm-4pm St Peter's Kineton

All Tea, Coffee, Cake & Refreshments

All Proceeds go to The Bereavement Café



CELEBRATING FOOD PRODUCERS & RURAL COMMUNITIES

Moreton Morrell 2026

Barn Service

At Chesterton Fields Farm, Fosse Way CV33 9JY

Sunday 5th July 2026 from 2.30pm

Tractors - Animals - Children's Activities



SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH LEGO CHURCH

at Kineton Primary School

on **SUNDAY JULY 19th** from 10:15-11:30

For children and adults of any age

(Children coming without an adult need to be registered beforehand)

Details from Liz at spkfamilies@gmail.com



RADWAY'S TEA, CHAT & PLAY

Every Wednesday 3pm - 5pm in the Village Hall

All ages are welcome from babies to grandpas!



TEA & CHAT

Friday 25th 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

