



# The Edgehill Churches

## Parish Link

*Loving  
God,  
Serving  
People,  
Growing  
Community*

### More than an inconvenience

September 2026

We love complaining about the weather. Throughout this summer, conversations have begun with some variation of: "It's too hot," "The garden desperately needs rain," or "I couldn't sleep last night." After months of dry weather, lawns have turned brown, plants have struggled, and many of us have found the heat exhausting.

For most of us, the heat and lack of rain have been uncomfortable and inconvenient. For many farmers, however, they have been an economic disaster.

Across the country, crops have produced much lower yields than expected, while grass that would normally feed cattle and sheep has failed to grow. Some livestock farmers are eating into supplies of animal feed that were being saved for the winter, adding significantly to their costs and leaving them anxious about the months ahead.

Faced with problems on this scale, it is easy to feel powerless. None of us can make it rain. We cannot restore a failed crop or replenish a winter's supply of animal feed. When we see the size of the challenge, what difference can we possibly make?

We may feel something similar when we hear that demand at our local foodbank is at record levels while donations have fallen and the warehouse shelves are running low. One extra tin or packet of food can seem hopelessly inadequate beside such enormous need.

The disciples must have felt something like that when Jesus asked them to feed a crowd of more than 5,000 people. They looked at the number of hungry people gathered around them and immediately recognised the impossibility of the task. All they had available were five loaves and two fish. What possible difference could so little make among so many?

But Jesus did not ask the disciples to produce enough food for the whole crowd. He asked them to bring what they had. Jesus received the loaves and fish, gave thanks for them, and somehow that little offering became enough to feed everyone.

We may look at the scale of the needs around us and conclude that what we have to offer could not possibly make a difference. But we are not responsible for meeting every need. We are simply invited to bring what we have and allow it to become part of a much larger response.

That principle reaches far beyond food. We may not be able to solve someone's loneliness, grief or anxiety, but we can make a telephone call, offer a lift, cook a meal, listen for a few minutes or speak an encouraging word. Small acts of love do not solve every problem, but they can make a real difference to the person who receives them.

When many people each offer something small, the combined effect can be greater than any of us imagine.

This harvest, there are two small but significant things we can do...

Firstly, **please consider buying an extra item** when you go shopping and leaving it in one of the foodbank collection boxes in our churches. We will be collecting food at our harvest services - but please don't wait until then if you can give something now. One tin will not restock an empty warehouse, but it will help provide food for an individual or a family. Joined with hundreds of other small donations, it will become part of something much greater.

Secondly, you can support people in farming by coming to our **Charity Harvest Barn Dance** at Kinton Sports and Social Club on Friday 18 September (details inside). All the profits will go to the **Farming Community Network**, which provides practical and pastoral support to farmers and farming families during difficult times.

My prayer for us all this harvest is that we would notice those for whom changing weather, empty shelves and rising costs are not merely inconveniences, but serious threats to their livelihoods and wellbeing. Faced with needs greater than any one of us can meet, I pray we resist the temptation to

think our contribution is too small. May we bring what we have (our food, our money, our time and our compassion) and trust that, joined with the offerings of others, it will make a greater difference than we can imagine.

Rev Barry Jackson

#### Foodbank Shortages

- TINS OF COLD MEAT
- TINS OF READY MEALS
- TINS OF VEGETABLES
- PASTA SAUCE
- RICE
- TINS OF FRUIT
- LONG LIFE MILK
- FRUIT JUICE
- SPONGE PUDDINGS (PACKETS)
- TINS OF CUSTARD
- TINS OF RICE PUDDING
- BISCUITS
- COFFEE
- LAUNDRY POWDER/LIQUID
- SHAMPOO

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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## SEPTEMBER SERVICES IN THE EDGEHILL PARISHES

|      | Kinton                      | Combroke            | Radway               | Ratley               | Warmington           | Shotteswell        |
|------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 6th  | 10.00am<br>Simply Celebrate |                     | 8.30am<br>Communion  | 10.30am<br>Communion |                      | 8.30am<br>BCP Comm |
| 13th | 10.30am<br>Communion        | 9.00am<br>Communion |                      |                      | 10.30am<br>Communion |                    |
| 20th | 10.30am<br>Morning Worship  |                     | 10.30am<br>Communion | 6.30pm<br>Evensong   |                      | 10.30am<br>Harvest |
| 27th | 10.30am<br>Communion        |                     | 3pm<br>Harvest       |                      | 10.30am<br>Harvest   |                    |

### SIMPLY CELEBRATE

Sunday 6th Sept  
10am St Peter's Kinton



Come for **breakfast** to begin the service. A time with God for everyone. Our young people help lead the service.

### Breathing Space

Sunday 6th Sept, 4 - 5pm at Kinton church

BREATHING SPACE



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

Letting go of our daily stresses

### CONNECT

A life group for 13-18 year olds  
Films, video clips, pizza, chill & chat about God, life, the universe and everything.



Next Meeting: Sunday 6th Sept 6 to 7:30pm



### YOUTH GROUP FOR 9-12 YEAR OLDS

Sun 13th Sept, 5.30-7.00pm

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

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

Register with Liz at [SPKfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:SPKfamilies@gmail.com)

### St Peter's invite you to A CHARITY HARVEST BARN DANCE

Friday 18th Sept from 6.30pm  
at Kinton Sports and Social Club



All profits going to the  
Farming Community Network



Tickets: Adults £10 and School-aged children £5

For more details or to order a ticket use the QR code

We hope you can join us

## HARVEST SERVICES & EVENTS

Shotteswell harvest service is at 10.30am on 20th Sept followed by a harvest event in the village hall at 7pm

Warmington harvest service is at 10.30am on 27th September.

Radway harvest service is at 3pm on 27th Sept followed by a supper at 7pm on Monday 28th Sept in the village hall.

Ratley harvest service is at 6.30pm on 4th Oct



### Conflict resolution in a divided world

Online & in-person from 24th Sept  
at Kinton Primary School

Difference is a 5 session course that explores how we can help resolve conflict and see transformation in our everyday lives.

Difference will look at how we cross divides, disagree well, let go, and more

"Reconciliation is not the ending of all difference, but the transformation of how we deal with difference."

Archbishop Justin Welby

For more info or to book a place use the QR code, or contact Barry at [revbarryjackson@btinternet.com](mailto:revbarryjackson@btinternet.com)



## Build imagination with Lego!



Sat 19th Sept from 10:00am in  
Warmington Village Hall

Children must bring an adult (**BUT** adults don't need to be accompanied by a child!) for more details contact: [Rev.AlisonAbbott@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.AlisonAbbott@gmail.com) or phone 07923 442970



### 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 Sept 3pm-4.30pm  
in Ratley Village Hall

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

