



The Edgehill Churches

Parish Link

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Growing
Community*

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Oct 2025

One of the privileges of being a rural vicar is that I get to be a part of several village communities... and they are all awesome!

When I pause to think about it, I'm impressed by the positive life in our communities... the many different social activities and events; the way that people greet friend and stranger on the streets; the care that people show for friends and neighbours; the pub staff, restaurant owners, shop keepers and business owners that don't just run businesses in the community, they also want to do what they can to help bring community together. Scout groups, the W.I., parish councils, our schools, the village hall committees, sports clubs, village churches, book groups, and many other organisations all work to bring people together... helping them to make new friendships and strengthen old ones.

I don't know the statistics for other organisations, but I've worked it out for our churches, and every year thousands of people come to the events and activities we organise: tea/coffee mornings/afternoons, breakfasts, lunches, suppers, games nights, curry nights, village fetes, flower festivals, craft fayres, concerts, etc. When you add in all the events and activities that the other organisations put on, the rich tapestry of interconnections we develop is what helps to knit us together as a community.

And I love the wonderfully diverse nature of the people who come to those events and activities... Men and women working in so many different jobs; from farms to factories, from surgeries to schools, from shops to pubs, from desk jobs to manual ones, from hospitals to care homes, etc. Some are wealthy, some are just getting by, and some are struggling. Some are outgoing and friendly, others are more reserved. People of so many different ages, races, nationalities, religions and political affiliations all coming together for celebrations, meals, games, displays, con-

certs, etc. There are even Man United/Man City, Liverpool/Everton supporters coming together in the mix!

In a society that prizes the individual and where people in towns and cities can live without even

knowing their neighbours, our wonderfully diverse and many-faceted village communities are precious gems that need to be treasured and cared for.

And those communities do need caring for, they need ongoing investment to help people see past conflict and remember the ties that bind us are greater than the things that can threaten to pull

us apart. I'm grateful to the many people who serve our communities in this way. They help us remember that key commandment: to love our neighbours as ourselves. Their continued efforts help counter the fear and suspicion that is often part of the diet we receive in the news and on social media.

So thank you to the people (many of them unseen and unrecognised) who help to make our villages such warm and welcoming places. I pray that we might all notice what they do and find ways that we, too, can do our part to help grow community.

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OCTOBER SERVICES IN THE EDGEHILL PARISHES

	Kineton		Combroke	Radway	Ratley	Warmington	Shotteswell
5th		10:00am Simply Harvest	4.30pm Harvest	3.00pm Harvest			
12th		10.30am Communion	9.00am Communion			10.30am Communion	
19th	8.30am BCP Comm	10.30am Morning Worship		10.30am Communion	6.30pm Evensong		8.30am Communion
26th		10.30am Communion				10.30am Communion	10.30am Communion

Breathing Space

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

A time of mindful, meditative prayer to help release tensions and find some peace in our busy lives. 4pm for refreshments & 4.30 for the service.

BREATHING
SPACE

Letting go of our daily stresses



Build imagination with Lego!



Sat 18th Oct from 1:30pm 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 or phone 07923 442970

Charity Pop-Up Board Games Café

Friday 17th Oct at 7.00pm at

The Sports and Social club, Kineton



If you love board games, then come and join us for a charity board game evening.

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 (bring a take away) and start playing at 7.30. more info on the QR code or from Barry at revbarryjackson@btinternet.com



THE BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

A weekly drop-in group

Mondays 2.30-3.30pm Scout Hut, Kineton
from 8th September

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 Rev Matthew Arnold on mtr.arnold@googlemail.com

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 SPKfamilies@gmail.com



A practical exploration of the Christian faith

In person & online for five Mondays from 3rd Nov at 7pm at Kineton Primary School

Explore is a 5 session course that provides an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. There will be a live talks and discussions, and the course content will also be available in a series of short videos.

More info from Matthew at mtr.arnold@googlemail.com

BLOKE'S CURRY NIGHT

Tues 4th Nov 7.00pm.

at Shukurs, Kineton

A great night out with men from around the area.



We've agreed a set price menu of £18.95 per head (for a main, rice, and naan). Any drinks will be on top of that.

Use the QR code to reserve a spot, or email revbarryjackson@btinternet.com

We hope you can join us.

LADIES CURRY NIGHT

Tuesday 18th Nov 7.00pm

A great night out at Shukurs with ladies from around the area;



We've agreed a set price menu of £15.95 per head (for a main, with rice OR naan), and any drinks will be on top of that. Use the QR code to reserve a spot, or email

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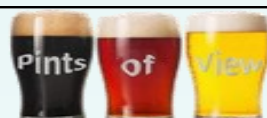
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RADWAY'S TEA, CHAT & PLAY

Every Wednesday 3pm - 5pm in the Village Hall

All ages are welcome from babies to grandpas!



PINTS OF VIEW

The White Swan, Kineton

Every Sunday at 7.30pm

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

TEA & CHAT

Friday 30th Oct 3pm-4.30pm

in Ratley Village Hall

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

