



Pews News

Sunday 1st September

10am Holy Communion, St Mary's

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Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers

The sick: Marilyn Bailey, Sandra Baxter-Brown, Dennis Evans, James Field, Stacey Medalyer, Christine Miles and Jacky Williams

Interregnum Prayer

Lord God our Father, call to this your parish and ours, a true shepherd, a person of God, a minister of Christ; and make us, with them, a parish joyful in worship and united in witness, working, caring, praising, loving, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WHATEVER IT TAKES, I'M HEADING TO THE DUNSFOLD PET SERVICE

Come along and join the St Mary and All Saints's service of thanksgiving for our pets and all animals. You and your pets will get a warm welcome. It takes place on Sunday, September 8th at 10am outside the Sun Inn.

And please don't rush off afterwards. Stay for a chat and a coffee in the Sun Inn.

St Mary & All Saints' Church, Dunsfold

Pop-up Stall

Homemade bakes and preserves
Bric-à-brac
Food bank donation point
Harvest Supper tickets

Struggling with a glut of fruit or veg, or know someone who is? Please bring extras to the stall - we need more for our preserves!

Sat 7th Sept
10am-Noon

St Mary and All Saints' Church Dunsfold presents...

Harvest SUPPER & QUIZ NIGHT

Two-course meal • Cash bar
Raffle • Children welcome!

SATURDAY 28TH SEPT 2024 | **6:00PM WINN HALL DUNSFOLD**

Join us again for an evening of fun and friendship in aid of Dunsfold Church

Tickets (£15/£5 under 16s) available from shonemelanie@hotmail.com, Sept pop-up stall and village shop

PLUS...

AND SOME OTHER IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, September 7th. Pop-up Stall on Dunsfold Common from 10 am to noon.

Saturday, September 28th. Harvest supper and quiz at the Winn Hall.

Sunday, September 29th. Our Harvest Sunday service at St Mary and All Saints's Church, Dunsfold at 10am.

Message from the Churchwardens

It has been drawn to our attention that people have been using the Rectory drive as a cut through to access the Church. The Rectory is private property and there is no public right of way through the grounds, either for cars, or pedestrians. While the parish is in vacancy the Rectory has been rented out to private tenants and there is no access, or parking, without their express permission.

The Church and churchyard are open every day and we hold regular services. We welcome all visitors, particularly those who join us in our services. Parking is available on the access road down to the Church.

Please respect the privacy of the tenants of the Rectory.

Sheila Jones, Jan Richardson (Churchwardens)

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO WINNIE THE POOH



When the Church is at its best, it shows that people are accepted for who they are.

Jesus was perceptive, and always brought out the best in people, even if the best didn't seem particularly good, Jesus found a way to use imperfection to bring something beautiful into the world.

That's the gospel according to Winnie the Pooh, as well; the realm of stuffed animals coming to life through the spirit of A.A. Milne's, Christopher Robin.

Take Eeyore, he's always dour and ready to look for the dark cloud on any sunny day, and yet he still gets invited to participate in adventures with all of his friends. And they never expect him to pretend to feel happy, they just love him anyway, and they never leave him behind or ask him to change. In the church at its best, we welcome people just as they are, the one in the pew next to you, or the homeless person who wanders into the building. We are kind even when we disagree.

Or take Piglet, always a little anxious, after all he's a Small Animal and the world is so big, and yet it's Piglet who saves the day, summoning all his courage to rescue his friends from danger. Here, we take little ones, and give them a dream and tools to become larger than they imagined – that's what Jesus did with the boy with five loaves and two fish, whose generosity fed a multitude.

Or look at Rabbit, suspicious of strangers or anything that's unfamiliar. He's the apostle of "we've always done it this way." He likes the way church was in the good old days and worries that strangers will destroy our way of life. His bluntness can hurt. And, yet, he overcomes his suspicion of strangers and makes new friends with those strange animals who come to the Wood.

Or Kanga and Roo, who come without documentation, strangers in a strange land, and give heart to the community.

Or Owl who uses big words – reminding everyone he's the smartest creature in the Wood. The problem is: no one understands him and once he gets talking, he doesn't even understand himself. Yet, he is loved; the brightest and the simplest belong in God's realm.

Then there's Tigger, bouncing through the wood, talking loudly, and sprinting up the aisles of the church just to show how happy he is, a regular nuisance, disrupting the order of worship – sometimes during the prayers. And yet his messy spirituality is as real as the most ardent believer.

And, of course, honey driven Pooh, who meanders throughout the Wood, always in search of a snack or a beehive, a bear of little brain, but all heart and all love. He saves the day, by reminding us that love is the only thing that really matters, and that when we love God and one another, then we truly are a Church.

In the 100 Acre Wood, they all belong, they're all needed, and together they bring out the best in each other just like the "body of Christ," described by the apostle Paul; everyone needed, everyone important, everyone having a gift to share.

