



# All Saints and St. Luke's Parish Page

## Dear Friends,

It's here! The month of the big events in the community: the special Saturday on 5<sup>th</sup> at the Crown – a day of music and entertainment with Cat 'n' Fiddle and The Yetties, the special musical event at Frilford on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>, and of course the BIG MARCHAM WEEKEND later in the month! These events are celebrations of life, and should be great fun!

A friend recently sent me a poem she had heard on Radio 2, entitled 'I am thankful', and this was a timely reminder that despite the pressures and problems of life, most of us have a great deal to be profoundly thankful for, including times of celebration and fun.

Being thankful and expressing gratitude are attitudes of heart and mind that can encourage and contribute a great deal to our wellbeing and to the wellbeing of others. In his letter to those living in Thessalonica, the apostle Paul wrote the following:

'Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.' [1 Thessalonians 5:16-18]

The Christian faith is about joy, prayer, and thankfulness; it is about celebration and worship. Jesus is alive, the Holy Spirit is available and God is love! Enjoy!

With my warmest greetings

Revd Richard Zair

## Prayer of the Month:

Almighty God,  
Thank you for times of celebration and fun.  
Thank you for family and friends, for our community.  
Thank you for every good gift, for every new day – and 'yes' for the gift of life itself!  
Please be near those for whom life is a struggle and whose circumstances are hard.  
Help us to help others in need, and to share every good gift of your love and grace.  
In Jesus' name.  
Amen.

## JUNE calendar:

- Sat. 5<sup>th</sup>: 8.00 am Men's breakfast at the Sports and Social Club
- Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> / Sun. 20<sup>th</sup>: BIG MARCHAM WEEKEND
- The second Garford Café Church will be held in Garford village hall on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 am.
- Advance notice: Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY: ISIS Orchestra charity concert at All Saints. Tickets will be available shortly.

## Parish Diary:

This summer we are very pleased that we can continue with improvements to All Saints' and St. Luke's churches, including redecoration. This will necessitate some moving of furniture, and some internal rearrangements. Please be patient whilst this work is proceeding, and our apologies for any inconvenience whilst the work is taking place.

## Parish People:

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of John Redwood of Garford. His funeral took place at St. Luke's on 23 April.

## Regular services:

**Sundays at All Saints':** 10 am and 6 pm  
(8 am first Sunday)

**Wednesdays:** 10.30 am Holy Communion  
at Duffield Place

**Sundays at St. Luke's:** 10.30 am on the first  
Sunday of the month

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