

## OAK HILL GROUP OF PARISHES

(Alderton, Gt. Washbourne,  
Dumbleton & Wormington)

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**JULY 2025**



### **Universal Symbol of Peace**

Dear Friends

Sunday by Sunday we have been reflecting on Christ's post-Easter appearances and also on how, before his death, he prepared his disciples to take forward his ministry. We have also been considering the development of the early Church, specifically Peter's ministry in Acts and dipping into Revelation and pondering some of the lessons to be learned from there.

This year these passages seemed especially poignant as Pope Francis was called home to his eternal rest and Pope Leo became the new leader of the Roman Catholic Church. Maybe for the first time you/we have reflected on the inaugural speech of a Pope, and this one was very much a speech for all Christians (in my opinion!) and one about peace and unity.

Peace is one of the most enduring themes post-Easter and coupled with the vision in Revelation of the unity and peace in heaven there is a strong message for our very troubled world, especially now with the US getting involved in the conflict between Israel, Gaza and Iran!

At home the General Synod has had to make some hard decisions this year, and our prayers must be for strength and unity in the Church of England as we face the challenges and changes at national and at local level - praying for the forthcoming General Synod scheduled for 11-15<sup>th</sup> July.

On a local level it has been a privilege working alongside our 4 PCCs' and Lay people as we try to reinforce bonds with those less able to attend church. I would like to remind you that anyone wishing a visit or Communion at home should not hesitate to get in touch with me and I will ensure that it happens.

All are welcome to our Services including families and friends who come to stay with you during the holiday season. It's always great to see children come and join us. Both in Alderton and Dumbleton we have an area at the back of the church for children to play, read or do some colouring and if they wish, present it to us after Communion.

Recently, it's been wonderful to have a four-year-old named Ella, come and join me at the High Altar when preparing for Communion and even wanting to sit with me or the choir – and who knows – maybe a future priest, Bishop or even The Archbishop of Canterbury in the making! Literally, Lord only knows! Ella is the granddaughter of a dear friend. I'd be more than happy if children aged 7+ would like to come and learn to assist me at the Altar, read lessons or be a welcomer.

The Church is always changing, nothing stands still, and like other congregations and indeed in the Secular world, we face the many challenges as we journey on into the future. In the midst of these troubling and uncertain times we continue to do what we have always done, to reach out in love and prayer and to support others. Our ministry here is the sum of many different parts, and it's great to welcome visitors over the summer who may come into our churches and are touched by the peace they find in the midst of their busy lives.

Have a lovely summer, enjoy all those summer sporting events - I like to watch Wimbledon - and happy holidays. Go well, and please do pray for each other, for the Church and the wider world, especially pray that the conflict in the middle east may not escalate further and that Christ's peace and unity might prevail and his love for one another might be the mark of us, his people. The Peace of the Lord be always with you. Love Julia x

### **ALDERTON**

**Alderton Pet Service: Sunday July 13th at 10.30am.** This is a relaxed informal and fun short service so we would love you to bring your pets. In the past all the pets have been very well behaved! And we have had a great variety - ferrets, a tortoise, a parrot, rabbits, obviously some dogs and the occasional cat - and once a horse! Everyone including the pets will have a very warm welcome.

**Summer Fair Saturday July 12th: 1pm to 4pm:** there will be stalls in the churchyard with tea and cakes in the Village Hall. Donations to the stalls would be very welcome and these can be dropped off at the following:

Gifts - Sue Bennett (10 Fletcher Close) Tombola - John Williams (30 St Margarets Drive) Raffle prizes - Helen West (Junipers Blacksmiths Rd) Plants - Joy Edwards - (21 St Margarets Rd) Cakes to be dropped off at the Village Hall on the day. Other stalls include Pimms, Strawberries, Savouries, Jams and Preserves, Coconut Shy and for the children - games and face painting. The Alderton Belles will be playing their handbells at 2.15pm. So we would love to welcome everybody from our lovely village to come and enjoy a traditional Summer Fair.

**Appeal for a new Church Heating System:** the gas boiler is nearing the end of its life and rather than wait for it to break down potentially in the winter, the PCC has decided that we need to work towards putting a new heating system in, and become a more Eco friendly church, hence, we need to raise funds for this so there is a separate pamphlet with the newsletter to explain this.

## **GREAT WASHBOURNE**

As this is being written, the Great Washbourne Summer Event is about to take place. Just to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us in the organisation of the event, and to those who will be supporting us on Friday evening by attending. Fingers are crossed that the dry warm weather continues into Friday evening in which we can enjoy, good food, good wine, good entertainment and great company. We are looking forward to it.

## **DUMBLETON**

**“PIMMS and PIG ROAST” SATURDAY 5th JULY at ‘THE VILLA’ BLACKSMITHS LANE starting at 6pm.** Hopefully you already have your tickets (£15 each) for this popular village event but if not, then contact Jenny MAHER (01386 881474) to get some and lend your support to this FUNdraising evening. Everyone is welcome.

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY.** The relaxed service this month will concentrate on **FRIENDSHIP** so do come and join us again for informal worship with lovely hymns, suitable poems together with humorous and relatable readings. There are always refreshments afterwards to enjoy in a social atmosphere, and we look forward to welcoming you.

**A CHANGE OF DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!** The Annual church **GIFT DAY** with **TEAS ON THE GREEN** will now be held on **SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER** and NOT the 30th August as shown on this year’s village calendar.

From the Registers: Holy Matrimony 31st May, MAX BRAHAM to HANNAH AL-KHALDI  
Baptism, DIGBY DAVID CHRISTOPHER HUMPHERSON.

## **WORMINGTON**

PCC meeting date Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm at Dairymead

Wormington Parish meeting **14th July 7pm**, St Katharine’s Church

**Friends of St Katharine’s Church AGM meeting 22nd July 6.00pm**, St Katharine’s Church – all welcome to attend

### **WVS events**

Bar Nights from **6.30pm, 5th July, Boules & BBQ 19th July from 4pm with Pay bar; Silent Disco 2nd August**

Many thanks to Sarah and her helpers for organising an enjoyable cream tea afternoon

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# SERVICES FOR JULY 2025

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<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> <b>T3</b> <b>[Proper 9]</b> <b>Green</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>GT WASHBOURNE</b> <b>HC CW</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>DUMBLETON</b> <b>HC CW</b>	<b>Isaiah 66.10-14</b> <b>Galatians 6. [1-6] 7-16</b> <b>Luke 10.1-11, 16-20</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>10.00am - Alderton</b> <b>'Said' HC</b>	
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>T4</b> <b>[Proper 10]</b> <b>Green</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>WORMINGTON</b> <b>HC CW</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>ALDERTON</b> <b>Thanksgiving &amp; a Blessing</b> <b>for our Animals -</b> <b>a relaxed informal and fun</b> <b>short service</b>	<b>Deut 30.9-14</b> <b>Col 1.1-14</b> <b>Luke 10.25-37</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>T5</b> <b>[Proper 11]</b> <b>Green</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>GT WASHBOURNE</b> <b>HC CW</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>DUMBLETON</b> <b>Informal Family Service on</b> <b>Friendship with poems,</b> <b>readings, hymns</b>	<b>Gen 18.1-10a</b> <b>Col 1.15-28</b> <b>Luke 10.38-end</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>T6</b> <b>[Proper 12]</b> <b>Green</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>WORMINGTON</b> <b>Choral Evensong</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>ALDERTON</b> <b>HC CW</b>	<b>Gen 18.30-32</b> <b>Col 2. 6-15 [16-19]</b> <b>Luke 11.1-13</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> August</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> <b>T7</b> <b>[Proper 13]</b> <b>Green</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>GT WASHBOURNE</b> <b>HC CW</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>DUMBLETON</b> <b>HC CW</b>	<b>Eccl 1. 2, 12-14</b> <b>Col 3.1-11</b> <b>Luke 12.13-21</b>

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