

OAK HILL GROUP OF PARISHES

(Alderton, Gt. Washbourne,
Dumbleton & Wormington)

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Eclipse - 12th August 2026

Dear Friends

At the time of writing, I hear on the news Dolly Parton has just died – I must say I did like her music, alongside the stories she told through her songs.

Likewise, I write this at the time when we have experienced dangerously high temperatures which lasted over days and was repeated many times. A result of global warming. It's certainly been a difficult time for those unfortunate people around the country who have lost their lives due to heatstroke, and those who've lost their homes, either temporarily or altogether through fires. The world is at a critical point in its history as we face an extinction-level environmental event. David Attenborough says, 'This isn't just about losing wonders of nature. With the loss of even the smallest organisms, we destabilise and ultimately risk collapsing the world's eco systems - the networks that support the whole of life on Earth.'

September is a fresh start for congregations as summer ends, schools return, and regular ministry programs launch. I do hope that you have enjoyed a restful August and that you feel refreshed and energised. As our summer holidays come to an end, we pray for all young people who have received their exam results and for all who will be returning to school and further education in the following weeks. May they face their challenges and joys with equal courage and enthusiasm.

Not only does September herald the start of a new school year, but it also sees the start of a busy time in the Liturgical Calendar as we begin to look ahead to the end of Ordinary Time to the Kingdom Season, Advent and Christmas. The dates for all special services over the coming months will be found in this Newsletter.

As we continue to journey through life, I pray that we will become increasingly aware of God's divine presence within and around us. This comes with every good Blessing as we commence our journey through the autumn season. Julia x

Our dear friend **John Debenham** sends his "deepest thanks and appreciation of the kindest and dearest greetings he received upon his retirement from the Parish. He was overwhelmed by the generous monetary collection and the kind remarks on the accompanying card."

ALDERTON

Sunday August 30th will be a **CAFÉ CHURCH** for all 4 churches in the Oak Hill Group as it is a 5th Sunday. This will be at **St Katherine's Church Wormington at 5pm** and the subject is "Food for Thought " so come along and find out what it is about. It is an informal service but there will be a simple communion part to it.

NORTH COTSWOLD FOOD BANK - just a reminder that while the village shop is closed and also for Harvest, there is a collection box by the south door of the Church for dried/tinned products and toiletries.

ALDERTON'S HARVEST SERVICE will take the title Harvest Hymns and Pimm's and will be on **Sunday September 27th at 10.30am**. There will be a mixture of hymns, some bible passages and harvest poems and there will be Pimm's to enjoy after the service. Do let Helen know if you have a favourite harvest hymn you would like to sing: helenmarywest4@gmail.com

PET SERVICE ON OCTOBER 11TH - we are looking forward to welcoming a large variety of animals to this informal service.

FROM THE REGISTERS: Monday 10th August, Funeral and Burial,
Enid Mary CULLIMORE

GREAT WASHBOURNE

Great Washbourne's **HARVEST FESTIVAL** will be held on **Sunday September 20th**. The Harvest Celebration Service is at midday followed by a bring and share lunch in the church or churchyard, depending on the weather. Soft drinks will be provided but feel free to bring your own beer or wine. We will be supporting the North Cotswold Foodbank and contributions of cash or produce will be gratefully received via the box in church or on the day. Everyone is very welcome to join us. Please contact Karen on 07887 597792 for more information.

Date for the diary is the Great Washbourne **FAMILY QUIZ on November 14th**. More details to follow.

DUMBLETON

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5th, CHURCH GIFT DAY together with TEAS ON THE GREEN. 3-5pm You will all have received the letter with the information about this event and we hope you will come and join us to enjoy a "cuppa and a piece of cake (or two)". Always a lively Village occasion offering a chance to meet and catch up with friends and neighbours. We hope for good weather but if not it will be In church. See you there.

"MYSTICAL MAGIC OF SONG" with **THE KENELM SINGERS** on **SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER, 7pm** in church. Shelley Hogan is once again bringing her choir to entertain us with music by Britten, Vaughan Williams and Elgar. This again promises to be a wonderful evening of music and tickets are £12 Adults, £5 under 18's, and will be available from Winchcombe Museum or PCC members, Tricia Steggles (01386 882049) and Jenny Maher (01386 881474) We sincerely hope to see you at this event.

WEDNESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER at 1.30pm. A visiting team of Bellringers will be ringing for approximately 1hr

DATES FOR OCTOBER: Harvest Festival Songs of Praise Service, Sunday 4th October. Let us know if you have a favourite Harvest Hymn you would like included in this service. **Harvest Supper Saturday 17th October**, more details next month.

FROM THE REGISTERS: 24th July, Burial, James Amos HALFORD.

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Holy Matrimony: 1st August, Alex William GORDON, Steffi THOMAS

Baptism: 2nd August, Olive Anita HAVERS MORGAN

WORMINGTON

Auction of Promises with "Champagne, Wine & Canapes"

Many thanks to Mathew, Sarah, Mark, Heather and Angela, plus all the kind people who donated Auction items for this lovely event that raised over £3000 for the WVS and PCC funds.

HARVEST SERVICE – Sunday 27th September 6pm – All are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service

WVS WINE TASTING with cheese - The date for Wine tasting and cheese event is **3rd October** - details to follow.

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Lectionary Year A

If you wish to receive personal prayer for yourself or a family member/friend after the Service, please speak to Julia

6 th Sept 1 st Sunday [Proper 18] T14 Green	9.00am GREAT WASHBOURNE HC CW	10.30am DUMBLETON HC CW	Ezekiel 33.7-11 Romans 13.8-9 Matthew 18.15-20
13 th Sept 2 nd Sunday [Proper 19] T15 Green	9.00am WORMINGTON HC CW	10.30am ALDERTON HC CW	Genesis 50.15-21 Romans 14.1-12 Matthew 18.21-35
20 th Sept 3 rd Sunday [Proper 20] T16 Green	12noon GT WASHBOURNE HARVEST SERVICE followed bring and share LUNCH	10.30am DUMBLETON HC CW	Jonah 3.10-end of 4 Philippians 1.21-end Matthew 20.1-16
27 th Sept 4 th Sunday [Proper 21] T17 Green	6.00pm WORMINGTON HARVEST FESTIVAL FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS	10.30am ALDERTON HARVEST SERVICE WITH HYMNS AND PIMM'S	Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32
4 th October 1 st Sunday [Proper 22] T18 Green	9.00am GREAT WASHBOURNE HC CW	10.30am DUMBLETON HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE	Isaiah 5.1-7 Philippians 3.4b-14 Matthew 21.33-end

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