

Wickham Bishops Parish Magazine
July & August 2024



Produced by St Bartholomew's Church
www.churchinwickhambishops.org.uk

ALL ARE WELCOME !

A Service of

Thanksgiving

for the re-opening of

St. Bartholomew's Church
following the redecoration

Sunday 21st July

at 10.30 a.m.

*A celebratory Eucharist Service to give
thanks to the parish community for your
support and generosity*

*The Bishop of Colchester,
Rt Reverend Roger Morris
will preside*

Church Services for July & August

Our 10.30 am Sunday services at St. Bartholomew's Church are on FB Live

SUNDAY 7 July

8.00 am

10.30 am

6th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

SUNDAY 14 July

8.00 am

10.30 am

7th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

SUNDAY 21 July

9.00 am

10.30 am

8th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion at St. Nicholas' Lt. Braxted
Celebration Eucharist following the re-opening
of St Bartholomew's with Bishop Roger Morris

SUNDAY 28 July

8.00 am

10.30 am

9th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday Praise Service [moved from 21st]

SUNDAY 4 August

8.00 am

10.30 am

10th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

SUNDAY 11 August

8.00 am

10.30 am

11th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

SUNDAY 18 August

9.00 am

10.30 am

12th Sunday of Trinity

Holy Communion at St. Nicholas' Lt. Braxted
Sunday Praise Service

SUNDAY 25 August

8.00 am

10.30 am

Feast of St Bartholomew

Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Communion

Parish Register

Baptisms None

Marriages None

Funerals Pat Cradock

Tuesday 25th June
Funeral and burial at St Bartholomew's

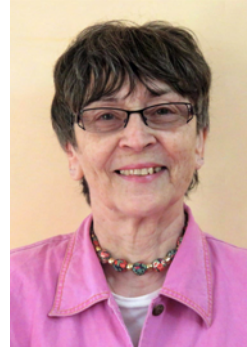
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A Letter from Christine Bealer

Welcome to the month of July - the beginning of the second half of the year.

The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar used in most parts of the world; it came into effect in October 1582. July, the seventh month, is on average the warmest month in most of the Northern Hemisphere, where it is the second month of summer, and the coldest month in much of the Southern Hemisphere, where it is the second month of winter.



How did the name of July come into being?

After the murder of The Roman General and Statesman Julius Caesar on the Ides of March in 44BC, Rome was on the brink of civil war. Many within the Roman aristocracy wanted Caesar condemned as a tyrant who needed to be purged from history, while the Roman citizens admired and adored him. To stabilize the situation and prevent a civil war, the Roman Senate chose to side with the people. They gave Caesar's birth month Quintilis the new name 'mens iulius', 'the month of Julius'.

There are a number of religious holidays during the month of July; in date order here are some of them:

The Seventeenth of Tammuz is a Jewish fast day on July 5-6 commemorating the breach of the walls of Jerusalem before the destruction of the Second Temple. It falls on the 17th day of the 4th Hebrew month of Tammuz and marks the beginning of the three-week mourning period leading up to Tisha B'Av, the saddest day in the Jewish calendar. On this day, the Book of Lamentations, which mourns the destruction of Jerusalem, is read in the synagogue, followed by the recitation of kinnot, liturgical dirges that lament the loss of the Temples and Jerusalem.

Islamic New Year Al-Hijra & Muharram

As the Islamic New Year is determined by the lunar calendar, it does not always occur on the same date of the Gregorian calendar, but will vary each year. In 2024, Al-Hijra is set to begin on the evening of 7th of July.

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Hijra in Arabic means 'migration' or 'emigration'. In Islam, the Hijra refers to the 200-mile journey Muhammad made from his hometown of Mecca to the city of Medina in order to escape religious persecution.

July 21 – Asalha Puja

For Buddhists, this day is the start of a three-month mandatory retreat for all monks. Buddhists visit temples to give offerings, pray and meditate and listen to sermons. It is intended to be a day of new beginnings and renewal.

And finally, on 21st July, this year 2024, we will be having our own new beginnings and renewal in St Bartholomew's Church. A Thanksgiving service for the redecorated Church will be held in St Bartholomew's Church and we are pleased to announce that The Right Revd the Bishop of Colchester will be joining us for the 10.30am service. So all you lovely people from Wickham Bishops who have supported the church and helped to raise the monies needed to complete the decoration and refurbishment; we are so very grateful to each and every one of you and would be pleased if you would join us on that day, so we can welcome you to come and see the finished results for yourselves!

21st July at 10.30 am in St Bartholomew's Church

**St Bartholomew's
Church Hall
Wickham Bishops**

**Monday 8th July and
Monday 12th August
2.30 - 4.00 pm**



Interested? Just come along or phone Sue on 01621 892032



FLOWER FESTIVAL



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
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“THE JOY OF FLOWERS”



FRIDAY JULY 12TH – MONDAY 15TH JULY 2024
10AM – 5PM

Refreshment tent 🌸 Free Admission 🌸 Live music

SUNDAY SERVICE 10- 11



Wickham Bishops Women's Institute ...

On a blustery afternoon in May we enjoyed an uplifting talk from Julie at the Bra Consultancy in Maldon. Julie gave us an insight into the history and development of the item that plays an essential role in our concept of dress, fashion and confidence in how we see ourselves from an early age.

Earlier in the month 16 members enjoyed lunch at the newly opened Claire's Cabin and Smokehouse in Great Totham and in true WI spirit discussed every topic from the price of food to the forthcoming election.

If you would like to join us and you would be very welcome, we meet on the last Thursday of the month in Wickham Bishops Church Hall at 2pm. For further information please contact Margaret Curtis on 01621 815161

Margaret Curtis

The Arts Society Blackwater



Thursday 11th July

Great Railway Stations

evoking the spirit of romance and adventure

Ian Swankie

Please note the new date and topic due to the general election

Visitors welcome - all enquiries to Julie Chellingsworth - 01621 788608

Meetings are normally held at the Wickham Bishops Village Hall at 11 am

Visit our website www.theartsocietyblackwater.org.uk

Wickham Bishops Jazz Club

is taking a break during July and August

In the autumn we can look forward to:

Sep 21 Dave Browning's Jazz Cats

Oct 19 Tad Newton and friends

Nov 16 Peter Allen's Jazz Band

Dec 21 Allen Beechey's New Orleans Allstars

At Wickham Bishops Village Hall CM8 3JZ

(Doors open 6.30 for 7.30 start, until 10.30pm)

No Bar : Bring your own Drinks, Glasses and Nibbles.

Please remember to take your empties home.

Please leave quietly so that you do not disturb our neighbours.

To Book Tickets Please Contact Pete:

email: wickhambishopsjazzclub@gmail.com - Tel: 07548775777

Women's Christian Fellowship ...

In June eighteen of our members had a return visit to Le Bouchon in Heybridge for a delicious afternoon tea.

In July we will be welcoming Jenny Gibbs, a real life Shirley Valentine who will be talking about her amazing life in rural Turkey. This promises to be a very amusing afternoon. Do come, visitors are always very welcome.

Wednesday 10th July in the Church Hall at 2.30pm, hope to see you there.

Denise Yelland



Nineteen members and friends enjoyed a most successful trip at the end of May, to visit the two RHS gardens in northern England, at Harlow Carr in Harrogate and Bridgewater in Salford. A long coach journey, especially with major roadworks on one section of the A1, but we were rewarded with two beautiful gardens and, surprisingly, almost no rain. Both gardens had magnificent displays of candelabra primulas; the photograph barely does them justice as the colours were outstanding.



In June, we welcomed Heidi Seary talking about 'Developing Community Gardens'. Heidi is a most charismatic speaker and members were enthusiastic about her topic and keen to try to develop a community garden here in Wickham Bishops.

In July we hope to visit the Olympic Wilderness Park in Stratford, travelling by train on a group ticket. If you would like to join us on Thursday 18th July, please contact us via the details below.

We look forward to our summer garden party on Sunday 18th August, and then to a varied programme of talks and visits in the autumn.

Visitors are always welcomed to this friendly group - we offer refreshments including a glass of wine and plenty of good company. Members also enjoy a 10% discount at Olivers' Nursery and Claremont Garden Centre, and half-price on packets of seeds from King's Seeds.

For more information, please phone 01621 893360 or email HortiClub@outlook.com

Y3 Roman Horse Carriage Experience

Year 3 had an amazing day because two horses came in to visit them. The horses were dressed in fun Roman costumes. In groups Year 3 went out to see them in action. They looked so cool with the Roman carriage and we all loved how cute they were. Once we had seen them move we got to pet them softly on the nose. Once everyone had petted them we began to ask questions. They included how old they were, what their names were and how many times they had visited a school. We were very lucky because we were the first year group to be able to do it.



Written by Aphelia and Ariya (Year 3)

Y6 Art

Y6 have been enjoying creating Greek-style clay slab pots inspired by their favourite Greek gods and goddesses this term.

Y6 also experimented with oil pastels and watercolour and created a piece of artwork based on the human heart.



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Sports Day 2024

Last month our school held our annual sports day. Luckily, the weather was to our advantage and glorious sunshine beat down on us all day; this meant that we had to apply vast quantities of sun-cream and wear our hats.

For the KS1 children, there were Year 6 students helping them as they travelled around the activities, along with their parents and families. There was a medley of assorted events for everyone to participate in: the hurdles, egg and spoon race, bean bag throw and many more. I played my part by scoring the points (which reached extremely high amounts) in the bean bag throw with my friend and fellow Sports Leader Chloe. After an exhausting morning, it was announced that Willow had won the KS1 sports day. Then, it was time for the KS2 children to have a turn.

The KS2 children gradually made their way around each activity. There was a variety of fun and challenging things to get stuck into - such as the hockey slalom, cricket relay, bean bag throw and the hurdles. Then came the sprint races and shortly after that, the moment we had been waiting for! Using his microphone, Mr Hunt declared that Oak had been victorious! Everyone had fully enjoyed everything sports day had to offer.

I will miss it as I move on to secondary school and hope that all future sports days are filled with as much fun, enjoyment and entertainment as this one has been.

Written by Natasha (Year 6)



Garden Festival 2025

Sunday 8th June

Volunteers and Gardens Needed

Great Totham Women's' Institute ...


Six members attended the County Annual Meeting at Grays where, after the business meeting, we were entertained by Billericay member, Doreen Potter, who kept us highly amused with her reminiscences entitled 'Something Funny Happened When ...' The main speaker was Sally Gunnell talking on her journey to winning an Olympic gold medal in 1992. The afternoon saw a performance by Paulus, the Cabaret Geek and his pianist, in a tribute to Victoria Wood.

Our speaker this month was Maldon author, Patrick Forsyth, whose talk was entitled 'Journey Into Print'. Patrick's first book was linked to his career as a management consultant. Since then, he has written light-hearted travel books, books of humour and latterly novels with Maldon as the location. He read us extracts from many of his books which has left us all wanting to read more. A most informative and enjoyable evening.

Next month Jenny Gibbs will be talking about 'Farmhouse Restoration in a Turkish Village'

We are always pleased to see new members and would be happy to welcome you as a guest at any of our meetings held on the second Thursday of the month at Great Totham Village Hall, commencing at 8pm.

If you would like any more information about our group, you can find us on our website www.greattothamwi.weebly.com or, alternatively, email greattothamwi@gmail.com.



It is almost a year until the 2025 Wickham Bishops Garden Festival, but plans are already under way to make it the best one ever. We need volunteers to join the planning committee now, and will welcome offers of help on the actual day. To offer your help, please email Stewart Adkins on stadkins58@gmail.com

If you would be willing to open your garden, be it large or small, and showcase your gardening skills, we would also like to hear from you. Email Wendy Wallace on wendydwallace146@gmail.com

From the Parish Council . . .

A General Meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 4th of June. The minutes of the meeting can be read on:

www.wickhambishopsparishcouncil.org

The website has been upgraded and expanded recently. It now not only includes details of future meetings and council records, but also community pages which give contact details for social groups in the village, pages from the biodiversity and wildlife group, and a list of the current planning applications for Wickham Bishops and nearby parishes, where the proposal is close to our boundary. There is also a page of useful contact numbers and a link to the No. 90 bus timetable. Suggestions for additional features that could be included, are always welcomed.

In May, our 'Speedwatch' team recorded 100 vehicles exceeding the 30 mph speed limit, during 9 hours of checking, including one motorcycle clocked at 65 mph. The 'TruCam' team attended for four and a half hours during May and recorded 58 drivers exceeding the 30 mph speed limit. This is a service paid for by the Parish Council and any motorist caught exceeding the limit will be subject to the same penalties as if caught by the police.

The 'Saturday Surgery' is to be held on the 20th July and the 17th August, from 11 am to 12 noon, in the Library. No appointment is needed and all residents are invited to come and discuss any matter of concern.

A General Meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 2nd July at 7:30 pm in the boardroom of the village hall. Residents are invited to attend and may speak on any agenda item, or other matter of concern, during the 'Public Forum'. There is no meeting scheduled for August. A Planning Committee meeting will be held if required. Councillors may be contacted individually or you may contact the Parish Clerk on 07542 190176 or by email at

info@wickhambishopsparishcouncil.org

“Managed Migration” to Universal Credit

Many people who currently receive a means-tested “legacy benefit” such as Working Tax Credits, Income Support or Employment Support Allowance will need to claim Universal Credit instead through a process called “managed migration”.

How do you know if you need to do anything?

You will get a letter from the DWP and, **if it has a deadline** to claim Universal Credit (which should be at least 3 months in the future), this is a Migration Notice. On the deadline date your old legacy benefits will stop so it is really important not to ignore the letter. **The DWP won’t automatically transfer you onto Universal Credit – you need to make the claim yourself.**

If you claim Universal Credit before the deadline, the DWP might pay you extra to stop you being worse off. This is called ‘transitional protection’.

This means that if you would get less on Universal Credit than your old benefits, you will get an extra amount to make up the difference. The DWP will reduce this extra amount over time - so you will eventually just get what you normally would on Universal Credit.

Transitional protection also means you might be able to get Universal Credit when you wouldn’t usually be entitled to it. If you:

- are a full-time student who wouldn’t usually get Universal Credit, you can usually get it until the end of your course
- get tax credits and have over £16,000 in savings or investments, you can get Universal Credit for up to a year - this is a type of transitional protection called a ‘transitional capital disregard’.

If you can’t claim by the migration deadline

If the deadline hasn’t passed yet, you can ask the DWP to extend it. You can only ask for this before the original deadline in the letter. If the DWP agree, they’ll send you a new deadline.

If the deadline has passed, you can still get transitional protection if you claim Universal Credit up to a month after the deadline. The end of the month is called the ‘final deadline’.

If you claim after the final deadline, you can still claim Universal Credit - but you can’t get the transitional protection.

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Timing of your claim - tactics

If there is time before the deadline, it is important to make sure you are getting all the legacy benefits to which you are entitled as this will maximise any transitional protection.

Claiming Universal Credit

If you claim Universal Credit, you usually get one payment each month and you usually have to manage your claim online.

It will usually take 5 weeks to get your first Universal Credit payment, but it could take longer.

Your old benefits might stop before your Universal Credit starts. When they stop depends on which benefits you get, and when you claim Universal Credit.

If you claim before the deadline from the DWP:

- tax credits stop the day before you claim Universal Credit
- Housing Benefit, income-based JSA, income-related ESA and Income Support stop 2 weeks after you claim Universal Credit

If you claim Universal Credit after the deadline from the DWP:

- tax credits stop the day before the deadline from the DWP
- Housing Benefit, income-based JSA, income-related ESA and Income Support stop 2 weeks after the deadline from the DWP

You will only get the extra 2 week payments if you're still eligible for the benefit. You won't need to pay back the extra payments and they won't affect how much Universal Credit you will get.

If you won't have enough money to live on while you wait for your first Universal Credit payment, you can ask for an advance payment. The advance payment is a loan which has to be paid back.

Many people are better off on Universal Credit than the old legacy benefits – it is worth checking what you might be entitled to as you can choose to change over earlier and not wait for managed migration.

If you would like advice about managed migration or how much Universal Credit you could get, please contact Maldon & District Citizens Advice and an adviser will get in touch with you.

Telephone: 01621 875774 or go to www.maldoncitizensadvice.org.uk and use the enquiry form.



Braintree Area Foodbank June & July's 2024 Shopping List

Urgent items we need

- Tinned cold meat i.e. Spam
- Tinned hot meat i.e. Stews
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fish
- UHT Milk
- Cereal

Urgent Non-food items

- Female deodorant
- Female shampoo

Other stock items we really need

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| Jam | Tinned potatoes |
| Sponge puddings | Tinned spaghetti |
| Rice (500g bags) | Pasta (500g bags) |
| Pasta sauce | Rice (500g bags) |
| Tinned fruit | Packet custard |
| Tinned hot snacks | Chocolate bars |
| Tinned rice pudding | Biscuits |
| Squash (small bottles) | Tea bags (40/80 packs) |
| Coffee (small jars) | |

* Please note: We ask for small packs as larger packs do not fit in our boxes making it difficult for our clients to carry home. Also, we are unable (for hygiene reasons) to split large size or catering packs.

We are always pleased to accept monetary donations if you prefer or Supermarket Gift Cards.

Please Note: We follow the standards set by the Food Standards Agency. We can only accept donations of unopened and undamaged goods that are still well within their "use by" date (no less than six months if possible). Items which do not meet these requirements cannot be used and your donation may be wasted.

T: 01376330694

E: info@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk

W: www.braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food



Back Words ...

After nine years of editing the Parish Magazine, I have decided that the time has come for me to step aside, so I intend to 'retire' after the next (September) issue. No-one has yet offered to take over but I sincerely hope that someone will. It is not an arduous task but it does require time and a regular commitment.

I use Microsoft Publisher 2021, running on Windows 10 although there are other possibilities. I am more than willing to assist the new editor for the first couple of months and will write a 'process sheet' to give some guidance. George Barlow and Ruth Johnson have served as proof-readers for many years and always spot the mistakes that I have missed. The final electronic copy is then uploaded for SoloPress in Southend to print and deliver. Jayne Jennings organises distribution, and I am very grateful to John Mason who recruits the advertisers and extracts payments from them - all I have to do is to include the adverts.

Please offer to be the new Editor as, without one, the next magazine may be the last.

I wish you a very pleasant summer holiday,



(The front cover photograph shows boats at Heybridge Basin and was taken by the Editor)

Items for the September magazine should be submitted to the editor by

Thursday 15th August 2024

Please send items by email if possible to:

magazine@churchinwickhambishops.org.uk

or place in an envelope marked 'Parish Magazine'
and deliver to **10 Church Green, Wickham Bishops**

Priority goes to church events and information connected with Wickham Bishops.

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Maldon Open Garden for the NGS (National Garden Scheme)

Friday 16 August, 11.00 am to 4.30 pm

£5 entry, Children free.

(purchase in advance on line at ngs.org.uk - please bring proof of purchase, or cash on the day at the gate)

Old Timbers, 53 Church Street, Maldon, Essex CM9 5HW

Black timbered building opposite St Mary's Church

The white shingled spire of St Mary's Church, provides an historic atmosphere to this weatherboarded house and large walled garden. Raised vegetable beds, lawns, wisteria and rose-clad pergola, pond, several colour-themed beds and herbaceous borders, can all be admired from several seated areas. Pretty summerhouse, working area with greenhouse and shed. The majority of the garden features can be viewed by a wheelchair user.



Refreshments will be available and there will be plants for sale.

Public car parking on High Street East, Edward's Brights Close, CM9 5RU or Promenade Park, Park Dr, CM9 5JQ. Disabled badge holders on yellow lines alongside church (not in residents' parking please).

Contact Margaret McCaskie on 07563 548338 or email mmccaskie@hotmail.co.uk

It would be great to see you and your support would be much appreciated

Grand Race Night

Friday, September 20th

7pm - 11pm

Great Totham Village Hall

Ticket Price £20

In aid of St. Bartholomew's Church Funds



Prizes to be won!

Ticket price includes

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Heads and Tails
Competition**

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kathrynadkins57@gmail.com

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