

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### July

14 3 - 5pm Singing for a Cuppa, Salford Village Hall  
18 7.30pm Salford Village Hall AGM  
24 5pm Centrepoint Meeting

### August

20th 2 - 5pm Manor House Gardens Open, Little Compton

### November

11th 7.30pm Fish & Chip Quiz, Little Compton Village Hall

We would like to have your information for next month's Centrepoint, please can we have it preferably by email to

**centrepointnews@hotmail.co.uk** by

Friday 21st July

If you prefer, you can contact your village representative by

Wednesday 19th July

Chastleton	Katherin Townsend	674347
Cornwell	Ann Dancer	658512
Little Compton	Keith Ayres	07434 398324
Little Rollright	Jo Simpson	641503
Salford	Gilly Barnard	643276

## July 2017



### CENTREPOINT

**News and updates for: Chastleton, Cornwell, Little Compton,  
Little Rollright and Salford**

Dear Friends

Let me introduce myself. I'm Ursula Simpson, the newest member of the clergy team for the Chipping Norton Benefice. My husband, Roger and I, moved into Little Compton at the end of April from York, our home for 17 years.

I was ordained when our children were older and for the past six years led an inner urban church in York. It was the increasing brood of grand-children which drew us south! Some of you will know our daughter-in-law, Martha Simpson, curate for the Benefice and married to our oldest, Tom. Others of our married children live in London, Rio and Jordan.

My role is to develop the small groups within the churches of the Benefice - and through them, discipleship and lay-leadership. It feels very early days as Roger and I disappeared after moving for about month on a long planned visit to our son and his family in Jordan. It was fascinating to get a feel for how Jordan is coping with the huge influx of refugees. Western aid pours in to keep the region stable. We visited two remarkable local churches who have developed huge relief ministries, one among Iraqi Christian refugees, the other among Syrian Muslim refugees.

This is the area of the world where Christianity started and spread out.

As I write this, I have been preparing to speak at June's monthly Songs of Praise in Little Compton on the story of the Roman centurion, Cornelius, who has a vision (while he's praying) in which an angel tells him, a Gentile, to send for the apostle Peter. The angel tells him exactly where he can find Peter. Meantime, Peter also has a vision (while he too is praying!) in which God tells him that it's ok to go to Cornelius' (Gentile, non-kosher) home in Caesarea. There, Cornelius has assembled his whole household to hear from Peter, who tells them all about Jesus. Then an astonishing thing happens. The Holy Spirit falls on all these Gentiles. This is mind-blowing to Peter and his Jewish companions who 'hear them speaking in tongues and praising God'! God is blessing these 'outsider' non-Jews just as he had blessed them with the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost! God saw Cornelius' heart and his longing for more of God.

You can read this story in the Book of Acts, chapter 10. If it's been awhile since you read the Book of Acts (or have never read it), give it a go. It makes amazing reading of God working in people's lives.

And, today, He still comes to meet those who are hungry for him.

Ursula Simpson (Team Minister)

# Ride and Stride

## Ride and Stride - Saturday 9th September

The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust annual Sponsored Ride and Stride takes place this year on Saturday 9th September. It is a fantastic event in which everyone can take part and is a great event for families, friends or people on their own. It is a healthy form of exercise and a good excuse to go out and visit churches in the countryside or around a town. There is no minimum or maximum number of churches to visit or prescribed routes, go at your own pace for any distance in any direction you wish on a bike, on foot or horseback. Some churches in outlying villages do not receive many visitors so why not consider visiting them on your route? The money raised helps to preserve some of Oxfordshire's 650 churches, chapels and meeting houses that are at risk of falling into disrepair.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact  
**JOANNE OTTLEY** (07990 595246)

Ride & Stride co-ordinator for the village of Chastleton.



**JO and MATTHEW BURNFORD, residents of The Garden House, -- up The Lane, had a wonderful, hot, truly summers day for their wedding at Chastleton Church, with the church bells ringing out loud and clear in celebration on the 17th June 2017. May they continue to enjoy Chastleton together for many a year.**

Now\_\_ MOST IMPORTANT\_\_ in the absence of Sarah Eve, (Chastleton's main stay of MONEY RAISING CHURCH TEAS); SARAH COTTER-CRAIG is wielding the whip to drive us all to make cakes and make Mary Berry proud of your skills, and the community proud of supporting our CHURCH fabric, as well as giving us the opportunity to meet for a laugh. Start Baking on the 14th READY for the 15th JULY. Let's see if we can beat previous substantial money raising efforts.

Also, any help much appreciated on the day from 2pm onwards.

**MORE CAKES please!**



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**Fun at Salford Fete**

**News from CORNWELL - Contact Ann Dancer 658512**

A warm welcome to WILL AMIES who is moving into No. 10

We also welcome EMMELINE HALLMARK who is moving into  
No. 2 Park farm Cottage.  
We hope they will be very happy

**News from CHASTLETON- Contact Kathrin**

**JOHN and CATHERINE HARRISON** moved into Blue Slate Row recently, last week in fact. We hope they will enjoy the pretty lively community that thrives in The Lane. We all wish them well.

**CHURCH SERVICES**

**SUNDAY SERVICES for the FIVE VILLAGES  
July 2017**

2nd	9.00am	Chastleton	Communion (BCP)
2nd	11.00am	Cornwell	Family Communion
9th	11.00pm	Salford	Family Communion
16th	9.00am	Little Rollright	Communion (BCP)
23rd	9.00am	Salford	Communion (BCP)
23rd	4.00pm	Little Compton	Songs of Praise
30th	10.45am	Chipping Norton	Benefice Communion

Good to Know: if you have children, you are of course most welcome to join us at any of the above services but we cater particularly for children (aged 0-11) each Sunday in Chipping Norton, Kingham and Churchill, and for youth (11-16) in Chipping Norton.



**Verse of the Month - James 4:8**

**'Draw near to God and he will draw near to you'**

## News for the 5 Villages

### FOR SALE

#### Dynamix Treadmill

- Motorised
- 12 Programmes
- Foldable
- LCD Display
- Tracks calories, distance, pulse, speed and time

**£60 Tel (Sharon) 07765255160**

#### Fence Panel

One overlap fence panel  
6' x 6' (183cmx183cm)  
surplus to requirements  
stained green on one side.

**£10 telephone 643616**

#### Singing for a Cuppa

Do you enjoy singing for fun?

2 hours is rounded off with a cuppa and biscuits.

Next sing-along is on

Friday 14th July, 3-5 pm in Salford Village Hall (cost £2).

Further info. please ring **Doreen 01608 642853**

It was lovely to meet Ursula & Roger at Songs of Praise in Little Compton

### News from LITTLE COMPTON - Contact Keith Ayres 07434 398324

#### HELP ! YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH NEEDS YOU.

Please support this wonderful historic building by serving Chastleton House refreshments. It is a fun afternoon, approximately 4 hours meeting people from all over.  
Serving tea & cake or washing up is our only and most efficient fundraiser.  
Basic running costs for St Denys' for one year are £8,000 before any repairs.

I need teams of four, you will be with other seasoned helpers, so nothing to fear.

Thur.20th July need 2 people.....  
Fri.11th August need 2 people.....  
Fri.18th August need 2 people.....  
Fri.6th October need 1 person.

Please do contact Susie Cooper on 01608 674234  
or [susiecooper02@gmail.com](mailto:susiecooper02@gmail.com)  
I am waiting to hear from you.

### Little Compton W.I.

Little Compton WI Mark Davies' talk in June was about how characters and places in the Alice books (by Lewis Carroll) can be linked to actual people and locations along the Thames in Oxfordshire. Well known historian Kate Wooley is the speaker at 7.30 on July 6th. Her subject is Oxfordshire and the Spanish Civil War. This is an Open Meeting when menfolk as well as ladies will be very welcome as visitors.

#### Legion d'Honneur Award

Reginald Williams received the Legion d'Honneur Award last week. In recognition of his landing on Gold Beach Gold Beach, was the code name for one of the five areas of the Allied invasion of German-occupied France in the Normandy landings on 6 June 1944, during the Second World War. Reginald was a member of the Gloucestershire Regiment 2nd Battalion.

The award appoints him to the rank of Chevalier in the Ordre National de la Legion d'Honneur.  
Congratulations!



### News from SALFORD - Contact Gilly Barnard 643276

#### SPLENDID SUNNY SALFORD FETE

The sun shone on Salford Fete on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. All who came, many with their trusted best friends, enjoyed splendid stalls, good things to eat and drink, live music, and all sorts of attractions to keep all ages happy. Canine high jinks entertained us in the dog agility and had us oohing and aahing for our favourites in the fun dog show. Games and races, including the bottle rocket – a Salford tradition – and the balloon game, an action-packed newcomer, enthralled the young and young-at-heart. The tug-of-war, in its congenial competitiveness, reminded us all of simple pleasures in life. The raffle and competitions to win rides in a beautiful vintage Bentley as usual attracted many. This year we were joined by The Salford Inn who put on a Beer & Cider festival and generously donated £300 from the proceeds.

It was an enjoyable and successful day thanks to all the people who helped to make the fete happen - we donated a record **£4,225** to the causes we support: Salford Church, Salford Village Hall, Lawrence Home Nursing Team, Pets as Therapy, and the Outward Bound Trust. Thank you to all who help and support the fete.

**Your help is needed next year.** The fete committee are seeking two or three people to join the committee, not only to get fresh ideas but also to relieve one or two on the committee who wish to take a less active role after many years organizing the fete. Whatever your motivations – sustaining community and/or raising funds for charity – we would welcome your support. Please contact Mayur Amin ([m.amin@elsevier.com](mailto:m.amin@elsevier.com) tel: 644456) if you would like to be involved.