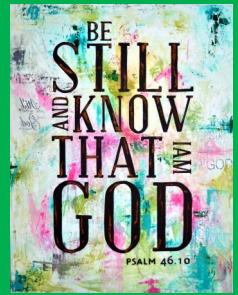


Woburn Benefice Weekly News

Serving the parishes of Battlesden with Potsgrove, Eversholt, Milton Bryan, Woburn and our neighbouring communities

Week commencing 4th August 2024



A prayer for Southport



Gracious God,
Words alone cannot express our sadness and disbelief
Our heartbreak and anguish
When such precious lives are so brutally stolen.
We offer to you the cries of our own hearts
And pray for those families whose grief and loss
Is impossible to comprehend.

Help us all to cling to hope
Even amidst this senseless brutality.
Be close to all whose lives have been so cruelly scarred;
Surround them with your love;
Hold them fast in their sorrow,
And grant them strength amidst their unbearable pain.

We cannot escape our anger and devastation,
But choose to seek hope even amidst this darkness.
For all its horror, may it spur us even more
To never surrender to despair,
But build a world where peace, hope and love prevail.

AMEN

NorthWest Baptist Association

Battlesden's Posh Jumble Sale

Battlesden's next fundraising event will be A POSH JUMBLE SALE, which will be held on Saturday 7th September at Milton Bryan Village Hall, 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. Coffee and cake will be served along with Nearly New clothing, kitchen equipment, you name it - it will be there!! All at very reasonable prices. So come and have a browse and buy lots of gorgeous things - no charge for carrier bags!!! If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact Anna on 01525 210363 or 07815 696444 and she will arrange a drop off time and place for collections.

SAVE THE DATE!



Making our Churches Safe Spaces



We all want our churches to be safe spaces for everyone, and especially those who are vulnerable. We would like to invite everyone, and especially those of you

who have completed online safeguarding training courses for your role in your parish, to attend a special one-off safeguarding training workshop. This includes all PCC members, prayer ministry team, and churchwardens.

Its on **Tuesday 20th August, 7:30—9.00 pm, in The Crypt at St Mary's.** Rev'd Jos Perris, Diocesan Safeguarding Trainer, is coming in person to lead this session. It will be a great opportunity to refresh our training and to have any questions answered on this important ministry.

Goodbye to Carolyn

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Carolyn Howells at St John's PCC last week. She is relocating back to her roots in Northumbria. Carolyn has served tirelessly at St John's, Eversholt, for the last 40 years, as PCC secretary, and also led on important restoration projects, such as the bells and the recent war memorial. A valued member of the village, a special party was held in her honour in the village hall, which many from St John's attended, and the bells were rung as a tribute. Carolyn will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the best for her next adventure, and God's blessings to be upon her in her new home.



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Be Cyber Vigilant!



Please be alert to emails and text messages which pretend to be from a legitimate, reputable source (including people in the church) and can be used to steal money, access sensitive data and login details or install malware on a victim's personal computer, tablet or mobile phone. The attached list shows some of the ways that the scammers may try and get personal data from you. If you are not sure about anything or if you get strange requests from people that you know please check first. Call your bank and ask for advice before actioning any request. If the email appears to come from someone you know personally phone them on a number that you know is personal to them and not any numbers supplied in the email. The document attached with this week's newsletter was issued recently by the Salvation Army and shows the main ways criminals can try and access your personal data.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Leigh-Ann Cudjoe who has gained a Law degree at Leeds University. Leigh-Ann has attended Woburn Church with her family since she was around six years old. She has been an enthusiastic member of the Sunday School and Youth Club. We

pray for God's blessing on her as she seeks His will for her future.

BCP Holy Communion

BCP Holy Communion service is held at 10.00 am on the 1st Thursday of the Month - a short service of Holy Communion held in St Mary's Lady Chapel, using the beautiful language of the Book of Common Prayer.

Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong is held at St Mary's Church, Woburn at 6.00 pm on the first Sunday of the month. The next Choral Evensong will be on Sunday 4th August 2024.

Enjoy a reflective time of worship, with beautiful choral music, seated in the choir stalls.

Church Cleaning at Woburn

There will be church cleaning at St Mary's, Woburn on Saturday 3rd August 2024 — 9.30 am to 11.00am.

All equipment provided.

Do join us as we give the church its monthly clean. Everybody welcome to come and clean our church for the wedding season!

Upcoming Services and Events



Battlesden

11 Aug 9.00 am Holy Communion



Eversholt

4 Aug 9.00 am Holy Communion

18 Aug 5.00 pm Family Evensong



Milton Bryan

11 Aug 11.00 am Songs of Praise

25 Aug 9.00 am Holy Communion



Woburn

1 Aug 10.00 am BCP Communion

3 Aug 9.30 am Church Cleaning

4 Aug 10.30 am Informal Communion

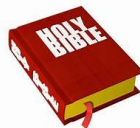
4 Aug 6.00 pm Choral Evensong

11 Aug 10.30 am Formal Communion

18 Aug 10.30 am Informal Communion

25 Aug 10.30 am Formal Communion

Readings for this Sunday



The readings for this Sunday are shown below if you would like to follow them even if you were not able to get to church—or you would like to re-read

them if you did.

Readings:

Ephesians 4 v 1-16

John 6 : 24-35

Woburn Lower School

Woburn Lower School still has places available in Reception for September 2024.

Please contact the school on 01525 290207 or

office@woburn-lower-school.co.uk

for more details.

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