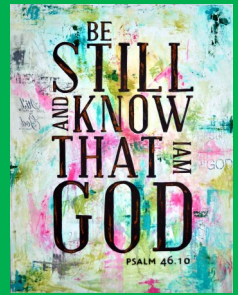


Woburn Benefice Weekly News

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

Week commencing 18th August 2024



Making our Churches Safer 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.

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!



Bike'n'Hike

The annual bike'n'hike fundraiser is on Saturday 14th September, when walkers and cyclists will be sponsored to raise money for Beds and Herts Historic Churches.

They are very generous with grants that help maintain the historic churches in our Benefice. If you would like to take part to raise sponsorship money do see their website, [Bike 'n Hike 14 September 2024 - Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust \(bedshertshct.org.uk\)](https://www.bike-n-hike-14-september-2024-beds-herts-historic-churches-trust.org.uk) or contact Fran for a sponsorship pack.

We would like to have all our churches open on Saturday 14th September, so that the cyclists and walkers can register that they have visited them. Could you help? Please get in touch with your churchwardens if you would be interested in helping to open your parish church on this day.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to June and Cliff Vyse on their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 15th August. June has been a much loved member of the St Mary's, Woburn congregation for the last ten years. A wonderful flower arranger—the church has been beautified by her skill and she was very instrumental in the success of the Flower Festival for the 150th Anniversary of the church. We pray for God's blessing on them.



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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.

Work around St Mary's



Bedford Estates are working through the long list of work that was highlighted by the five year detailed maintenance survey of the church (Quinquennial Report), that was carried out last year. Maintenance to the door that is hidden away by the choir stalls was one of those items of work. Not many people even know of the door from the inside of the church, as it is behind a false panel. These photos show the doors being opened and inspected, probably the first time for over 30 years that they have been opened. A "historic" event?

Another, and much more major issue, is the state of the stonework around the bell tower. A firm of steeplejacks - appropriately named "Skywalker" - has recently carried out a detailed survey of the tower by drone and close up visual.

The photo shows their dedication to their work!!



This will involve major work and scaffolding, but will not happen until next year. Our thanks to Bedford Estate and their Graces for being so supportive of the upkeep of the fabric of St Marys.

Upcoming Services and Events



Battlesden

8 Sep 9.00 am Holy Communion



Eversholt

18 Aug 5.00 pm Family Evensong
1 Sep 9.00 am Holy Communion



Milton Bryan

25 Aug 9.00 am Holy Communion
8 Sep 11.00 am Songs of Praise



Woburn

18 Aug 10.30 am Informal Communion
25 Aug 10.30 am Formal Communion
1 Sep 10.30 am Informal Communion
1 Sep 6.00 pm Choral Evensong
5 Sep 10.00 am BCP Communion
8 Sep 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 5 verses 15 to 20

John 6 verses 51 to 58, 66 to 69

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