

WHITTLEWOOD

BENEFICE MAGAZINE

July & August 2011

Services in July & August

Graham Buckle is being ordained deacon on 3rd July and the British Grand Prix is on 10th July – hence the limited number of services on those two days.

3 rd July	9.15	Paulerspury	Family Worship
	9.15	Silverstone	Holy Eucharist
10 th July	9.15	Paulerspury	Holy Eucharist
	9.15	Abthorpe	Holy Eucharist
	11.00	Silverstone	Worship with Family & Friends
17 th July	9.15	Paulerspury	Morning Prayer
	9.15	Silverstone	Holy Eucharist
	11.00	Whittlebury	Holy Eucharist
	5pm	Slapton	Evensong
24 th July	8.00	Paulerspury	Holy Eucharist
	9.15	Abthorpe	Holy Eucharist
	11.00	Silverstone	Joint Service with Methodists (St. Michael's)
	11.00	Whittlebury	Morning Prayer
	6.00	Silverstone	Evensong
31 st July	10.00	Whittlebury	Holy Eucharist
From August onwards, we adopt a new schedule of services in which the 3 rd Sunday and any 5 th Sundays will have a 10a.m. Benefice Eucharist which will move around the parishes. Times marked with * are provisional – check the Notice Board.			
7 th August	9.15	Paulerspury	Family Worship
	10.00	Silverstone	Holy Eucharist
	11.00	Whittlebury	Morning Prayer
	5.00	Slapton	Evensong
14 th August	9.15	Paulerspury	Holy Eucharist
	10.00*	Silverstone	Worship with Family & Friends
	11.00	Slapton	Holy Eucharist
21 st August	10.00	Abthorpe	Holy Eucharist
	6.00	Paulerspury	Evensong
28 th August	9.15	Abthorpe	Holy Eucharist
	9.15	Paulerspury	Morning Prayer
	10.00*	Silverstone	Joint Worship
	11.00	Whittlebury	Holy Eucharist
	6.00	Silverstone	Evensong

Services in **bold** are intended for the whole Benefice, though, of course, anyone is welcome to attend any of the services.

Lessons for the main services during the two months. Where there are two services in a Parish on the same day, the lessons for the second service will be different – check with the person taking the service.

3-7-11	Thomas	Hab. 2. 1-4	Ps 31. 1-6	Eph. 2. 19-end	John 20. 24-29
10-7-11	The Third Sunday after Trinity (Proper 10)	Isa 55. 10-13	Ps 65	Rom 8. 1-11	Matt 13.1-9, 18-23
17-7-11	The Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 11)	Isa 44. 6-8	Ps 86. 11-17	Rom 8. 12-25	Matt 13. 24-30, 36-43
24-7-11	The Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 12)	1 Kings 3. 5-12	Ps 119. 129-136	Rom 8. 26-end	Matt 13. 31-33, 44-52
25-7-11	Saint James the Apostle	Acts 11.27-12.2	Ps 126	Matt 20. 20-28	
31-7-11	The Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 13)	Isa 55. 1-5	Ps 145 15-end	Rom 9. 1-5	Matt 14. 13-21
7-8-11	The Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 14)	1 Kings 19.9-18	Ps 85. 8-13	Rom 10. 5-15	Matt 14.22-33
14-8-11	The Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15)	Isa 56. 1, 6-8	Ps 67	Rom 11. 1-2a, 29-32	Matt 15.21-28
15-8-11	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Isa 61. 10-end	Ps 45. 10-end	Gal. 4. 4-7	Luke 11. 27-28
21-8-11	The Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)	Isa 51. 1-6	Ps 138	Rom 12. 1-8	Matt 16. 13-20
28-8-11	The Tenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)	Jer. 15.15-21	Ps 26. 1-8	Rom 12. 9-end	Matt 16. 21-end

TEA, SCONES and CAKE - CHANTRY HOUSE GARDEN, 9th August, 2.30-4.30pm.

The Mothers' Union branches in Towcester Deanery plan to mark Mary Sumner Day with a tea party, weather permitting, in the garden of the Chantry House in Towcester, otherwise indoors. Of course all are welcome, so do come and join us if you are not on holiday. Mary Sumner was the Vicar's wife in the Hampshire village of Old Arlesford. She realised that the young mothers of Old Alresford could do with some help and support, so invited them to the Vicarage. Out of that meeting in 1876 grew the Mothers' Union, today a world-wide movement with 4 million members in 81 countries, surely something well worth celebrating. S.Hughes.

From the Rector's desk

The summer holidays are coming, indeed for many they are already here. Schools break up for the long holiday at the end of July, University Students have been sitting examinations and will be longing for a break from the intensity of studies, many people will be planning to take a break, maybe even to get away for a few days.

We all need our time of refreshment and renewal. I for one am looking forward to having a break - a time away when I can refresh myself, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

We have the example set for us by God. In the creation story we are told that God worked six days and that on the seventh he rested and enjoyed all he had created.

In the commandments we are told to model our lives on this example from God, to work for six days but to hold dear to the Sabbath, the day of rest when we are not to work nor are we to expect others to work for us.

Then there are the instructions in the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible) to allow for the jubilee, the year when all old debts are wiped clear and the land is allowed to rest. This was the concept taken up back at the turn of the Millennium with the Jubilee 2000 campaign and the attempt to get the debts of the poor nations written off so as to allow a rebuilding of these nations.

I recommend to all of you then to take some time over these coming months to rest, to refresh yourselves and to discover Holy Day, to have your holiday.

In the Church I think we need a little time to recover after the intensity of these past few months. We have spent time looking at ourselves and our relationship with God in Lent. We have taken time to look at the Love of Jesus for each and every one of us shown in His passion, His journey to the Cross, His death.

We then celebrated with joy the glory of Jesus' resurrection, his spending time with his friends, the Apostles and disciples through until His Ascension, his glorious return to be at His Father's right hand side. And then we had the birth of Church, we celebrated the feast day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out in power and love upon those first disciples just as it is poured out onto the church today.

We came to the celebration of Trinity, that day when we proclaim to all that we believe in One God in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the

creator, the source of eternal Salvation and the ever present power and support that gives Sustenance to those who believe.

This journey that makes clear to us the Love that God has for us has been wondrous and tiring at the same time. We are coming into the time of the Sundays after Trinity, a time when we can reflect on all we have seen and heard and learned. Yes, this is a time to relax a little to be able to actually live out the wonder of the Christian life within our church communities and for the wider community outside our church doors.

It is not though a time to stop; rather it is a time to discover anew what the Holy Spirit is challenging us to do or to be.

We are being asked to consider various things as a part of the church. There are debates to be had about the General Synod's Measure on the Consecration of Women as bishops. There is a challenge to ensure that we pay our way, to pay Parish Share, to raise the money to allow our churches to engage in new and vibrant ministry. We have the challenge of the new ministry in our midst as Graham Buckle comes to his ordination and begins his curacy amongst us. Of course we also have the challenge of the new service Schedule that will start in August.

In all that we do, in all the challenges we face and the way in which we grasp these challenges we need to consider that we have the opportunity to serve God the Holy Trinity in each point. We can look negatively at the things coming before us, or we can seek to find ways of love and joy. I believe that God is found in us as we seek to proclaim the Gospel in any situation with a sense of joy and love. That is not to say that we are uncritical or that we do not cry alongside those who grieve or who face a heavy burden, however we are messengers of Good News and we are given the opportunity to live out Good News in our lives. Let us find strength in the power of God, the power of the Holy Spirit amongst us, following the example of Jesus our Saviour and coming always to living out the will of God the Father our creator and our hope.

Have a good summer, enjoy your time of renewal and recreation and live out each day grasping the opportunities to serve God and to share Love wherever you are.

Paul M^cLeod

BIBLE STUDY

The date for the next Bible Study led by Rev'd Vic Read is Thursday, 21st July starting at 7:30pm at Silverstone Methodist Church Rooms. The topic in the series 'People of the Book' is 'Mary Magdalene'. The date for the following session is 15th September.

St John the Baptist Church, Abthorpe

Firstly, Congratulations to Paul from us all at Abthorpe on his appointment as Towcester Rural Dean.

Tote Winners: Congratulations also to our tote winners! In May, David and Alison Robbins won £220 and in June Rona Cambray won £222.50.

Future Events: **Summer clean:** This will be held on Saturday 13th August 10am to 12. Come along for a bit of exercise, some good company and chat. The church really looks and smells so lovely at the end of the morning! Refreshments provided.

Harvest: Our Harvest weekend this year will be 1st and 2nd October.

Harvest Supper will be on Saturday 1st where we will serve a two course meal followed by coffee and mints. Tickets available in September.

Our Harvest Service will be one of our 'services with a difference' to be held at 10am on Sunday 2nd October.

Old School News: The next event planned for the Old School fundraising is an Autumn Fair to be held on Saturday 10th September. This replaces the fete which was planned for June. The church and Village Fund committee are also very much involved in this event.

Services for July and August: Following the review of services by our rector and the churchwardens, we will have a new service pattern to get used to. A full list of services is elsewhere in this magazine. Services for July and August in Abthorpe are as follows:

Sunday 10th July (Grand Prix weekend) – 9.15am Holy Eucharist, taken by Rev John Hall recently rector of Lambfold Benefice and Rural Dean

Sunday 24th July – 9.15am Holy Eucharist

Sunday 21st August – 10am Holy Eucharist (Benefice service)

Sunday 28th August – 9.15am Holy Eucharist

Everyone is very welcome at any of these services.

Please could I have items for the next newsletter by 10th August.

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Paulerspury

I fully realise there is not a lot of fame in Paulerspury but we do have the honour of being the birthplace of one famous man – William Carey – who came into this world on 17th August 1761. Thus, if my maths is still correct, August of this year will mark the 250th anniversary of his birth – so, let's celebrate!

I'm sure it won't matter that our event will commence 10 days 'late' but what better subject for the theme of our Biennial Flower Festival. As I write these notes ladies are deliberating as to how best to interpret, in flowers, several aspects of Carey's life both here in England and in India. So please do try and come to St James' either **Saturday August 27th**, **Sunday August 28th** or **Monday August 29th**. Or, better still, on all three days! Food will be available throughout including lunches served from 12 noon until 2pm.

6pm on Sunday 28th is the time for Evening Worship.

Hope to be able to welcome lots of you from our Benefice plus your friends too.

Oh, nearly forgot to tell you about **our 'Tea and Songs of Praise'** in the garden of Mr and Mrs Edward Crawford on **Sunday 24th July**. Please do join us to celebrate St James' Day. Put in your diary – Tea at 4pm, Songs of Praise 5pm, Westpury House, Paulerspury. Tickets cost £3 and are available from Jane Aust on 811473, Phyl Allen on 811301 or from me Mollie Dunkley on 811605.

Meanwhile, our fete, despite the changeable weather that resulted in some activities being transferred indoors, was a success. The initial figures suggest that we made around £2300. The winner of the "Throckmorton's Garden" painting was Mrs. Anne Lydon – congratulations to her.
Mollie D

WILLIAM CAREY'S ROOTS

We are delighted to be able to sell a beautiful card (with envelope) depicting a watercolour by Mr. Len Goff. He spent nearly 500 hours on the watercolour and it depicts a scene from William Carey's house in Pury End looking out over the Warren towards St. James. It is the 250th anniversary of William Carey's birth this August and this will also be celebrated at the Flower Festival held at the church on 27th, 28th, and 29th of August.

Each card costs £2.00 and if you wish to purchase one or more then please telephone Mrs Amy Crawford on 01327 811340. They will also be on sale at at the Flower Festival, when a limited edition print of the watercolour will also be raffled to raise funds for the roof repairs to St. James Church.

God's Word is life-changing, says Bishop

Over 200 people from across the diocese heard Bishop Donald explain his understanding of “the Word of God”, and stress that it can and should be life-changing, at the Bishop's Bible Day on Saturday 11 June.

The “Word of God” has three meanings, he said. Primarily, Jesus Christ is the Word. The Bible is also the Word of God, it is alive, powerful and life-changing, but its content needs to be understood in context and sometimes needs explaining. Preaching is also the Word of God, he added; this too can be life-giving and powerful.

In the first of two talks, he described Psalm 119, a carefully-constructed poem of 22 eight-line stanzas, each stanza (and each line within it) beginning with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet. He challenged the audience to consider to what extent the Bible now features in their spirituality, and what may have displaced it. He encouraged them to turn Bible passages into prayers.

In his second talk, based on 2 Timothy 3 and 4, he unpacked what Paul meant by scripture being useful for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness. He stressed that the Gospel is about grace not law, but reminded the audience that scripture challenges us about our behaviour as well as our belief. The Sermon on the Mount, he suggested, “is packed with hard-hitting ‘thou shalt not’s”.

In addition to the two talks, worship and a panel answering questions from the audience, there were sixteen workshops held in two separate sessions. They included “Ten ways to share a Bible story”, how the Bible can help us in conflict, and how to use the Bible to create a labyrinth, and to spot a leader.

The whole-day event, which was free of charge, was held at Northampton High School. A transcript of Bishop Donald's addresses will be available on this page in due course.

Bishop Donald's next major teaching event is on Wednesday 6 July, at St Andrew's Kettering at 7.00 pm. This is an open meeting of the Diocesan Synod which anyone may attend. Bishop Donald will give a presentation on Women in the Episcopate and there will be an opportunity for questions.



BLISWORTH CANAL FESTIVAL 2011

Saturday August 6th 11am - Late
Sunday August 7th 11am - 5pm



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News from St. Michael's

Since I last wrote for the Benefice magazine there have been some changes to the service schedule right across the benefice. This was necessary due to the overlap of services in the previous schedule. Please be aware that this new schedule comes into effect from August so you will need to check the new times and locations of services in order to continue to worship with us. We are looking forward to sharing a service once a month with the congregations from the other Parishes in our Benefice service and we are pleased that we managed to change our Holy Eucharist service times to 10am, as requested by many people who responded to the survey earlier this year. In addition, we are looking at the possibility of changing all services to 10am, for continuity, and would appreciate any feedback regarding this. Please speak to Tim Almond or me if you feel strongly about this.

Our most recent Benefice service was held here in Silverstone and was the culmination of a celebratory weekend for us. Many villagers turned out on Saturday afternoon to take a look at the renovation and to enjoy tea and home-made cakes – I got more than I bargained for when a gentleman proposed marriage, based on his appreciation of my cake! I can honestly say that it has never happened before.

We officially opened and dedicated the rooms on Sunday, following the service, with Gwen and Lucy asked to cut the ribbon. We took the opportunity to show our appreciation of the efforts of a few people who have worked tirelessly to see this project to completion - Tim Almond, Peter Coles, Noel Charles and Anne Pullen – without them we would still be talking about it! More refreshments followed and we now have the rooms booked regularly – it is great to see them being used after all this time. Thank you to everyone for their support and patience.

By the time this piece is published we will have held our fete. Despite the changeable weather, including a brief thunderstorm, I hope that you all enjoyed it. Initial indications are that we made around £1500 on the day. Our thanks go to Tim and Penny Almond for agreeing to host / hosting it again. Sara is busy making the arrangements for the Moveable Feast that has become an annual feature of the summer. At time of writing, the date is not yet set, but please make enquiries if you would like more details. It is a great event with good food and great company, whilst raising some funds for the church.

In the Autumn we are planning to hold a Songs of Praise service. The details of this have not been decided yet but we are hoping to take requests from villagers in order to decide the “playlist”. If you would like to be involved, or make a suggestion for this service please look out for more details. We will be appealing to the village through the next edition of News and views.

I hope that you all have a relaxing summer break – I know that there are many of us who have begun the countdown to the children’s summer holiday. I only hope that it does not go past as fast as the term time does!

Clare Ray

Silverstone Fete Raffle Results

- 1st – Choice of driving experience (Silverstone Circuits) - Sue Jennings
- 2nd – 18 holes of golf for four (Whittlebury Park) – Stanley
- 3rd – Relaxation Spa day (Whittlebury Hall) – Gwen Cox
- 4th - £100 Waitrose/JLP voucher – Corinne Ward
- 5th - Bottle of Champagne – Tony Redhead
- 6th – Cadbury Heroes Chocolate Box – John Horton
- 7th – Cherries in Syrup – Fiona Wylde
- 8th – Model Aeroplane – Tom Palmer

Moveable Feast in Silverstone

After consulting with various cooks, I've picked Friday 2nd Sept for this event and hope this will suit a good number of people. The Moveable Feast is usually a convivial evening when all concerned have a good time and we raise some money. All meet at the first venue for drinks and nibbles and while there, participants are given a brown envelope containing a slip telling them where to go for their starter. The process is repeated at the starter houses, so as far as possible, all meet up with a different group of people for the main course. Finally all foregather at another venue for puddings and coffee. We haven't settled on a price yet, but last year it was £13 a head. This includes wine, there are no hidden extras. It may well have to go up a bit, but it certainly won't be a huge increase. If you think you might like to come, do give me a ring (857949), it'll save my time and phone bill. It would be particularly appreciated this year as I am somewhat preoccupied with family matters. Do give it a try if you haven't been before, it's always good to have some new faces. Special diets are catered for of course. Think that's all! Sara Hughes.

SILVERSTONE MOTHERS' UNION

At the May meeting, Yvonne Reed, a Silverstone resident, gave a talk on the work of St. John's Ambulance. She spoke of the voluntary work done by members; leading the Badgers, 5-10 year olds, the Cadets 10-18 year olds, finally becoming fully fledged St. Johns Ambulance personnel.

At various times during their training, courses have to be attended, including those on First Aid and Communication and Leadership Skills. At advanced level, they can learn to do resuscitation, to use defibrillators and to administer entonox and oxygen. Correct lifting procedures, whether by chair or stretcher, are important both for the patient and the attendant. Members of St. John's, in their well-known uniform, are familiar figures at public events. Yvonne's favourites are the Grand Prix, the Moto GP, Blakesley Show and the Wild and Woolly Motor Bike Scramble on Boxing Day, (lots of mud and spills).

The Towcester Branch has one ambulance and a bicycle. They work closely with the Midland Ambulance Service and can be called upon to transport patients to and from hospital and between hospitals anywhere in the Midlands. They are not expected to undertake "Blue Light" services for which a paramedic is essential.

Since all St. John's people are volunteers they turn out if available, but being a dedicated team they do their utmost to give help when needed. G.J.C.

A stop-press plea

The Mothers' Union has been doing a short fortnightly Sunday service at Clare House for about 15 years, but we are finding it more and more difficult to cover this. Anne Pullen and Margaret Holland have been helping us for some time, which is much appreciated, but we badly need more volunteers. Some of us operate in pairs, some individually. I must admit I go on my own because I don't get myself organised in time to find an assistant. Once there, I think we usually enjoy it and feel we have received more than we have given, but even so, some are wondering how much longer they can carry on and we obviously don't want to miss too many services at St. Michael's. If you think you might be able to help, please have a word with me or phone me 857949. Sara Hughes.

*Paulerspury Chapel
Invites you to an
Evening of Hymns by Sankey*

*Thursday 14th July
At 7.30*

*Come and sing these rousing hymns
All are welcome*

ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH FETE

To be Held At Slapton Lodge
by kind permission of Mr & Mrs C Webster

Saturday 2nd July – To be opened at 2.30 pm
By the Rev. Paul McLeod

Live Musical entertainment by The John Miller Trio

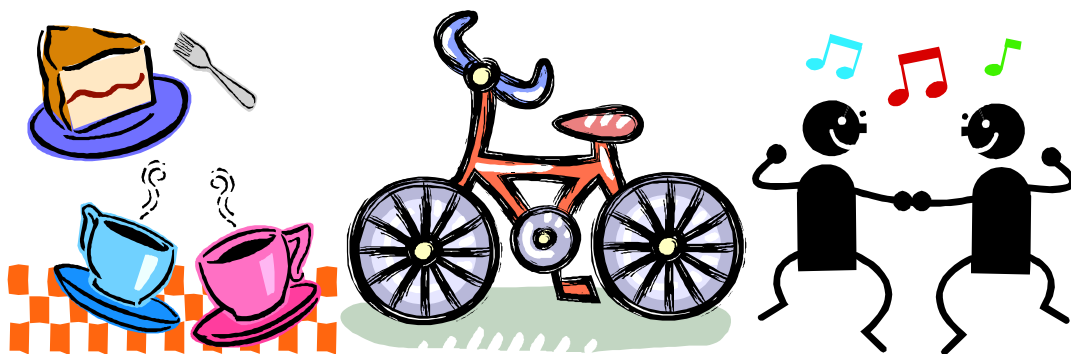
Cakes - Skittles

Prize Darts – Plants - Cream Teas

Human Fruit Machine –Bric a Brac - Jewellery

Have you ever tried bending races and apple bobbing on a Bicycle....
Come and support our Bicycle Gymkhana and possible Jousting
tournament

Bring your own bikes & Helmets



Please visit the magnificent Medieval Wall Paintings in the church

DO COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS – ALL WELCOME

SLAPTON NEWS

The Church Fete will be held at Slapton Lodge this year, with the kind permission of Mrs & Mrs Colin Webster. Donations to the Stalls would be very much appreciated

Cakes & Produce	-	Lucy Owen & Prue Coats
White Elephant	-	Jackie Balfe & family
Prize Darts	-	Andrew Young & Stuart Bell
Plants	-	Katherine
Raffle	-	Caroline Coke

The John Miller Jazz Trio will once again be playing for us and there will be a Bicycle Gymkhana! Please encourage young and old to come along, preferably with their own bikes and helmets. Entries on the day. There will also be a jewellery stall, the famous Human Fruit Machine and the usual games. Do come along and enjoy a cream tea, good music and some fun in the lovely surroundings of Slapton Lodge.

I am sure many residents of Slapton and Abthorpe, in particular, will remember Nellie Coles who lived in Locktons Close for many years. She moved into Towcester when her health declined and more latterly into care in Northampton and having achieved the grand age of 101, died peacefully and is laid to rest with her late husband in Slapton Churchyard. We send our sympathy and condolences to her family and friends.

The Quinquennial Report of the church's structural and internal condition has now been completed and the report received. It has highlighted a number of items in need of 'urgent' attention and the PCC will meet to discuss a programme of work in order to undertake the necessary maintenance. Electrical repairs have already been completed. The PCC also aims to have the internal ceilings painted, a task that will entail a great deal of scaffolding and care. We can't have any splashes of paint on the wall paintings can we!

DATE	READING ROTA	ALTAR ROTA	FLOWER ROTA
3 rd July (Fete)			Debbi Karim
10 th July 11 am Holy Eucharist	Caroline Coke	Lavinia Lees-Millais	-
16 th July Wedding			
17 th July 5 pm Evensong	Debbi Karim	-	Mary Miller
31 st July	-	-	Jackie Balfe
7 th August 11 am Holy Eucharist	Mary Miller	Linda Humphrys	-
14 th August Evensong	Richard Owen		Caroline Coke
28 th August			Linda Walker

I would be very pleased to receive any news or items for inclusion in the magazine, please don't hesitate to contact me by the 15th of each month. Tel: 01327 8609019 Email: linda.humphrys@abthorpe.net

ST. MARY'S CHURCH - WHITTLEBURY

JULY - AUGUST 2011

Church Cleaning Mon. 11th July & Mon. 8th August at 2pm.

Prayer Group The next meeting will be Monday 4th July at 10.30am. There will be no meeting in August.

Mothers Union A Tea Party for Mary Summer Day is being held at the Chantry House Towcester on the 9th August at 2.30pm - all members of the Mothers Union and guests are welcome.

Coffee Morning Thank you to everyone who supported or helped in any way at our Coffee Morning held recently in St. Marys. We raised £311.45p which will go towards church funds. I apologise for the lack of parking which won't be a problem if you care to join us for:

AFTERNOON TEA on Sunday 14th August at 3pm – 5pm, once again Chris is going to entertain us playing the church organ, and is also going to play for our **Songs of Praise service**, which starts at 5pm. It is hoped that as many of you as possible will be able to stay and enjoy a good singsong with some rousing hymns, you will be made most welcome. Your support is much appreciated. Cheryl.

Our Annual Church Garden Fete held on 28th May, a dry but rather windy day was a successful event with gross takings amounting to about £1825.00. After expenses this will give us about £1545.00 into Church Funds. The PCC wish to thank all those who helped in any way to make this a successful afternoon.

The Silson Singers are coming to sing to us in St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 20th July commencing at 7.30pm. It is hoped that as many people as possible will come and support this local group of Singers.