

*The Pillertons Parish News ...
The Magazine for All
September - October 2021*

Church Services at St Mary's

(www.stourdene.org)

Please check the church notice board for changes to service times, and the website for information about services in other Benefice churches.

<i>Services at St Mary's</i>	
<i>September</i>	
Sun 5th Sept	11.00 am Common Worship Communion
Sun 12th Sept	11.00 am Morning Worship
Sun 19th Sept	8.00 am Holy Communion
Sun 26th Sept	11.00 am Family /All Age Harvest Thanksgiving, followed by family picnic if permitted
<i>October</i>	
Sun 3rd October	11.00 am Common Worship Communion
Sun 10th October	11.00 am Morning Worship
Sun 17th October	8.00 am Holy Communion
Sun 24th October	11.00 am Family /All Age
Sun 31st October	United Benefice Service 10.30 am Pillerton for All Saints

Church News -

“It’s Ok not to be OK”. What could we possibly mean by that? It means that you will be treated with the same respect and compassion however open you choose to be about how you really are.

In July’s newsletters I wrote about the charity Kintsugi Hope <https://www.kintsugihope.com/> I have since finished training online to roll out their course in Stourdene. Please be in touch with me to express an interest. I will be running two groups on Tuesdays at 11 and another at 7:30pm. They will both be face-to-face in Ettington church beginning in October with breaks to match school terms.

These small group gatherings will be a space to invest together in our mental and emotional wellbeing. To be clear, this is not group therapy but somewhere where we can talk as openly as you choose about issues that affect us all using the resources to help us address them from kintsugi. The weeks cover themes such as disappointment, loss, anxiety, stress... the first session begins with the theme of honesty.

It is sometimes hard to be around honesty. Most of us will trot out the same answer to the polite enquiry “how are you?” with “oh, fine!” before taking the conversation somewhere easier. In the general daily round that is good etiquette, possibly also professional, and kind to the enquirer not to offload inappropriately. But in the right space, with the right people, and at the right moment, we can, and I think should, be more honest about how we really are. But even if the “I’m fine!” is completely genuine, we are surrounded by people who, in all honesty, are not OK right now for all kinds of reasons. To invest in mental and emotional wellbeing would be to be better able to listen, understand, and reach out to those we live alongside in every sphere of our life.

To help me and you prepare to engage with the Kintsugi Hope resources, I do need to know in advance if you are hoping to come, so be brave and get in touch if this might be for you.

God bless, Rev Sharon Goble

Rector of Stourdene Benefice, including the parishes of Ettington, Alderminster, Butlers Marston, Halford, Newbold on Stour and Pillertons www.stourdene.org 01608 682282/ 07799220407

Churchwardens' notes - We are continuing with regular services every Sunday and hope you will feel able to attend at some point. We are still asking worshippers to wear masks in church and to socially distance for the sake of the vulnerable but are allowing the singing of hymns with masks on. This will be regularly reviewed and adapted as appropriate. It was so nice to see so many at the open-air service in Pillerton Priors churchyard in July and to welcome some new faces.

The *Harvest Thanksgiving* will be held on Sunday, 26th September at 11.00 am. Donations will, as usual, go to the local foodbank. We plan to hold a *Family Harvest Picnic* afterwards, but this will be confirmed in due course (please refer to posters and Stourdene.com).

The August church teas have been generally well attended and visitors have really appreciated the chance to meet up with friends, old and new. Thank you to all the bakers, hosts and hostesses. In particular, the funds raised from the August teas will provide a welcome boost to our coffers.

We are very grateful to all those who make regular donations to the church via standing orders; these have provided a lifeline during the last eighteen months when fund raising has been curtailed. If anyone would like to help by joining this scheme, please let me know. All contributions are welcome, however modest - it is the

regularity that counts. If you are a taxpayer and can Gift Aid your donation this adds another 25p /£1. As with any old building there are always running repairs – for example, the tower buttress needs underpinning and a programme of repairs to the roof will need to be implemented next year.

Christmas Raffle – We intend to hold a Christmas Raffle and would appreciate any offers of prizes, and volunteers to distribute tickets. To make the raffle easy, we will be dropping envelopes of tickets to every house in the Pillertons, including information on where to return money, stubs and unsold tickets. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Please contact Jennifer (01789 740688 or pillerton414@gmail.com), or Jeremy (01608 688060) if you can help.

Jottings from Hersey - I am puzzled by my husband insisting on calling our postman “Ray”. (He really does know it’s Wayne). The real Ray was delivering the mail come rain, sun, flood or snow on his ancient bone-shaker bicycle 40 years ago when we came to Pillerton. The GPO had refused his requests for a safer machine or new tyres. He and his wife, who had been a land army girl during the second world war, had a smallholding off the road to Butlers Marston. I think he became the postman after he retired from working at the Ford foundry in Leamington. When we “townies” despaired of moles burrowing under the lawns Ray was also the mole catcher, expertly setting traps and despatching the little chaps. I bought some geese which spent the day fiercely guarding our house, squawking at any callers, but he was not intimidated. His favourite boast was how, approaching the laundry cottages, he would simply put his cap over the heads of the geese there, and pop the mail safely through the letter box. As a rule, mail arrived before noon, though, if spotted by the ladies at the beginning of the lane, he just had to stop for a cup of coffee and one of their homemade biscuits before pedalling on. These days there is no such personal

service from white van delivery people or email. We have always known the names of our village posties, and what a splendid job they do. Long may they be a valued part of village life. *Ros Williams*

Pillerton Priors Parish Council - If you would like to be added to the Priors residents mailing list, please send an email to pillertonpriors@gmail.com with your name, email address and home address, giving your permission for us to hold these details for Parish Council correspondence.

At the time of writing we have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and we are also looking for someone to take over the Parish Clerk role. If you are interested in either role, and would like more information, please email pillertonpriors@gmail.com.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 13th October, commencing 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All Priors residents are welcome to attend. The agenda will be published on our website www.pillertonpriors.com the week before the meeting. *Sue Greenall, Pillerton Priors Parish Council Clerk*

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Church summer opening rota -

Sep 6th	A Brooks	Oct 4th	E A Fillmore
13th	J Young	11th	A Brooks
20th	J Lewthwaite	18th	J Young
27th	C Hitchman	25th	J Lewthwaite

Church mowing - Thank you to our volunteer mowers.

Each of you has been issued earlier in the year with a list of names and corresponding telephone numbers, and brief instructions. If possible, please mow towards the end of your assigned week.

Thank you! *Tim Fillmore (740824)*

30th Aug- 5th Sep	David Stephenson	4th -10th Oct	Craig Wood
6th-12th Sep	Luke Peech	11th – 17th Oct	James Kelly
13th – 19th Sep	Mark Hurley	18th – 24th Oct	Alec Cameron
20th – 26th Sep	Tim Pearson	25th – 31st Oct	Clive Fidler
27th Sep -3rd Oct	Zbig Cichocki		

Church flower arranging rota - There is no rota for flowers until the new year, however could you please arrange your Festival flowers for Harvest on 26th September. If you are uncertain of the position for your Festival flowers, or if you would like to arrange some flowers during October or November, please telephone me. During Advent in December there will be no flowers in church until Christmas. I will update you when the Christmas services are finalised.

Again, if anybody would enjoy arranging flowers or plants, in church please contact me so that I can include you in next year's rota – you will be more than welcome. In respect of next year's rota, if any of my regulars have a request or query, please contact me before Christmas.

Gill Ison (740534)

Church cleaning rota - The key is available from Mair Howell (740107), Gill Ison (740534), or any PCC member.

<i>Sep</i>	6th	<i>Mrs Kerr & Mrs Goodwin</i>
	13th	<i>Mrs Young & Mrs Howell</i>
	20th	<i>Mrs Archer & ?</i>
	27th	<i>Mrs Waters & Mrs Dumas</i>
<i>Oct</i>	4th	<i>The Foxall Family</i>
	11th	<i>Mr. Lewthwaite & Mrs Newcombe</i>
	18th	<i>Mrs Percival & Mrs Ingall</i>
	25th	<i>Mrs. Fidler & Mrs Curtlin</i>
<i>Nov</i>	1st	<i>Mrs Williams & Mrs Brotherton</i>
	8th	<i>Mrs Marshall & Mrs Crookes</i>
	15th	<i>Mr & Mrs Fillmore</i>

Next newsletter - Please send any news for the next newsletter (covering November and December) by **Monday, 18 October** to Fiona Young (pillertonscoop@gmail.com)