

*The Pillertons Parish News ...  
The Magazine for All  
May and June 2022*

***Church services at St Mary's*** ([www.stourdene.org](http://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.

<b><i>Services at St Mary's</i></b>	
<b><i>May</i></b>	
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>11.00 am Common Worship Communion</b>
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>11.00 am Morning Worship</b>
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>8.00 am Holy Communion</b>
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>11.00 am Family /All Age for Rogation</b>
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Deanery Ascension Day Service TBC</b>
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>10.30 am United Benefice Communion at Butlers Marston</b>
<b><i>June</i></b>	
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>11.00 am Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration Service</b>
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>11.00 am Morning Worship with Baptism</b>
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>8.00 am Holy Communion</b>
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>11.00 am Family /All Age</b>

*The church now has a card reader for donations. The reader is set at £5 and can be changed for any sum above this amount – please just tap for instant giving. Thank you.*

## *Churchwardens' notes -*

**Services:** Our **Rogation service** this year will start in Pillerton Hersey on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 11.00 am. This is a lovely family outdoor service when we give thanks for farmers, growers, crops and nature.

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June there will be a special **Jubilee Celebration service** for 75 years of our Queens reign. Everyone welcome.

**Lent Lunch:** The Lent Lunch was held in church this year on a beautiful March day. Everyone enjoyed homemade soup and bread in the churchyard. £145 was collected and will be sent to Christian Aid. Thank you to all who helped and attended.

**Allotments:** One plot has now become vacant at the site of the old Church Hall in Pillerton Hersey. The area is fenced and has water on site -- an ideal place for growing a few vegetables and 'getting away from it all'. Please contact Jennifer if you are interested in taking it on.

**Grapevine:** This weekly Benefice Newsletter is e-mailed to anyone who requests it and contains details of services and events within the six parishes. Please contact the Parish administrator, Jane Evans, [admin@stourdene.org](mailto:admin@stourdene.org) to register your interest.

**Churchyard Working Parties:** If anyone would like to help in the Churchyards - other than the mowing - please let Jennifer know (740688). There is always tidying up to do!

**Spring Clean:** When you are out on your daily walk why not take a carrier bag and a glove and remove any litter from the verges of our lanes. Apart from being unsightly, it will most probably end up in our ditches, rivers and eventually the oceans. Every little helps.

*Jeremy and Jennifer, Churchwardens*

*Jeremy (01608 688060) Jennifer (01789 740688 or [pillerton414@gmail.com](mailto:pillerton414@gmail.com))*

## *The Pillertons' Fete, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm*

Please come along and enjoy this annual event, which returns after COVID absence, and this year takes place in the garden of The Old Vicarage in Hersey (and a month later than usual due to the Platinum Jubilee events in June). There will be stalls, games and teas with entertainment by the Brailes Singers (arranged by Jeremy Percival) and the Shipston Town Band. As always, we are also looking for help!

**The Grand Draw:** we are looking for contributions of prizes for the raffle, including cash prizes. In addition, subscriptions or family tickets to events or attractions are always welcome. All offers as soon as possible, please, to Kaaren Knight (07739 399034) or Jennifer Lewthwaite (740688).

To date, the following have kindly agreed to coordinate stalls and would be grateful for offers of help on the day and contributions prior to the event:

**Teas:** Fiona Young (741000)

**Cakes, Produce & Plants and the Tombola:** we are looking for volunteers to run/help with these stalls and arrange contributions – please contact Jonathan Young (741000), Olly Arber (740501) or Kaaren.

**Bottles:** Clive & Muriel (740153) have the kit for this stall but unfortunately will be away on the 9<sup>th</sup> so we are looking for someone to take this on and for contributions.

**Books & CDs:** all donations to this stall to Nigel Walker (740808) or John Lewthwaite (740688)

**Other Stalls and Activities:** This year, in addition to teas, we have the return of the barbeque (Tim and Elizabeth Fillmore) and a Pimms tent (Sharron and Pete Kelsey). Olly and Kaaren have been brilliantly arranging many other activities for all ages including a storyteller, a fun dog show (to be judged by Margaret Rose with Sally Johnson), tug-of-war and other events. Support before and on the day will be most welcome.

**Gazebos:** Does anyone have any they no longer need or would be willing to lend? If so, please contact Olly.

*Jottings from Hersey* - Spring at last: Something to lift the spirits in these difficult times! I'm so looking forward to the much-missed village events of the past two years - a delightful opportunity for us all to get together, and for newcomers to meet everyone. Sadly, we'll greatly miss Jessie Smart this year. Such a lovely lady.

Primroses are popping up everywhere and the daffodils around the war memorial have never looked so beautiful. It's time to get out into the garden, and we are fortunate here that most of us have space for some homegrown fruit and veg. If you are thinking of getting started, broad beans can be sown under cover to protect them from mice and birds. You'll get gluts in the summer, so it's a good idea to grow things like these that freeze well ... by the way, broad bean hummus is dead easy and is delicious. Reducing food miles benefits our health, and helps cut soaring food prices. Climate change might be more difficult. As Joni Mitchel sang in 1970 - *"Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got till it's gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."* Ros Williams

### *Stour Singers present Dvorak and Mozart in concert*

On Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm Stour Singers will present a concert at St. Edmund's Church in Shipston, featuring Dvorak's Mass in D and Mozart's Solemn Vespers – a beautiful combination of music. The choir will be joined by four professional soloists and organist. Alan Fairs (bass baritone), Cathy Bell (mezzo), Ana Beard Fernandez (soprano), Daniel Joy (tenor) and Ashley Wagner (organist). Tickets are available at a cost of £12.50 (free for accompanied children) from A. Clarke in Shipston High Street, and from choir members. Also, Stour Singers look forward so much to sharing their love of music, and always welcome new members. So, if you are tempted, please contact the choir coordinator Yvonne Ridley on 01789 269587, with a view to joining for the autumn season.

***Radway Grange Open Gardens*** : This fundraising event on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm until 5pm will raise money to improve Radway's recreation ground. Tickets will cost £5 per person with the under 10's free of charge. There will be teas, plant stalls, a garden bring and buy sale, activities for children (including a caterpillar trail), and a raffle with great prizes. *Sophie Stephens (07880 528004) or Rosie Bampton (07903 330645)*

***Platinum Jubilee at Village Hall on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June*** - A picnic will take place from 2 until 5pm at the village hall. Please bring your own picnic but there will be a BBQ, games and bouncy castle - £2 per person. We look forward to seeing you there!

***Pillerton Pop Up Pub*** - The Pillerton Pop Up Pub is back after our enforced break! After a successful April event, look out for more events planned over the summer. We will publicise forthcoming dates on the "Pillerton Post Box" Facebook group, or please email: [pillertonpopuppub@btinternet.com](mailto:pillertonpopuppub@btinternet.com) for more info. These popular informal gatherings are a great way to meet and get to know your neighbours!

***Pillerton Priors Parish Council*** - The Annual Parish Assembly will take place on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Village Hall. Immediately afterwards, we will hold the 203rd Parish Council Meeting. All Priors residents are welcome to attend. The agenda will be on our website [www.pillertonpriors.com](http://www.pillertonpriors.com) and posted on the village noticeboard. The Council is pleased to announce that Michael Nevill has been co-opted to the vacant Parish Councillor position. To contact the Parish Council, please email [pillertonpriors@gmail.com](mailto:pillertonpriors@gmail.com)  
*Sue Greenall, Pillerton Priors Parish Council Clerk*

***News from Hastings House Medical Centre:*** Possibly the dreaded hay fever has reared its ugly head for many of you? Please note you don't need to see the GP for hay fever remedies, as your local pharmacy can help. Even the stronger hay fever remedies, previously only available on prescription, are now available to buy over-the-counter. Our new 'phone system went live on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March and we hope you find that calling the

surgery is more efficient. The options enable your calls to be directed to the correct department, and the queuing system will hopefully make a huge difference. Please use the call back option when we are busy - you will not lose your place in the queue. The reception team hope they have not cut too many of you off as they got to grips with the new technology! Our Kineton residents will be pleased to know that from April we have more doctors and nurses working at the Branch Surgery - so please be sure to specify that you want Kineton when making an appointment.

Starting in May, the surgery will host “hot topic evenings” when expert speakers will address different issues. The sessions are funded and supported by Friends of Hastings House, and will be held on Tuesdays from 7 to 8.30pm with tea and coffee available. The first session will be on 10<sup>th</sup> May and will address Dementia/memory problems and carer support – it is open to patients, carers, relatives, friends, and neighbours. Additional sessions will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> July (bereavement), and on 6<sup>th</sup> September (CPR/First Aid). Please let us know if you have suggested topics for future sessions. I would love to receive any feedback that you want to send my way. See you in the summer!  
*Emily* <https://hastingshouse.org.uk/>

***Carers4Carers at Kineton Village Hall:*** Come along for coffee, biscuits and friendly chat. Your loved ones will also be able to attend our Companionship Group while you are with us. *Pre-booking for the Companionship Group is essential.* On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 10.30 - 12 noon: Continuing with our wellbeing theme, we're offering both carers and companions a short Tai Chi "taster" session. Suitable for all ages and abilities, Tai Chi is a great way to relax and can even be done sitting down! On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 10.30 - 12 noon: Catherine from Chiltern Music Therapy will be working with us to look at how music can help with our wellbeing. For more information about our self-help support group, including help with transport to/from meetings, phone Gillian on 07947 893504, email us at [kcarers4carers@gmail.com](mailto:kcarers4carers@gmail.com) or take a look at [www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk](http://www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk).

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## *Content for the next newsletter and rotas -*

**Next newsletter** - Please send any news for the next newsletter (covering July and August) by 18<sup>th</sup> June to Fiona Young ([pillertonscoop@gmail.com](mailto:pillertonscoop@gmail.com))

**Church opening rota** - During the summer, the church opens daily, please – thank you!

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	P&S Kelsey	<b>6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	J. Lewthwaite
<b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	G&C Thomas	<b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	C.Hitchman
<b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	T&E Fillmore	<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	P&S Kelsey
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	A. Brooks	<b>27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	G&C Thomas
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	J&F Young	<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	T&E Fillmore

**Church mowing rota** - Please mow as close to the end of your assigned week as possible, and pass the mower shed key to the next person on the list. Please notify Tim Fillmore if you swap mowing dates, or to report any problem with the mower. Thank you!

<b>25<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	David Curtlin	<b>30<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Peter Williams
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	David Rogers	<b>6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Nigel Walker
<b>9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Alan Brooks/Tim Fillmore	<b>13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Richard Jennings
<b>16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Rob Archer	<b>20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Tim Newcombe
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Jonathan Chesters	<b>27<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Pete Kelsey

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

<i>Week starting</i>			
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Mr & Mrs Fillmore	<b>30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Mrs Ison & Mrs Brades
<b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Mrs Kerr & Mrs Goodwin	<b>6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Mrs Barnett & Mrs Hughes
<b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Mrs Waters & Mrs Dumas	<b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Mrs Archer & Mrs Stephenson
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Mrs Hitchman & Mrs Eveleigh-Jones		

*Church flower arranging rota* -

<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Muriel Fidler & Fiona Young	<b>10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Alice Kerr & Rosie Featherstone-Dilke
<b>15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Helen Marshall & Patricia Crookes	<b>24<sup>th</sup> &amp; 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Jennifer Lewthwaite & Audrey Barnett
<b>29<sup>th</sup> May &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Olga Brades & Gill Ison	<b>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Olga Brades & Gill Ison
<b>12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Jane Waters & Sue Ingall	<b>21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Muriel Fidler & Fiona Young
<b>26<sup>th</sup> June &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Debs Brotherton & Fiona Young	<b>4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Helen Marshall & Patricia Crookes

If anyone would like to join the flower rota, please contact Fiona Young (0791 7771157) – you would be very welcome! If you cannot prepare flowers on your assigned dates, please swap with another person on the rota if convenient, or tell Fiona (0791 7771157). Church keys are available from the churchwardens, and Fiona. Thank you, all, for your help – it is very much appreciated.