



NEWSLETTER 2nd August 2026

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK —

Beth

Earlier this week, I saw a Facebook post from Bishop Mary in Oxford Diocese which referenced a couple of children's books about God and creation. One ends "God said, "Rest!" and they all slept late!" In another, when God had made all the wonderful things and people he rested on the seventh day and the picture in the book is God putting his feet up on a planet and taking a break. What a fabulous image!

The Bishop continued – "To rest is holy, And it is worship; an acknowledgement that God has ordered the world this way"

We are not all locked into school terms and summer holidays but maybe we can all focus on trying to rest well over August. Our St Nic's Tuesday evening Pilgrimage took us down to the marina this week and we commented on how peaceful and restful it was just being near the water. The Bible is full of images of restorative, living water. One of my favourites is Revelation chapter 22 – the account of the heavenly river of the water of life and "on either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruits". Imagine yourself as a tree with your roots immersed in God's spiritual river of life and refreshment.

So, whether you get to wander or sit by some water or whether you can sleep late or spend some time with your feet propped up on a sofa (if not a planet!), my prayer for each of us this month is that we know the peace and revitalisation of soaking up God's rest, even if our still water is in a mug with a tea bag in it.

*In your daily prayers, please
remember especially the following
members of our church family:*

Stephanie Cater, Brian Fairclough, Sarah Russell, Dorothy Williams, Mike Oswald, Janet Humphries, Sue Kirby, Peter Fallows, Bernadette Hallman, Alf & Maureen Fairclough, Carol Swinyard, David Brooks, Rob MacDonald, Roger Jenkins, David Mason, Dave Smyth, Gwyneth Shackleton, Gordon Orritt, Adam Newbury, Ellie Clark, Anne & Joe Johnson, Lol Crilly, Elaine Tiscornia, Christopher Jones, Peggy Furmage, John, Simon & Crystal, Joanne Duthie, Jean Sergison-Main, Richard Gedge, Jonathan Etheridge, Andrew Harwood and the bereaved family & friends of Sandra McParland



Names for this prayer list
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LATEST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Sponsored Bike Ride

Supported by Crosby Royal Naval Association, we are having a community bike ride on **Saturday 29th August at 9am**. All money raised will go to church funds.

Individuals, groups and families are invited to take part and can choose one of the set routes via the Sefton Circular route.

Information sheets and sponsor forms are at the back of church.



Our next Men's Working Party is on **Saturday 22nd August 9am - 12 Noon**.

We always welcome new people who can come along and help with simple maintenance and repairs around the church building and gardens.

There will be a bacon butty and cuppa waiting for you!



We are once again be collecting stationery items over the Summer holidays to help local families in need be able to send their children back to school with some of the essentials.

If you are able to donate NEW items such as pens, pencils, highlighters, pencil cases, rulers, A4 note books, scientific calculators and maths equipment (compasses, set squares etc) they would be very gratefully received.

Thank you in advance.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH



Prayer For August

Loving Father God, you made all of creation from the ladybird to the planets in their orbits. Help me to notice you in the wonder of creation. Help me, this month, to take times of rest and to value all people as made in your image. Please give me your grace each day.

Amen.

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OUR REGULAR SERVICES/EVENTS

SUNDAYS

8.30am - Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer on **1st Sunday** of each month)

10.30am - Eucharist

10:30am All Age Service on **2nd Sunday** of each month (No Eucharist)

4.30pm - Picnic Praise on **1st and 3rd Sundays** of each month.

MONDAYS

6:00pm – Prayers together in the council chamber

WEDNESDAYS

9:00am -10:00am Church is open for private prayer

10:15am - Eucharist and Bible Study

THURSDAYS

9:00 am - 1:00pm - 'Soupa Thursday'.

Tea/coffee, toast, soup, company and chat

6:00pm - 7:00pm - Bridge Youth Group



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THIS MONTH'S RULE FOR LIFE

**Called to pray, read and learn.
Sent to tell, serve and give.**

Suggestions for August...

Read something you enjoy and revel in the writer's skill

Pray in a time of stillness and rest.

Learn to pause.

Tell someone each week what they mean to you.

Serve God in small acts of kindness.

Give someone a second or third chance!

Please e-mail items for newsletter
(by Wednesday 9 a.m.)
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Our 10:30 Sunday Service is
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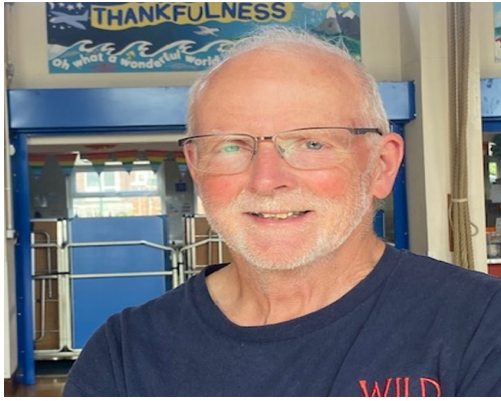
Rev. Beth Anderson (Vicar)



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This is Pete Warren who is part of our PCC and who heads up the Eco team. He arranges beach cleaning trips with the school and has provided Eco focus activities for Church@School.

He helped get our Silver Eco Church award and researches and advises on all things Eco. He is also our DBS verifier and checks that all our volunteers have the correct clearance and training for what they do in church.



Please do have a look at our craft table at the back of church.

Jan and the crafty people at Soupa Thursday have created a display to promote our upcoming sponsored bike ride this month.

It depicts a lot of the landmarks in our parish (including a St. Nic's church!) and is just fabulous!

Thanks to Jan and all those involved in making this wonderful piece of art.