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Dear Readers

It was announced recently that the Bishop of Worcester, Bishop John, is to retire this autumn. There will be a farewell service at Worcester Cathedral at 4pm on 29th September and everyone is welcome to attend. His ministry, which has been long and marked by great humility, was recognised with a wonderful tribute by the Archbishop of Canterbury at national synod in July.

Bishop John himself comments, "Being Bishop of Worcester has been an enormous privilege. By the time I leave I shall have been here nearly 17 years, the longest I have lived anywhere in my life. I have lived through the best of times and the worst of times in my personal life during those years and am more grateful than I can say for all the love and support I have received. I am not anxious to retire — I am deeply attached to Worcestershire and Dudley and love being Bishop here! However, I shall be 70 in February and feel, under God, that now is the right time to leave."

What many of us don't realise is that Bishop John knows the highways and byways of the Teme Valley well. He is a keen cyclist who enjoys the challenges of cycling through our beautiful landscape, and that is usually the way he has started any conversation I have had with him!

Bishop John will be retiring to Wiltshire with his wife H-J Colston-Inge. I am sure that John will be greatly missed, especially his gentle presence, humour and generous nature. Personally, I am most grateful that Bishop John recruited me to TVS and that he has been so supportive of my doctoral research.

The hunt for his replacement has started and during the vacancy, the Bishop of Dudley, Martin Gorick will become Acting Diocesan Bishop.

Rev'd Iulia Curtis

This month's cover photograph of poppies at Eastham church was taken by Celia Adams

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Parish news

From the Registers

Marriages

Congratulations to Kevin and Stella Pound who were married at St Peter's, Stoke Bliss on Saturday 6th July.

We wish them every happiness. May their marriage be lifelong and life affirming.

Iona Inspired Services

We loved our pilgrimage to Iona last September and wanted to bring a little of Iona to the Teme Valley. So, you are invited to join us at Hanley Broadheath Village Hall, WR15 8QU. Our next series of Iona services begins at 4pm on 11th August where you will find a warm welcome. These services involve a pattern of prayer, singing and imaginative engagement with scripture that reflects our life together as community as we celebrate God's presence in our lives. Do give them a try.

Parish administrator

It is with sadness that due to health reasons Eve, who has been our TVS administrator for the last few years, is no longer able to work with us. The administration email address is still being monitored whilst we consider the best way forward.

Just three evenings ...

Teme Valley South Churches invite you to "just three evenings", thinking about reasons to believe, or not.

Each evening will start with a light supper followed by some input and conversation about the topic.

First evening, Tuesday 17th September Reasons to believe God exists

Second evening, Wednesday 18th September Reasons to believe God doesn't exist

Third evening, Thursday 19th September So what? What differences do our beliefs make to our lives?

7 to 9pm at Rochford Village Hall

No charge, but donations accepted

For catering purposes booking is essential with Ann, annprosser45@gmail.com, 01584 781317 or Robert, rhyselane@gmail.com, 07947 600627.

Teme Valley Tots

Our Tots group is having a summer holiday. We will be back in September.

Deanery awards

Congratulations to a number of people who have given outstanding service to TVS over the years and were given awards to recognise this at Deanery Synod held at Rowberry's Nursery in July. The evening was well supported, with the highlight being a talk on sustainable flowers and a competition between Bishop Martin and our area dean making a hand tied bouquet.

Rev'd Julia

The Filling Station

There is no meeting of the Filling Station in August so our next meeting is on Thursday 19th September at Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start, when Tim Coles will be speaking. We look forward to your joining us for this evening of fellowship, worship, teaching and refreshments. If you are not on our mailing list and would like further information or details about our meetings please contact me on kate.harley6@gmail.com.

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Saturday winners

22nd June No 34 Rob Perrin 29th June No 6 Treena Jones 6th July No 13 Robin Dean 13th July No 59 Not sold

There are still plenty of numbers available – why not join in? It's just £1 per draw and the profits are split between Rochford church and the village hall – plus you get two chances each week to win £25!

Remember, you must be in it to win it!
Ring Gill Smith on

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Deadline for the next issue is 18th August

Teme Valley Tote

July's draw, the fourth in this series, was decided when Rev'd Julia Curtis rolled the dice on 3rd July to select the set of random numbers. Prizewinners are:

£50 – **Johnny Crabbe** of Pensax (No 312)

£30 – **Maureen Studer** of Eastham (No 266)

£20 - Katey Hall of Lindridge (No 160)

You can still take part in this year's series of monthly draws by contacting Robin Dean at robin.c.dean@gmail.com or call 01886 853295.





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Looking forward to autumn

August is a quieter month in Rochford as we take a break from community events and let Ann recover. Teme Tots is on summer vacation but will resume in September, together with other community events for the autumn. (See dates for your diary below). If you have any ideas for something that you think people will enjoy, please let us know.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Megha, Gwin and family to the village as they move into The Close. We hope they will be happy living in Rochford and make the most of everything this community has to offer.

Rochford fête

Rochford fête and flower festival on Sunday 16th July was a tremendous team effort. Many thanks to the many people who helped make this a very successful community event which raised over £1,900. The weather was kind to us and over 150 people came along and enjoyed a wide range of stalls and games including snail racing and egg throwing for the first time and ending with the duck race down the river! Many thanks to Robert Barlow who dressed up in a duck costume to sell the ducks (it was a sight to see!) and Lee and a visiting prawn! (you had to be there!) who helped capture the ducks after the race.

The flower festival in the church was magnificent, many thanks to Jennifer Gledhill who coordinated it and to the 12 flower arrangers who produced some wonderful film themed arrangements. They didn't stop there, with a beautiful arch garland over the porch, and vases of flowers in the entrance to the pews. The church has never looked or smelt so good!

Neigbourhood lunch

Dates for sit down and takeaway neighbourhood lunches are 27th August, 24th September, 29th October and 26th November. Everyone is welcome. The raffle for a free lunch is being reintroduced. Booking for lunches is essential and takeaways should be collected between 12.30 and 1pm. As food prices are rising the price of lunch is increased to just £7. Please book with Ann on 01584 781317 at least the previous week.

TemeTalk deadline 18th August

Live Music is back!

We are pleased to welcome The Scratch Band who will play a great selection of well-known rock and blues songs from across the decades, including Eddie Cochran, the Stones, the Everly Brothers, the Small Faces, Eric Clapton, Stealers Wheel, Free, the Eagles, the Beatles, Fleetwood Mac and many others An absolute bargain at just £12.50 to include one of Ann's delicious baked potatoes. Pay bar.

The Big Breakfast

The Big Breakfast at Rochford is on Saturday 5th October at 9.30 am. All are welcome so come along and enjoy one of Ann's breakfasts, fruit juice, cereal, full English (with vegetarian option), toast, tea and coffee.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 1st September – Choral Evensong with the Teme Valley South Church Choir Sunday 13th October – Harvest Festival: church service at 5pm and harvest supper at 6.30pm Friday November 8th – Rochford Quiz Saturday 30th November – Musical evening

Church flower rota

Ann Prosser, thank you.

Contacts

Ann on 01584 781317

Andrew on 07809 658484 or through the parish WhatsApp group

If you would like to be added to the parish's WhatsApp group to keep you up to date with all the village happenings, please send me your mobile number.

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At the next social night on Friday 30th August we are holding a barbecue and the bar will open at the slightly earlier time of 6 o'clock, with food following at 7.



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- Remove the staples without leaving any in the grass for sheep's feet (attention to detail exercise)
- Remove posts and toss to collecting point (training for tossing the caber)
- Move stakes to storage area (weight lifting practice)
- Free the wire of grass and ant hills (tug of wire competition)
- Roll wire up and keep it rolled (management skills)
- Move wire to storage area (lift and shift)

Prize of tea and cake awarded to all! You will have deserved it. We may even have beer or cider if we find sponsor (hint hint).

Agree day and time with friends and book with Maggie Kingston on 01885 410431.

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Eastham Jottings

Church flowers and cleaning

August – Mel Cumming September – Alyson Brookes

Eastham Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 7th August at 10.30am at Eastham Memorial Hall. Come along and have a cup of coffee, win a raffle prize and have a catch up. For August we will be collecting goodies for the fête – bottles for the tombola and anything else in advance.

Wednesday 4th September Ann and Tony Simpson Wednesday 2nd October Macmillan Coffee Morning

Race Night

Although we were competing with the semi finals of Euro 2024, a good time was had by those who turned out to enjoy the races. Thanks to everyone who came, helped and donated. Over £100 was raised

New pictures for the Memorial Hall

Entries are invited for pictures of Eastham to be judged in the summer with the winners being made into canvasses to decorate the hall. Get snapping. More to follow.

Eastham church bells

The next bell ringing at Eastham will be on 18th August at around midday when the Lilleshall Bell-ringers will ring a quarter peal (roughly 45 minutes) in memory of the Wylde family – Ron, Gordon and Donna. Thanks to Julie Hartridge.

Activities at Eastham Memorial Hall

- Pilates, Tuesdays 1pm and 2.15pm. Contact Sue on 07974 343609, sue579@icloud.com for details or a taster session. New term starts on Tuesday 10th September.
- Yoga, ring Zoe on 07962 981456 or see www.zedyoga.co.uk. Wednesdays at 10am. New term starts on Wednesday 11th September.
- Zumba Gold, Lucia on 07709 301030, lu.500@live.co.uk. Wednesdays at 12 noon, just turn up. Continues through the summer.
- Kung Fu, Adam on 07720 643524, for youngsters on Saturdays at 9.30am. Available on request.

Pub Night

Eastham Pub Night will be on Friday 16th August at 7pm at Eastham Memorial Hall. Make a date to catch up with others and get updates on the fête. Watch out for the usual banner. We will be linking with preparations for the fête.

Swifts at Eastham church

As ever the swifts have returned this summer to nest in our fine old church. Swifts are in sad decline, on the red list, however they continue to return to the church in good numbers. It is amazing to think how many generations have bred in the hundreds of years the church has been standing. If you would like to share local information and enthusiasm, please get in touch with Ann at cannhadfield@hotmail.com. If you would like to know more about these amazing birds, see www.swift-conservation.org.

Storage Area extension

Work starts during July on the extension. All activities will continue as usual and as booked whilst the work proceeds.

Celia Adams

Eastham fête - can you help?

Our fête on 18th August is fast approaching so please remember we need as much help as possible to put the site up on the day before. We also need books, plants, bric-a-brac, cakes for the tea tent and for the cake stall, prizes for the tombola and silent auction and help on the day to run stalls and attractions. If you would like to be involved (it does not have to be all day, a couple of hours would be great) and we don't already know or if you want to drop off a donation please contact us on easthamfete@gmail.com or just turn up on the 17th and we will find you something to do.

Don't worry if it's been a poor growing season – everyone is in the same boat with vegetables and flowers this year. Please enter your produce and help build a great display for the visitors to look at.

Eastham fête cups

If you won a cup last year please return it to David Clarke **as soon as possible.**



David Clarke

Hanley Happenings

Anyone for tennis?

If you are interested in a game of tennis at Town Farm, Margie is happy for the courts to be used. Just give her a ring on 07796 081857 to check that they are available when you want to play. You never know we may have tennis weather soon!

Macmillan Coffee Day

Come along to the Macmillan coffee day at Tally Ho Cottage on Saturday 28th September from 10am to 4pm. Bric-a-brac table and garage sale. Donations welcome.

Relaxation Evening

Due to a bereavement the Relaxation Evening is now on 5th September at 6.30pm at Hanley Village Hall.

Dog Show and Barbecue

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our first annual dog show and summer barbecue on 10th August. The dog show is kindly sponsored by Sarah at the Pet Shop in Tenbury. There will be goody bags and rosettes for the winners, as well as doggie games, doggie tombola and puppicinos, so a great day out for your four-legged friends. There is also a barbecue and bar for the humans and a bouncy castle for the kids!



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Film Club

Films at Hanley Village Hall will start again on 7th September. Our first film is *A Haunting in Venice*. Please bring food and drink to share.

Please let Lex know if you have any recommendations for future screenings.

Curry and Quiz Night

Will your team win the prize or the wooden spoon? Fun for all the family! Come along to Hanley Village Hall on Saturday 21st September at 6.30pm. Quiz entry £2.50 per person for teams of six or under. Pop-up bar and curry available.

Dates for your diary

5th October – Race Night, Alfie's Kitchen food truck and pop-up bar

20th October – make a felted pumpkin

26th October - Film Night

No offerings in the hedge please

On the Black Isle in Scotland there is a place called the Clootie Well where people go and hang articles of clothing belonging to sick friends and family in the belief that the "wee ones" will ward off evil spirits and illnesses. It's a place of hope but unlikely to do any good.

It seems that in the Hanleys there is a similar belief, as hedge cutting farmers are noticing an increasing number of used poo bags hanging from trees and hedges. Not pleasant when cutting!

Will dog owners who have actually bothered to bag up the poo please take it home with them. The hedge cutter's job would then be a lot more pleasant and help to maintain the beauty of the countryside. And thank you to all those responsible dog owners who do take their dogs' offerings home with them.

Coast to Coast

Plans are moving on apace for the Gardner boys' assault of the Coast to Coast walk. Accommodation all booked, boots run in, old socks replaced with new! Sadly I am letting them down, my knee surgery is on 26th July so I can't drive and Sherpa for them. No worries, brother-in-law has stepped into the breach.

To date they have raised £618 towards their £2,000 target for a men's mental health charity. If you want to know more just pop in and see me at Tally Ho Cottage, I'll be glad of visitors!

Carole Gardner

More Hanleys News on page 10

Stanford • Stanford

Services in Stanford

Sunday 4th August Holy Communion at 10am Sunday 1st September Holy Communion at 10am

Church flowers

August - Sarah Burgoyne

Refreshments after services

Thanks to Andy and Helen Nicol for all their help making and serving tea, coffee and flapjacks, and to John Curtis who made a delicious cranberry and blueberry cake.

A Profound Secret

A Profound Secret – Rev'd David Melville, the Shelsleys & the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood

This event is on 21st September from 10.30am to 4.30pm at All Saints Church, Shelsley Beauchamp. Speakers include Professor Ann McLamon, Master of Hatfield College, Durham University and Dr Serena Trowbridge, Chairman of the Pre-Raphaelite Society. Josceline Dimbleby, author of *A Profound Secret*, talks about her ancestors in a filmed interview. Arts and crafts activities for children, hog roast, waffle van, prosecco tent, coffee and tea and outdoor games. Adults £10, children £4. Contact Alexandra Winnington, 07891 346783 or alexandra.winnington@gmail.com.

Community Gathering

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our community event on Saturday 28th September from 6.30 to 8.30pm at St Mary's church. Refreshments will be served – please let Cecilia Dean (07974 227945) or Alexandra Winnington (07891 346783) know if you would like to come.

Harvest Service

Our harvest service is on Sunday 6th October at 11am followed by Harvest Lunch at 12.30pm at Stanford village hall. Please contact Alexandra Winnington to book lunch on 07891 346783. Donations will be in support of FOAG.

Tenbury Food Bank

Thank you for supporting Tenbury Food Bank by bringing food to St Mary's. The box in the lobby continues to be used. Thank you to all who have contributed – please keep your donations coming.

Grass cutting in the churchyard

I apologise for a decision by the St Mary's church committee to cut back the grass in the churchyard in September. We were allowing for maximum seed spread but this has made it untenable for visitors to visit the graves. Paths should have been added sooner. It will be cut completely soon.

Rev'd Jen Jones



Many congratulations to our curate, Rev'd Jen Jones, who was ordained as a priest by Bishop John during a moving service at Worcester Cathedral on 29th June. She can now lead all types of services including weddings, baptisms and funerals. She will continue to train and gain experience for the next few years with us in Teme Valley South and the wider mission area as her curacy progresses. She will be celebrating Holy Communion for the first time in St Mary's, Stanford on 4th August at 10am. Do come along and join us for that service.

Alexandra Winnington

Churchyard Working Party

Saturday 7th September, 10am to 12 noon

Everyone welcome – many hands make light work! Refreshments provided

> Further information from Andy Nicol on 07986 156210

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Hanley Childe's past report showed important repairs that need to be done to the west window including glazing and masonry works. Approved contractors have now been appointed and work will start before the winter.

If you are interested in English church history you may like to know more about these reports. If so please contact Sarah at hanleychurches.treasurer@outlook.com or Rev'd Julia.

Thanks to everyone who has helped make Hanley Childe church look so beautiful; the churchyard is very well mown and tidy and the whole church is gleaming.

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The Chair of Trustees is an important leadership role and the vacancy offers a local person the chance to help secure a sustainable future for this much admired arts facility.

The new chair will be working alongside the 12 members of the Board as well as with the Regal's team of staff and volun-

teers. The Board is looking for someone with the experience and flair to play a significant role in taking the theatre forward into the next chapter of its long history. Could this be you?

The Regal Trust works closely with members of Tenbury Town Council, who own the building, and with other local community leaders.

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Contact:

Jane Harris at janeharris@regaltenbury.co.uk Erika Wooding at Erika@regaltenbury.co.uk





Choral Evensong with Teme Valley South Churches Choir



The Teme Valley South Churches Choir was delighted to be singing at St Mary's Church, Stanford for choral evensong at the beginning of July. They are especially grateful for a kind donation that enabled them to buy scores for the anthem *Steal Away*, arranged by Patrick Dupré Quigley. The anthem combines the traditional African-American Spiritual melody of *Steal Away* with a partially improvised accompaniment that does not resolve until the final note of the piece.

The atmosphere created by the voices and

organ combined with the acoustics of the church was rather special. Director of Music Chloe Kenrick would like to thank everyone in the choir and to congratulate Sylvie, our 19-year-old soprano, for her beautiful and moving solo in this piece.

The choir will be singing again for choral evensong at Rochford church on Sunday 1st September at 4pm so do come along if you would like to hear them.

If you are interested in singing, want to hear or simply find out more about TVSCC, please email Chloe at music.tvspcc@gmail.com. Follow, like or share our social media page, www.facebook.com/TVSCCChoir.



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Curry and Quiz Night



Saturday 21st September at 6.30pm at Hanley Village Hall

Entry £2.50 per person • Teams of up to 6 Pop-up Bar and Curry

lona Worship

A pattern of prayer, singing and imaginative engagement with scripture that reflects our life together as community as we celebrate God's presence in our lives

> You are invited to join us at Hanley Village Hall, WR15 8QU where you will find a warm welcome Services will be held on

Sunday 11th August at 4pm – St Clare Sunday 8th September at 4pm – Harvest Sunday 10th November at 4pm – Remembrance

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Eastham Fête Fun Dog Show

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Ingredients

6 whole sustainable tiger prawns

- 2 limes, grated zest and juice
- 1 crushed garlic clove
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 medium courgette
- 2 tsp semolina
- 1 tsp cornflour
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 20g butter

Pinch of chilli flakes

Black pepper

Method

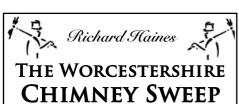
Toss the tiger prawns with half the grated lime zest and juice of 1 lime, crushed garlic and olive oil. Set aside to marinate for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat the oven to 200°C fan/gas 7. Slice the courgette into 0.5cm rounds. Toss with the semolina, cornflour, pinch of salt and vegetable oil. Transfer to a baking tray and roast for 10-12 minutes until golden.



Heat the grill to high. Grill the prawns for 3-5 minutes on each side until just cooked through.

In a small pan, melt the butter with the remaining grated lime zest and juice, a pinch of chilli flakes and some black pepper until sizzling. When the prawns and courgettes are done, remove and drizzle with the chilli lime butter. Serve immediately with a dollop of mayo and lime wedges.



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Teme Valley Wildlife

One of the Anglo-Saxon names for August translates from Old English as "weed month". I find this puzzling because the month when I am most aware of weeds is May, when they've suddenly shot up in every bed, border and the gravel of my drive. In all honesty, the only time when weeds are not apparent in my plot is in winter when there's a good



covering of snow. Why our ancestors thought of them in August, when I should have thought harvest would have been at the forefront of their minds. I do not know.

But weeds are only plants growing where humans do not want them, and there is definitely a hierarchy of weeds, in which some types can be tolerated more easily than others. I try and do away with docks and thistles but keep creeping buttercup, bindweed and couch grass at bay. I try to restrict nettles to a patch of their own. Weeds that I welcome are birds foot trefoil, meadow vetchling, agrimony, yellow rattle and – joy of joys – common spotted orchid. I'm very happy for them to grow in

the grass of my orchard. This year I had the double joy of standing admiring a solitary orchid as a large skipper butterfly briefly alighted to take a sip of nectar.

A weed I hadn't expected to find in my garden was uncovered amongst a patch of rather unruly weeds beneath a buddleia bush. The persistent wet

weather had delayed weed management until later in the year than usual, but I was still surprised to find a sizeable hypericum growing in this shady spot. At first, I thought it was a cultivated variety as there are quite a few, but on closer inspection it turned out to be a wild form, a plant called tutsan. This is an ancient woodland indicator plant for Worcestershire and I was aware that it grew in a local wood and also in a nearby shady lane. I was rather impressed with it in the garden, where bright yellow flowers and berries in a range of colours looked rather attractive.

Tutsan gets its name from the French "toute-

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saine", or all heal, and was formerly used as a healing herb. It is bushy in shape and flowers between June and September. Its shiny berries form green but soon turn red and finally ripen to black. In the Hebrides the ripe berries were believed to cause madness and there were given the name "Devil's berries". It is interesting that in different parts of

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the country the same plant could be viewed either as beneficial or quite the opposite.

Tutsan's stiff leaves grow to a length of about four inches and, for some totally inexplicable reason, were dried and used as book-marks for Bibles. The plants favour damp and shady places and are mainly to be found in the west of the country. They certainly don't seem to be uncommon around here, so do look out for them.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is at 7.30pm on Thursday August 8th at Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall. The format will be a little different from usual and the TVWG committee will be discussing the results of our 2024 wildlife surveys. Members have been asked to note down sightings of swallows, martins and swifts, box moths, snakes and slow worms and nettle-leaved bellflowers. Do come along and find out where they are. Everyone is very welcome and it is just £3 on the door.

Stephanie Mocroft

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What's on in Teme Valley South

August

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7th	Wednesday	Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
		Film Night at Hanley Village Hall, A Haunting in Venice, 7pm
8th	Thursday	Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
10th	Saturday	Dog Show, Hanley Village Hall, 3.30pm and Summer Barbecue, 5.30pm
		Train Day, The Hyde, Stoke Bliss, 2pm
16th	Friday	Eastham Pub Night, Eastham Memorial Hall, 7pm
18th	Sunday	Eastham Fête and Produce Show, 12 noon
21st	Saturday	Curry and Quiz Night, Hanley Village Hall, 6.30pm
		Live music with The Scratch Band, Rochford Village Hall, 7.30pm
27th	Tuesday	Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm
30th	Friday	Social & Pub Night with barbecue, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 6pm

September

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5th	Thursday	Relaxation Evening, Hanley Village Hall, 6.30pm
7th	Saturday	Churchyard working party, st Mary's, Stanford, 10am
12th	Thursday	Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
21st	Saturday	Live music in Rochford
		A Profound Secret – Rev'd David Melville, the Shelsleys & the Pre-Raphaelite
		Brotherhood, All Saints Church, Shelsley Beauchamp, 10.30am
		Stoke Bliss Ploughing Match, Grain Farm, Linley Green
24th	Tuesday	Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm
27th	Friday	Social & Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7pm
28th	Saturday	Macmillan Coffee Day, Tally Ho Cottage, Hanley, 10am
		Community Gathering, St Mary's Church, Stanford, 6.30pm

Wednesday Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am

October

2nd	Wednesday	Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
5th	Saturday	The Big Breakfast, Rochford Village Hall, 9.30am
		Race Night, Hanley Village Hall
6th	Sunday	Harvest service, St Mary's Stanford, 11am followed by lunch at 12.30
13th	Sunday	Harvest Festival, Rochford Church, 5pm, followed by supper at 6.30pm
29th	Tuesday	Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm

Send items for inclusion to Sandra Griffiths by 18th of the previous month telephone 07482 482629 or email ronsmum@icloud.com

Services August/September 2024

Daily prayer continues at 9am and 7pm on Zoom, contact Rev Julia if you would like to join us. The blessings group meets regularly and is co-ordinated by Richard Skerrett who can be contacted on 01886 853099 for details.

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Services Schedule

Sunday 4th August

10.00am Stanford Holy Communion and Hymns

Sunday 11th August

10.00am Stoke Bliss Holy Communion 4.00pm Hanley Village Hall Iona Service

Sunday 18th August

10.00am Eastham All Age Worship and Holy Communion

2.00pm Walking Church

Thursday 22nd August

6.30pm Rock Church Deanery Confirmation

Sunday 25th August

10.00am Rochford All Age Worship and Holy Communion

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