

Services for June

7th 10.00am Rev Mr H Moon
14th 10.00am Mr Ken Harris
21st 10.00am Mr Pete Honeyball
(yDA) Holy Communion
28th 10.00am Rev Mr F Ireland

Services for July

5th 10.00am Mrs Louise Atkinson
(Reader Service)
3.00pm Big Sing Circuit Service
12th 11.0am Mr Nick Ayles
BBQ
19th 10.00am Rev Mr H Moon
Holy Communion
26th 10.00am Local Arrangement

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Methodist Church

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good wishes of the Church*

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St. Dunstan’s Church, St. Mary’s Church, St John’s, Kimble
Free Church and St. Teresa’s Roman Catholic Church***

Rotas for July 2026

	Duty Steward	Welcoming Stewards	Bible Readers	Tea/coffee
5 th	Mr M Pullen	Mr & Mrs N Trout	Mr & Mrs N Trout	Ms Y Ayoola
12 th	Mr N Marriner-Kyle	Mrs T Sheppard & Ms V Spires	Mrs T Sheppard & Ms V Spires	Mrs F McMullan
19 th	Miss M Dore	Mr & Mrs V Baker	Mr & Mrs V Baker	Miss P Scott
26 th	Mrs J Gerrard	Mrs B Oates & Mrs M Stevens	Mr N Marriner-Kyle & Mrs M Stevens	Mrs S Wilson

Weekend	Flowers	Cleaning	Grass Cutting
4/5	Ms V Spires	Mrs K Trout	Mr N Trout
11/12		Mrs N Baker	Mr K Smith
18/19	Mrs D Robbins	Miss M Dore	Mr B McCleery
25/26	Mrs D Robbins	Mrs B Hudson	Mr G Hudson

If unavailable, please arrange an exchange or replacement, notify the steward, and amend the porch and vestry lists. If you would like to be involved as a welcoming steward or Bible reader, or any other rota please speak to Joe Needham (07507 416421) or one of the other Stewards.

Those who kindly provide flowers, please leave the wrappings in the vestry so that the stewards have something to wrap the flowers in when they distribute them after the service.

For those needing access to the church on a Saturday, don't forget the Young Deaf meet every 3rd Saturday of the month.

Flowers for Church

June's flower rota is looking rather bare. If you have a celebration or an Anniversary, the church would be grateful if you could record it with flowers.

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14 th	Mr M Pullen	Mrs M Stevens & Mrs B Oates	Mrs M Cookson & Mrs M Stevens	Mrs S Wilson
21 th	Miss M Dore	Mr J Drake & Mrs F McMullan	Mrs M Judd & Ms Y Ayoola	Miss P Scott
28 th	Mr N Marriner-Kyle	Mr & Mrs G Hudson	Mr & Mrs G Hudson	Mrs M Stevens

Weekend	Flowers	Cleaning	Grass Cutting
6/7		Mrs F McMullan	Mr C McMullan
13/14	Miss P Scott	Mrs D Pullen	Mr M Pullen
20/21	Mrs M Stevens	Mrs M Stevens	Mr D Stevens
27/28	Mrs M Stevens	Miss P Scott	Mr J Needham

Volunteers Wanted

If any of you can help with taking a turn as a Welcoming Steward (being there to greet people as they arrive for church, give out hymn books, etc as required and to take the offertory forward during the service) it would be much appreciated. The more help we have the fewer occasions that each person does it – note that it does require those involved to arrive at church about 30 minutes before the service starts.

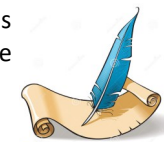
Some of us also do the Bible Readings, but there is no obligation to do those as well if you don't want to. If you are able to help, please let me know so that I can include you on the rota in future months.

Joe Needham

Rest Day — Rev. Heegon Moon's 'day off' is Monday; please try to respect this whenever possible.

From the Manse ...

Dear Friends - As Heegon was away enjoying a break it seems I have become a beneficiary of Neville's charm and have the opportunity to share a thought in the Messenger.



I have recently discovered what I think is one of the best resources for Christians seeking to deepen their understanding of the books of the Bible. For every book there is at least one 8- minute video that introduces the structure and major themes of the piece in question. For some of the longer or more challenging pieces there are a number of videos where the book is divided into parts, such as with the Gospels. Once you have got used to the American accent of the narrator the clips really do put into sharp profile what each of the 66 books of the Bible are all about. So, if you want to, you can wander into the unfamiliar, like Nahum and Obadiah, or focus on the more familiar and see how the structure helps the message to be appreciated at a deeper level.

In June Princes Risborough will have the accolade of being the first church in the Circuit to have a four week preaching series on the Letter to the Philippians. This uses resources produced by the Connexion as part of a Bible Month initiative. It has been going for a few years but has never really been used in our Circuit so, if you like this approach, we could use previous years' resources.

Philippians is a good place to start; you can go to <https://bibleproject.com/>, drop down to guides and look up Philippians to get some context and structure to the key themes. What you will find is an incredibly joyful and encouraging piece of writing from Paul, who is interred in prison yet full of a willingness to encourage his friends in Phillipi to hold fast to the gospel and revel in something of what it brings into their lives. The four- week journey will enable us to reflect on joy, humility and grace as we are encouraged to run the race and press on towards the prize for which Christ has called us. It is dynamic and exciting stuff. I could become quite rhapsodic because, in simple terms, we are told about faith, invited to make our response and given guidance that is simple and straightforward as to how we can become more effective participants in God's ongoing ministry.

Within chapter two Paul encourages the Philippians "to continue to work out their salvation with fear and trembling." Hopefully our four- week journey will enable us to pause in awe before our God and recognise the benefits at being able to tremble with astonishment. Blessings

Tuesday Fellowship

Our next meeting is on 16th June at 2pm at the Church when our speaker will be Cannon Rob Brown. The following on 21st July, again at Church when members will be asked to bring with them an item that means much to them that they can talk to the other members about.

Please join us if you are able, new members are always very welcome.

Pam Scott

SALT Group

The SALT group (Sharing And Learning Together) is now studying Paul's Letter to the churches in Galatia. Our meetings will be on June 4th & 18th plus July 2nd & 16th, and will usually be held at the home of Fran McMullan (check in the notices for any change in venue) starting from 7.30 onwards for tea/coffee and chat, then Bible Study commencing at around 8pm.

Even if you have not joined us before, you are welcome to come and try us out! Each study session is 'self-contained' so attendance at every meeting is not essential.

Joe Needham

Table Top Games

We meet every **Friday** between 10.00am to around 12.00 noon, to play Scrabble, Upwords, and Rummikub, to name but a few. The attendance fee is £2.00 and refreshments will be served.

Sue Wilson

World & Home Mission Boxes

It is now time for World and Home Mission boxes to be opened and I shall be pleased if those people who hold boxes or wish to contribute funds would let me have this as soon as possible. Thank you.

Pam Scott

Church Forum

The next Church Forum will be on 23rd June at Church starting at 7.30pm.

Fran McMullan

Diary Dates for June

4th	SALT, 7.30pm for 8.00pm
6th	Lighthouse Quiz, St Mary's PR, 7.30pm
8th	Bereavement Group, Chapter House St Mary's, 3pm
14th	Methodist Homes Sunday (Envelope collection)
14th	'Tea for All' afternoon tea & chat at St Mary's, 2.30pm
15th	World Refuge Week starts (Ends 21st June)
16th	Tuesday Fellowship, 2.00pm
18th	SALT, 7.30pm for 8.00pm
20th	World Refuge Day
23rd	Church Forum, 7.30pm

Diary Dates for July

2nd	SALT, 7.30pm for 8.00pm
12th	Action for Children Sunday (Envelope collection)
12th	Church BBQ (Note 11.00 am start to the service)
12th	Sea Sunday
12th	'Tea for All' afternoon tea & chat at St Mary's, 2.30pm
13th	Bereavement Group, Chapter House St Mary's, 3pm
21st	Tuesday Fellowship, 2.00pm
16th	SALT, 7.30pm for 8.00pm
27th	Lighthouse Week starts (Ends 31st July)

Forthcoming events

17th Sep Karibuni Golf Day at Sandy Lodge Golf Club 1.30pm.

Regular events

Fridays Table top games 10.00am -12.00

Smile

- 1) I've bought myself some fancy new electric garden trimmers..... They're cutting-hedge technology!
- 2) I was happily watching the Bermuda Philharmonic Orchestra when suddenly the chap on the triangle disappeared!



Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle is 'here for you' so if you know of someone who would appreciate our prayers, please contact anyone in the table below. Thanksgiving is also included. Please contact me if you are interested in joining the Prayer Circle.

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Vicky Spires

Weekly Church Notices

Please contact Mrs Maureen Judd by telephone, 01844 617650, or email: maureenj148@gmail.com by noon on Friday with any information to go into the weekly notices.

Action for Children Sunday



Action for Children Sunday is 12th July with the theme 'Everyone's welcome'. The Messenger includes an envelope for any donation you wish to contribute. You can return the envelope via the collection during July.

Action for Children knows that many of us have supported them faithfully for years – decades even – and they are so thankful for our support. We are helping to change the lives of so many vulnerable children and young people, enabling them to have a safe and happy childhood.

'Everyone's welcome' is a reference to the wider family of God and in particular the focus on foster care, which is where Action for Children began over 150 years ago. They say:

Sadly, the need is as great as ever, with 7,000 new foster families needed. But your support means we can welcome children and young people into foster families and the communities around them. Fostering can be the turning point in a child or young person's life. It's more than just a home – it's stability, hope and a loving environment. It's someone they can trust saying, "It's ok, I'm here", when their world is full of unknowns, and giving them the opportunity to thrive. Your support helps our foster carers to do this. Thank you.

Judith Gerrard

Ladies' Breakfast

The next Ladies' Breakfast will be on Saturday July 4th at 9am in St Mary's Hall. All ladies and friends are welcome. Our speaker will be Carole Edwards giving us her "Musings From the Camino". Please let Rose know by Thursday July 2nd if you would like to come. rosewilliamsgp@yahoo.co.uk or 01844 274225.

Rev Rose Williams

Men's Breakfast

All men in the congregation are invited to join together for our next breakfast which will be in the Crew Café, Wades Park at 9.00am on 18th July. Please confirm with Neville so the appropriate booking can be made.

Neville Trout

THANKS

Methodist Women In Britain Easter Offering

Thank you to all who contributed to this fund. A total of £291.00 was raised and Gift Aid will be added to this centrally.

Pam Scott

Christian Aid

The recent returned used printer cartridges (HP and Cannon) raised £28.50 for Christian Aid. My thanks to all who contributed to this total.

Margaret Stevens

Whitechapel mission

The May collection for our chosen charity, Whitechapel Mission, was £70. Thank you for your support for our charities and other collections— details of which appear elsewhere in these pages.

Judith Gerrard

Weekly support

Thanks to all those weekly unsung contributors to church life in whatever role—such as those who prepare the notices, play the organ, operate the AV, act as stewards, clean and cut, supply flowers, serve coffee and take part in services.

Editors

Bereavement Drop In

This group meets on the second Monday of every month throughout the year offering a warm welcome to anyone struggling with the grief of bereavement. We share together over a cup of tea or coffee, talk about our experiences or just listen. Many find comfort in talking about their loved ones with others who know what they are going through.

We next meet on 8th June and 13th July in the Chapter House at St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough, at 3.00pm, and everyone is welcome, of any faith or of no faith at all. Please contact Rose Williams if you need further details.

Rev Rose Williams 01844 274225



LIGHTHOUSE QUIZ : SATURDAY 6th June 2026. 7.30pm Start
St. Mary's Church Princes Risborough

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.
No red wine please, as it stains the floor.

Tables of 8

Bring cash for the Raffle and Heads & Tails Game.

Booking Essential—to book a table, please contact:

Jamie Carter on 01844 273286

If you would like to come but are not part of a team, or want to donate a raffle prize please contact Jamie.

UKRAINE Support: Donations requested by Mrs Adriana Case for **Ukraine hospitals for wounded soldiers.**

Wanted: Incontinence products (even opened packs are fine) Any medications or medical aids (out of date meds can be donated), Walking aids/ frames Wheelchairs .

If in doubt people can message Adriana and check if a donation is suitable. What's app and text messages are better as Adriana works full time with Additional Needs / Special Needs young people. Contact Fay initially on tjsheppard@btinternet.com

Fay Sheppard

BUCKS ART WEEKS AT ST DUNSTAN'S

An exhibition showcasing a group of established artists and makers in beautiful, medieval St Dunstan's Church, Monks Risborough.

Nine artists and makers will be showing paintings, print-making, illuminations, textile art, paper sculpture, turned vessels, ceramics, mosaics and jewellery.

For photos and more info, see www.artatstdunstans.blogspot.com

Home-baked cakes and drinks on offer throughout the show. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons, the church serves cream teas.

Art at St Dunstan's is open Saturday 6 - Sunday 14 June
Saturdays and w/days 10 - 4, Sundays 12 - 4.

St Dunstan's Church, off Mill Lane, Monks Risborough, BUCKS HP27 9JE. **Please park on Mill Lane.**



The Methodist Church

Special Days

World Refugee Day, 20th June : the international day to honour people who have been forced to flee coupled with **Refugee Week (15-21st June)** — the world's largest arts & culture festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. Founded in 1998 in the UK and held every year around World Refugee Day. See www.unhcr.org/get-involved/take-action/world-refugee-day and www.refugeeweek.org

Sea Sunday, 12th July : Sea Sunday is a moment each year when churches around the world come together to pray for seafarers, give thanks for their vital work, and support The Mission to Seafarers' life-changing frontline ministry. This year's theme is "Harbours of hope: The church alongside seafarers" inspired by Matthew 25. and celebrates the local church as a place of welcome, refuge and hope. www.missiontoseafarers.org/sea-sunday

Methodist Homes



Methodist Homes Sunday on 14th June is a special opportunity to celebrate the life-enhancing work of MHA and to affirm the inherent value, dignity and worth of older people in our society. It's a time to give thanks and raise funds for MHA's charitable services.

MHA Sunday also invites churches to reflect on the growing and changing needs of older people, and to explore how the Church can respond with compassion through practical action, volunteering and advocacy.

By making a donation in the envelope sent with the Messenger, you'll help fund chaplaincy, music therapy for people living with dementia, and befriending services that bring comfort, connection and a sense of belonging to older people across Britain. For many, this support can mean the difference between loneliness and feeling part of a community again.

If you wish to contribute you can return the envelope via the collection any week in June.

Judith Gerrard

PR Fashion followers

Chris, Sue and I attended a fashion show at The Princes Centre on 9th May supporting local charities like Oxfam, Rennie Grove, Florence Nightingale and the Shaw Trust.

Most of the clothes were from the shops and were worn by local people with some accessories of their own used. Our ticket included a glass of Prosecco or a non-alcoholic drink and there was a raffle with so many prizes, many of them donated by local business. The Risborough Wrens and people from the charity shops had worked very hard on producing a very enjoyable evening. The weather was warm and sunny and the event was well supported.

What a shock when we got up on Sunday morning for church as the weather had turned really cold with a strong wind at times, which certainly didn't help. Well done to all the volunteers and I hope they raised a substantial amount.

Fay Sheppard

CTR : Churches Together in Risborough

At our recent meeting on May 11th, it was noted that in many of our churches services during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday were well attended with numbers generally higher than last year. The CTR Good Friday service on the Duke St. Green had gone well, though we may revert to the Market Sq. next year as there were fewer passers-by this year. A good number attended the Dawn service on Whiteleaf Hill on Easter Sunday, and our thanks were given to those members from St Dunstan's who provided Sausage & Bacon Rolls.



Currently we rely on each church's Public Liability Insurance (PLI) covering their own members at outdoor CTR events such as the above. The question of whether CTR should obtain PLI in its own right for these events was discussed. The implications of this, such as whether CTR would need to register as a charity in its own right before it could get PLI together with the regulations and costs of this, are to be investigated and brought back to a future meeting.

It was agreed that the CTR website should be upgraded as the costs of this seem reasonable, and there are problems with the current site. Also in recent years, we have not been charged for having Town Entry Signs in the run up to Christmas & Easter reminding travellers of the significance of these festivals and suggesting they look at the CTR website for information. However, going forward CTR will have to pay for having the signs put up and new boards will need to be made. The meeting agreed that the costs of these were worthwhile.

Discussions about Lighthouse followed. In particular, information about what was needed in terms of practical help in running it and the costs and what financial support was required from the churches, was felt to be inadequate. Although the Lighthouse committee prepare a budget and by implication assume a particular level of support from churches, that information is not shared with the churches in CTR so when we decide how much to give to Lighthouse it is usually based on what we have given in previous years. It was hoped that this matter could be raised at the Lighthouse committee meeting scheduled for May 12th.

In their absence, thanks were expressed for the support and time given to CTR by Rev Tony Bundock who is finally retiring (aged 77) from the part time post as St John's, Lacey Green vicar, and also Rev Andrew Walmsley, curate at St Mary's who will leave at the end of June to take up a post as vicar in Tamworth, Staffordshire.

Joe Needham

Lighthouse 27th to 31st July

Registrations are now open for LH Princes Risborough 2026, and we'd like to invite you to volunteer again! We would really appreciate your help, the success of Lighthouse hinges on our wonderful teams of volunteers, we are always grateful for your support.



To volunteer, sign up at - <https://app.signmeup.org.uk/lighthouse-princes-risborough/43>

We thank you once again for all your help in previous years and hope to see you in the summer for another amazing Lighthouse! Positions not yet filled – café coordinator and a café support team.

It's easier this year!

Use the same account as you did last year for a quicker process where some of the information has been filled in for you.

Volunteer Briefing: You must attend one of 2 briefing sessions, whether new or old to Lighthouse. Both will take place in July

Key dates: The week: 27th- 31st July 2026

Briefing session- Tuesday 14th July 2026, 7:00pm at Princes Risborough Baptist Church, 42 Bell Street, Pr Risborough, HP27 0AD or

Briefing session- Sunday 26th July 2025, 4:00pm at Lighthouse site field, Pr Risborough School, Merton Road, Pr Risborough, HP27 0DR.

Lighthouse Princes Risborough

Karibuni Children Fundraising News.

For the golfers amongst us, there is a Karibuni Golf Day at Sandy Lodge Golf Club in Northwood on Thursday September 17th at 1.30pm.

Supporters of Karibuni changing energy suppliers are asked to consider Octopus Energy. For each Karibuni supporter who switches to Octopus Energy, Karibuni Children and the Karibuni supporter each receive a £50 credit on their first bill. Use "www.octopus.energy/quote/?affiliate=karibunichildren".

Information and tickets (where required) at www.karibuni.org.uk/shop by email office@karibuni.org.uk or telephone 01296 614887.