

Services for June

- 3rd 10.00am Rt Revd Andrew Shergold
Holy Communion
- 10th 10.00am Rev Ann Henman
Junior Church
- 10th 6.00pm Rev Helen Kirk
United Service at our Church
- 17th 10.00am Rev Keith Edwards
Café Church
- 24th 10.00pm Mr Ken Harris
Junior Church
- 24th 5.00pm Circuit Open Air Service
Swanbourne Methodist
Church
- 1st 10.00am Rev Keith Edwards
July Holy Communion



Tea and coffee will be served after
the morning service.
Please join us in the hall.

Princes Risborough

Methodist Church

'The Messenger'

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*This magazine comes to you with the
good wishes of the Church*

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**Material for the July/August Messenger to Neville Trout by
 Sunday 10th June at the latest please.**

***This Church is proud to be a member of 'Churches Together in
 Risborough' associated with The Baptist Church, Elim Church, St.
 Dunstan's Church, St. Mary's Church and St. Teresa's Roman
 Catholic Church.***

Rotas for June

	Duty Stewards	Welcoming Stewards	Bible Readers	Tea/coffee
3 rd	Mrs C Palmer	Mr & Mrs V Baker	Mr & Mrs V Baker	Mrs M Stevens
10 th AM	Mr M Pullen	Mr & Mrs N Trout	Mr & Mrs N Trout	Mrs B Oates
10 th PM	Miss M Dore	Mr J Needham	Miss M Dore	
17 th	Mrs J Gerrard	Mr & Mrs G Hudson	Mr & Mrs G Hudson	Mr J Needham
24 th	Mrs M Judd	Mr J Drake Mrs F McMullan	Mr J Drake Mrs V Haydon	Mrs S Hunnisett
1 st July		Mrs M Stevens Mrs B Oates	Mrs M Stevens Mr M Pullen	

Weekend	Flowers	Grass Cutting	Cleaning
2/3	Mrs D Robbins	Mr J Needham	Miss P Scott
9/10	Miss P Scott	Mr B Palmer	Mrs C Palmer
16/17		Mr K Smith	Miss M Dore YDA
23/24		Mrs M Stevens	Mr D Stevens
30/ 1 July	Mrs B Willett	Mr B McCleery	Mrs S Wilson



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 (01844 343246), or one of the Stewards.

Those who kindly provide flowers please leave the wrappings in the vestry so that the stewards have something to wrap them in when they distribute them after the service. We could always do with more than is provided so if anyone has any suitable paper please leave that in the vestry or the vase cupboard.

Diary Dates for June

2nd June	Chinnor Silver Band Concert
3 rd June	Fairtrade stall
3 rd June	First Sunday Café, Stone
4 th June	Silent Prayers at St Dunstan's
7 th June	SALT
8 th to 11 th June	Flower Festival
9 th to 24 th June	Bucks Art Weeks
10th June	Messenger Deadline
10 th June	Methodist Homes Sunday
10 th June	Pulse
15 ^h June	Breakout
17 th June	Later
19 th June	Tuesday Fellowship
21 st June	SALT
26 th June	Church Forum
28 th to 30 th June	PRCS Concert
29 th June	Breakout
30 th June	Induction of Rev Vanessa Rye
30 th June to 1 st July	Compassion UK

Future Dates

1 st July	First Sunday Café, Stone
7 th July	Town Festival
21 st July	Summer Concert
22 nd July	Songs of Praise at AMC
27 th July	Princes Centre Quiz
30 th July to 3 rd August	Lighthouse week

Weekly Church Notices: Please contact Mrs Maureen Judd by telephone (01844 344935) or e-mail - maureenjudd@maureenjudd.plus.com, by noon on Friday with any information to go into the weekly notices . *Maureen Judd*

Rest Day—Rev. Keith Edwards' 'day off' is a Wednesday; please try to respect this whenever possible.



From the Manse ...



Dear Friends,

As someone who drives around in a car a lot I am increasingly noticing that as I go through a traffic light on amber there seem to be at least 3 more cars behind me when I reach the other side of the lights. Whilst reading my daily devotions I came across this story;

A good citizen was being followed too close by a stressed-out woman on a busy street. Suddenly, the light at the junction just in front of them turned amber. The good citizen did the right thing by stopping at the crossing – even though he could have beaten the red light by racing through it.

The woman behind him hit the roof — and her horn. She was screaming in frustration because she had missed her chance to get through the lights. As she was still in mid-rant — alternately pounding the steering wheel and gesturing to the man in front of her — she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He put handcuffs on her, took her to the police station, where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a cell. After a couple of hours, a police officer approached the cell and opened the door. The woman was escorted back to the front desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects. He said, "I'm very sorry for my mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were tooting your horn and shouting at the man in front. Then I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do?' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the boot. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car."

Ouch! Have you seen anyone behaving like that? I wonder sometimes whether there is a thought that we can come to Church and behave one way, and for the rest of the week we can be "just like everybody else." But in the book of Acts, Jesus calls us to be his witnesses 24/7. We all have parts of our lives that we try to keep to ourselves – perhaps over the summer you might find time to reflect on those areas you have yet to give to Jesus and ask for his help and strength to offer your whole life to him.

Grace and peace to you - Keith

Church News

Junior Church

Junior Church will meet on **10th** and **24th June**

Fran McMullan



Birthdays

We wish Pam Scott a very happy 70th birthday on 10th June.

Fairtrade Stall.

The stall on 6th May took £37.00. Thanks to all who helped to set up and bought some of the goods. The next stall will be after the service on **3rd June**.

I know that John Vicary keeps smaller stocks these days, but I will try to get anything you particularly want, so please support it if you can.

Judith Gerrard

Church Forum

Our next Forum will be on **26th June**, please put the date in your diary and make an effort to attend this meeting. The agenda and reports will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Pam Scott

SALT Group

SALT Group will meet on **7th and 21st June** at the home of Maureen Judd, where we will be continuing our study of 'Prayers of the Old Testament'. If you wish to join us please contact Victoria Haydon (274996), Joe Needham (343246) or Maureen Judd (344935).

Joe Needham

Princes Risborough Town Festival, Saturday 7th July

There will be a **Street Fayre** as part of this festival day, open from 1.00pm till 6.00pm, where from this church, Fran will be having a fundraising tombola stall to raise funds for Lighthouse. She asks that you put aside any unwanted items that you think would be suitable for either the adults or the children's tombola; such as toiletries, chocolates, soft toys and drinks, which can be brought to church for storage, or Fran can collect them. In previous years we have also sold jams, preserves and fresh produce, which can be brought along on the day.

Joe says that there will be a Churches Together in Risborough stall publicising the work done for the young people of this area through Breakout, Later and Lighthouse.

Fran McMullan and Joe Needham

attractive. Red Kite volunteers will also be coming in the near future to do some work in the gardens.

Due to a number of teams being on holiday, the last quiz evening was cancelled. The next Quiz night is arranged for Friday 27th July starting at 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start. The cost will be £10 per person for the quiz, including a meal, and if you wish to join in with the bingo this is a little extra. Please ring Kim if you would like to come.

If you would like to make a donation towards our forthcoming refurbishment projects please send a cheque made payable to the 'Princes Risborough Centre Ltd' to Kim at the Princes Centre, Clifford Road, Princes Risborough, HP27 ODP. If you would like to book a hall or offer support in any way please ring Kim, our manager, on 01844 345105.

Maggie Wooster Keyte

Prayer for Peace

God send your peace
Peace to the world
Peace to this country
Peace for our friends and our Community
Peace for our families and our loved ones
God, give us your peace and then help us to give it away.



<http://www.methodist.org.uk/prayer-and-worship/prayer-of-the-day>

First Sunday Café

While we are enjoying the summer sunshine, Stone Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road, will be having a Ploughman's Lunch with cake/tea/coffee from 12.30pm till 2.00pm on Sundays **3rd June** and **1st July**, to which you are all invited.

The Princes Centre

With the onset of lovely weather some of our clients have enjoyed a visit to the Chinnor Railway. This month a group will be visiting Bekonscot Model Village and Railway.

Others have had meals out and have been to see the bluebells in the local woods, and swimming sessions continue for those who wish. Those less ambulant are able to enjoy our rear garden which was extensively revamped last year.

We are extremely thrilled and grateful to an anonymous resident who has very generously provided the funding to thoroughly refurbish the kitchen area, and we owe that person a huge debt of gratitude. It will take some time to plan this project so as to keep the disturbance to a minimum for our clients, but hopefully it will go ahead later this year.

Work will shortly commence to enlarge the car parking area in the front of the Centre in order to reduce the congestion and make the area safer for our clients. This will hopefully also improve the situation for the bus which at present has to reverse weaving past taxis and other vehicles when taking clients home.



Area where enlargement of car parking will occur

The trustees would like to gratefully acknowledge the many donations received in recent months which are enabling us to continue with all the improvements to the Princes Centre. This includes a number of local organisations [Churches Together, Risborough NAG, Windsor Lodge, Rotary Club of Princes Risborough, Princes Risborough School, Monks Risborough Parochial Charity, Princes Risborough Charity, St Dunstan's Carol Service, Dawn Hairdressers, Holy Trinity Church Bledlow, Bird in Hand, Risborough Run in the Park and Princes Risborough Lodge Ladies Festival]. Apologies to any organisation not mentioned or mentioned in previous updates. We are also extremely appreciative of generous donations from a number of individuals, either direct or through 'My Donate', usually located on our website, but temporarily unavailable.

Once the work to enlarge the car park is complete the front path will be laid in resin, courtesy of Tesco, and this will iron out any trip factors and make it more



Easter Offering

Thank you very much to those who contributed towards the Easter Offering. A total of £140.00, plus some Gift Aid to be reclaimed, will be sent to the 'Methodist Church Fund for World Missions'.

Pam Scott

Cake and Plant Stall

The 'Cake and Plant' stall for Wycombe Homeless Connection (WHC) held on Sunday, 29th April raised £150 for WHC, so well done to all the contributors and those who came to buy the goods.

Vic Baker did an excellent job in raising awareness of the work of WHC, which is a Christian-based charity, which provides every day advice and support, runs workshops to address the underlying issues of homelessness, and during the three coldest months of the year provides twelve shelter places administered on a rota basis by seven churches in Wycombe.

Many volunteers are involved with a small paid staff of support workers, so that costs are kept to a minimum; around £200,000 last year.

Over 500 people went to WHC for help last year. WHC says that "Every homeless individual in High Wycombe has worth and should have the chance of a fresh start whatever their situation."

Judith Gerrard

Methodist Homes

Methodist Homes Sunday will be celebrated on **10th June**. Gift envelopes are included with your Messenger, which can be returned through the church collection if you wish to make a donation.

Our gifts to Methodist Homes, will help it to continue providing best practice and highly regarded care for the residents in its many 'Care Homes' and 'Live At Home' schemes, and help to provide life enhancing services such as chaplaincy and music therapy.

In its 75th year, Methodist Homes Sunday entitled 'the Best Sunday for Ages', has a special emphasis on the achievements of age and the completeness of life. The theme of worship this year is 'Full of Years'.

Judith Gerrard

Late News

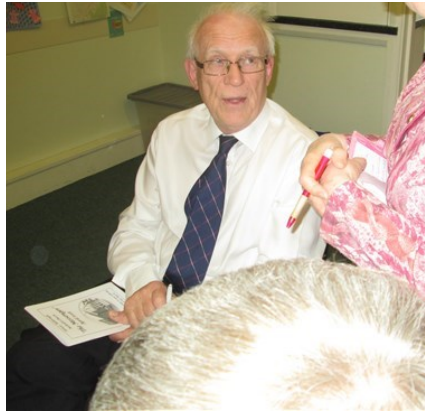
The proposed date for the Church summer BBQ is Sunday 1st July (tbc). Watch the weekly newsheet for further information.

The Editor

Tuesday Fellowship

At our meeting in April our speaker was Rev. Peter Viney. He told us about his work with the Nuns of The Community of St. John Baptist, also known as the Sisters of Mercy. For the last 19 years Peter has served as Bursar to the Sisters, managing their finances and, amongst many other things, masterminding their two big moves from Clewer Windsor to Begbroke and more recently to Cuddesdon.

The Community was founded in 1852 by Harriet Monsell, a clergyman's widow from Windsor. The purpose of the order was to help marginalised women, mainly single mothers, the homeless and sex-trade workers, by providing them shelter and teaching them a trade. This work then expanded to include administer and working with orphanages, schools, convalescent hospitals, soup kitchens and women's hostels.



This work continues today making grants towards improving education, reducing homelessness, supporting refugees, and rescuing people from modern day slavery and sex work. Here are some websites that show the wonderful work in which they are engaged:

www.one25.org.uk, www.medaille-trust.org.uk,
www.rosy.org.uk,
www.dodcottrain.org.uk,
www.theclewerinitiative.org.

In place of our normal May meeting some members attended a very interesting meeting on 8th May of the 'Methodist Women in Britain', the 3-Circuit Spring Celebration at Stoke Mandeville Methodist Church. The speaker was the MWiB Connexional President, Mrs Sandra Goodwin, who spoke and showed us pictures of her recent trip to Bolivia.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday **19th June** at 2pm when we shall have a members' meeting with some people talking to us about their early life with their families.

Please join us if you are able.

News from Princes Risborough Baptist Church

The church is pleased to announce that their new minister, Rev Vanessa Rye and her husband, John, have now moved into Princes Risborough, and Vanessa's first service will be on Sunday, 10th June.



Before training for the ministry, Vanessa worked as a primary school teacher. She and John have two grown-up daughters and have been members of Didcot Baptist Church since 1996, where, since her ordination in September 2012, she has been an Associate Minister.

Members of the other churches in the town have been invited to attend Vanessa's Induction service at the Baptist Church on Saturday, **30th June** at 3.00pm and they look forward to us sharing this happy occasion with them.

Please tell one of our stewards that you intend to go, as they have been asked to keep the Baptist Church informed of number for catering purposes.

Peter Willett

A decorative border made of small, stylized cake icons surrounding the text.

Summer Concert
Vic Baker is organising a "Summer Concert with Afternoon Tea" at our church on Saturday, **21st July** at 4-00pm. The concert will be given by "The Downley Descants" a community choir based in Downley, where their Director of Music is Louise Langley LRAM.

Tickets costing £10.00pp, with school children having free entry are now available by phoning Vic on 07894159544. Also contact Vic if you need more information.

A group photograph of the Downley Descants choir. The members are dressed in light blue jackets and dark trousers or skirts. They are posed in several rows on a stage, with some holding musical instruments like keyboards and drums.

Compassion UK

This event will be taking place in the Elim Church car park on Saturday **30th June** from 10.00am till 4.00pm, and Sunday **1st July** from 12.00 noon till 3.00pm.

The Compassion Experience will introduce you to the realities of extreme poverty by transporting you into the developing world by taking a 15-minute journey through over 200 square metres of interactive exhibition space, as you step into the daily life of a developing country; visiting homes, markets and schools; without the hassle of travelling there. Compassion UK works with churches in the developing world to sponsor children from the most deprived families.

Joe Needham

Rev Alan Triffitt RIP

This week's Methodist Recorder in the family announcements contains the following:

“Rev Alan Triffitt passed away peacefully on April 28th aged 94. Devoted husband of June, father and grandfather, pastor and friend to many. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. Donations in memory please to Shelter, www.shelter.org.uk.”

Alan was our minister in the 1980's, retiring to Salisbury in September 1989.

There is no information yet about his funeral. Let us remember June and the family in our prayers.

Joe Needham

Lighthouse (Monday, 30th July to Friday, 3rd August).



In April 2018 Lighthouse Princes Risborough became a registered charity in its own right. This has been instigated as a way of protecting those people who manage and represent Lighthouse from having to take personal liability for the organisation. This is in conjunction with Princes Risborough Lighthouse coming under the umbrella of 'Lighthouse Central' alongside 7 other Local Lighthouses. This means that so many things can be shared between the different Lighthouses; such as the website, children/volunteers data base, teaching materials, policies and procedures etc. (You can find out more about it by looking at: <https://lighthousecentral.org/>) hopefully reducing the workload, sharing good practice and providing greater support for each other.

Thame Lighthouse has decided to take a rest this year, and will return in 2019. This of course means that the Princes Risborough Lighthouse is likely to have many more children who want to attend this year. Provision is being made for an approximate 25% increase on normal numbers, so I would ask anyone who is considering volunteering to please go onto the web site and complete the volunteering form. We will need many extra hands!

Please could I remind everyone to check their garages and lofts for any unwanted rolls of wallpaper, and to ask their family and friends to do the same? It doesn't matter what the pattern is like as we will be using the reverse side. There still remains one important role to be filled; a prospective “Little Lighthouse co-ordinator” for the preschool age range, who is needed to shadow the current co-ordinator this year, with a view to taking over the role from 2019.

Fran McMullan

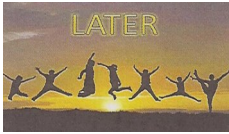
Songs of Praise

The annual ‘Songs of Praise’ Circuit service on **22nd July** at Aylesbury Methodist Church starting at 6pm, will feature hymns written by Charles Wesley, so we will definitely know them all, and everyone is welcome to attend.

For those wishing to sing in the augmented circuit choir, there will be a main rehearsal at the church on Friday, 20th July, starting at 7.45pm. For those wishing to come to any of the earlier rehearsals, these will be held on Fridays, 22nd and 29th June and 13th July also at 7.45pm. The choir will be singing two anthems, one of which is likely to be by S. S. Wesley (anthem music will be supplied).

Brenda Horne

Youth Matters



Later Group for 11-18 year olds

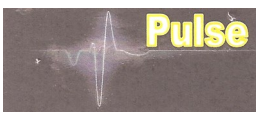
The Later Group continues to meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month, which this month will be **17th June**. There are ten who regularly attend, and a few others who come occasionally. Most are from families who attend local churches but a few are from non-church families.

The meetings offer table tennis, table-top football, snooker, giant Jenga and the wii, plus our lovely large grass area outside to run around in. There are additional activities and challenges as and when we think of them!

At the end of each evening there is a 'God Slot' when we rely on a member of the clergy from different churches in the town to provide a 10 minute thought-provoking activity or discussion. Revd James Tomkins from St. Dunstan's Church, continues to coordinate 'volunteers' for the God Slot, and keeps parents updated with a monthly email reminder of the meeting dates. Ryan Romano from St. Mary's Church attends each Later Group meeting and works directly with the young people and has a good relationship with them. Chris and I set up the hall and equipment, and organise food and drinks. This ensures there is always enough adults present for safeguarding purposes.

We hope that a few more teenagers will join in the coming months to swell the numbers back up to 16/17 per meeting.

Fran McMullan



Informal Bible Study for school years 10-13, meets on **10th June** at St Mary's Chapter House from 6pm -8pm.



Breakout We meet Fridays from 5 - 6.15pm at Elim Church, during term time, and have games, craft, Lego, puzzles as well as watching an episode of an exciting DVD called Friends & Heroes, where we watch the adventures of a group of friends who also tell a Bible Story which is part of the theme for that particular week. We next meet on **15th and 29th June**.

Doline Gadd

Fundraising made easy

Easyfundraising



Easyfundraising does exactly what it says; it raises funds for a good cause, which in our case is Princes Risborough Methodist Church, with minimal extra effort required on your part.

If you or other family members do internet shopping, why not join other members of the church, who have already registered, by going to www.easyfundraising.org.uk to register? You select Princes Risborough Methodist Church as the cause you support. Then all you need to remember when you want to do online shopping is to first of all log on to the easyfundraising website, and then find the retailer you want.

Try it! It's easy and worthwhile!

Silent Prayers

The next meeting will be at St. Dunstan's Church Hall, on Monday **4th June** at 8pm.

We need silence to help us to get a proper perspective on our lives; to hear the still, small voice of God, and to refresh our inner being. All are welcome to these meetings of any faith or none. Each meeting lasts about 45 minutes to an hour. The meeting starts with some simple relaxation exercises, a short passage from the Bible to reflect upon in the half hour of silence, followed by a time of sharing of our experiences, if people wish.

The Revd James Tomkins (01844) 275944 or jamestomkins@btinternet.com.



Visit St Dunstan’s Church Monks Risborough, which will be open weekdays from 16th to 22nd June 10.00am to 5.00pm, Saturday 23rd June 10.00am to 5.00pm and Sunday 24th June 12 noon to 5.00pm, where there will be nine artists & makers showing paintings, illuminations, print-making, photography, paper sculpture, turned vessels, mosaics, ceramics & jewellery.

A commission on all sales will go to church funds.

Home-baked cakes & drinks throughout show. Cream teas weekend afternoons. Photos and more info at www.artatstdunstans.blogspot.com.

Full programme of events is available at the Library

What's On around Risborough during June

Charity Concert

Ellesborough Silver Band

Why not start your summer by listening to an evening of live music from the Ellesborough Silver Band, who will be holding a Charity Concert in St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough, on the **2nd June**, at 7.30pm? Admission is free and refreshments will be provided, but there will be a collection to raise funds for two worthwhile charities; Christian Aid and The Children's Society.

Sue Wells (Band Secretary)

Princes Risborough Choral Society
Summer concert at Longwick Village Hall
Thame Road Longwick

28th to 30th June 2018 at 7.30pm

Gilbert & Sullivan
'The Mikado'

Tickets **£12.00** (children half price) to include finger buffet available from a choir member or through the PRCS website.

If you need transport, the Community Bus will be running for the performance on 28 June.
 Please contact 01844 345554 to book a seat.
 Retiring collection in support of Rennie Grove Hospice Care



**Flower Festival
8 - 11 June
Monks Risborough**

St Dunstan's Church

www.stdunstanschurch.com

Manor House String Quartet Concert, Princes Risborough Horticulture Society Garden Plants, Princes Risborough Heritage Society, Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway, Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust, Organ Music, Cream teas

Entrance £3.00 per person, young people free

FESTIVAL EVENTS

Friday 8th June 10am - 5.00pm

Lunchtime school music performance

Refreshments (11am-4pm)

Saturday 9th June 10am - 5.00 pm

Bell Tower Open for Aspiring Ringers (10am-1pm)

Musical Interludes in the afternoon

Refreshments (11am-2pm) & Cream Teas (2pm-4pm)

Concert: Manor House String Quartet 7.30 pm

Sunday 10th June 12 noon - 5.00 pm

10 am Parish Communion

Refreshments (1pm-2pm) & Cream Teas (2pm-4pm)

Summer Time Interludes in the afternoon

6 pm Village Songs of Praise with the **Bishop of Oxford**

Monday 11th June 10 am - 5.00 pm

Lunchtime school music performance

Refreshments (11am-4pm)

Raffle Draw 3 pm

Please park your car on Mill Lane, Monks Risborough, HP27 9JE

Monks Risborough School will be open for parking at the weekend

Contact Gwen Miles (01844 345230) or Rev. James Tomkins (01844 275944)

See www.stdunstanschurch.com for more details

Flower Festival Concert
St Dunstan's Church,
Mill Lane, Monks Risborough HP27 9JE

A Concert of Popular Classical Music for String Quartet by
Manor House Music



Saturday 9th June at 7.30 pm

Tickets £10

From Sally's Sewing Box, Duke Street, Princes Risborough
or Johanna Powell 01844 343996
or www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-dunstans-church

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