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Dear Church Family,

What a glorious weekend to celebrate Pentecost!

I've just had a delightful weekend in Norfolk with friends. We gathered, we feasted, we laughed, we had picnics, took boat trips on the river and went to brilliant Norwich Festival events. And we talked. We have shared history and common interests..... but I am the only one who follows Jesus.

In Acts 2, we read how the disciples also gathered together. They too ate and drank, they talked, they had shared incredible experiences and I imagine them going over and over it all while they waited....until 'all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues'. The people around them were 'amazed and perplexed', or thought they'd had too much wine! Where am I going with this? You may well ask. Maybe a game of Spot The Difference?

I am open with my non believing friends but they just 'don't get' why I choose to follow Jesus and I think if I ever started speaking in tongues around them they would be calling 111. I'm sure many of us can relate to this.

We have many events in the Benefice. I would love the first question afterwards to be 'how did we see God working rather than how much did it raise?' Sullington's Pop Up Pre-loved Clothing sales have gathered their own following. I have come to look out for those meaningful encounters, the opportunities to really engage with each other and visitors, and they never fail to come. I believe the Holy Spirit is at work while we play dress up. So a recent highlight for me was being able to offer to pray with someone and them saying yes. That's the treasure I am excited about.

Are we ready when God brings an opportunity to introduce Jesus?

After mulling on these thoughts I came across an article by Archbishop Sarah Mullallay. She says it better than I can!

<https://www.christiantoday.com/news/does-the-church-of-england-need-to-re-think-its-messaging>





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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES:

SUNDAY 31st MAY

10:30am SULLINGTON:
Joint Holy Communion

**We look forward to welcoming
you!**



“Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.
Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold
against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the
stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of
them, human beings that you care for them?
You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with
glory and honor.
You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything
under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds
in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.
Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”



NOTICES:

AT SULLINGTON



We celebrated the life of Shirley Carew Gibson, great great grand daughter of George Palmer, Rector of Sullington for almost 40 years until his death in 1859. Shirely had lived in Storrington for the last 2 decades of her life. Feeling her link with Sullington Church, Shirely exercised her dogs at Sullington Manor Farm and at Ann Salinger's home in West Chiltington. Shirley was a great character and will be missed by many including those in the gun dog fraternity. Shirely was born in 1942 and was generally fit and well until she died unexpectedly in 2026.

STORRINGTON DEANERY SYNOD

Storrington Deanery Synod will next meet on Thursday 25 th June 2026 at 7.00pm (coffee and cake) for 7.30pm start at St.Michael's Church, Amberley.

All are very welcome at this open meeting.

Further details from Chris Whitehead. Tel: 01903 741252.



EVENTS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR:
THAKEHAM CHURCH CLEAN UP!
ON SATURDAY 23RD MAY & JUNE 6TH
AT 9:00AM- 12:30PM



LIFE IN ROYAL SERVICE

An Afternoon with Harold Brown RVM

Come and enjoy a talk by Harold Brown RVM with 35 years experience in Royal Palaces. The afternoon includes a delicious Cream Tea, served in the beautiful setting of St Mary's Church.

- **When:** Wednesday 10th June | 3:30-5.30pm
- **Where:** St Mary's Church, Thakeham
- **Tickets:** £10.50 per person

Please book tickets by clicking this link:

<https://buytickets.at/stmaryschurchthakeham/2153406>

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or scan this QR:



Join us at our

Worship Café

With new and old songs
Free Cream Tea Included

Thakeham Village Hall
Saturday, 13th June | 2–4pm

A photograph of a white cup of coffee on a saucer next to a plate of scones with jam and cream. There are also two small bowls of jam and cream on the plate.

Email: music.stmarysthakeham@gmail.com to book your place

EVENTS:

St Mary's Church, Sullington

QUIZ NIGHT!

At Sullington Great Barn, Sullington Manor Farm,
RH20 4AE

£15 per person 
Ploughman's supper included!
Cash bar available for drinks



Book your table now
Gail Kittle: 01903 745754

19th June 2026
6:30pm for a 7pm prompt start 

Tables of up to 6 people available
Smaller groups welcome - teams can be combined

Quiz night. Tickets available
please come along for a fun
night out!

FUNDRAISING EVENING FOR THAKEHAM COMMUNITY

BRING YOUR
OWN COCKTAILS &
DRINKS 

CARIBBEAN

Night

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH

Thakeham Village Hall

7PM TO 10.30PM

Special Guests
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£22
PER
PERSON

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St Mary's Thakeham Flower Festival presents

BEYOND THE ILLUSION



FRIDAY 3RD JULY
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Thakeham Village Hall, RH20 3GW

Join us to enjoy a fascinating evening
of survival, magic and faith with
Tim Salet

Tickets: £10.50pp. includes a glass of wine

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