



BISHAM TOGETHER

The Monthly Newsletter
from All Saints Bisham
September 2026

September always feels a little bit like the start of a new season. The schools go back, routines begin again, the football season is properly under way, and even though none of us really wants to admit it, Christmas is suddenly starting to appear on the horizon!

Here at All Saints, there is plenty happening too. One of the highlights will be our Harvest Festival, a lovely opportunity to come together and give thanks for all that God has given us — and to remember those who have much less. I always enjoy this time of year: there is a sense of things starting up again after the summer, familiar faces returning, and new things beginning.

So whether September feels to you like a fresh start, a return to normality, or simply the beginning of the long run-in to Christmas, I hope there will be something in the life of All Saints Bisham that you can enjoy and be part of over the coming weeks.

Carol

Team Vicar



Church Life

Worship & Events:

- Every Sunday: 9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints Bisham
 - 27th September **Harvest Service at 10.30am**
followed by shared lunch.
[All are Welcome!](#)
- First Sunday of every month: 8am Book of Common Prayer Service
 - **Next BCP services: 6th September & 4th October**

Sundays at All Saints...



Over the next six weeks at All Saints Bisham, we will be thinking together about what it means to grow — as individuals, as a church and as part of our wider community. We'll be looking at where we have come from, where God may be leading us next, and how we can deepen our relationships with God and with one another, while also looking beyond ourselves to the needs of those around us.

Our Harvest Service on 27th September, will give us a natural opportunity to pause and be thankful for all that we have, and from there we will think about generosity — not just in terms of money, but in the way we use our time, our gifts and our lives.

Whether church is a regular part of your life, something you dip into occasionally, or simply part of the community around you, I hope there will be something in this series to encourage, challenge and perhaps even surprise you.

...And in other news this month:

Weddings, Buses and Boats!



August has been a wonderfully happy month for weddings at All Saints Bisham. On 1st August we celebrated the marriage of Will and Amie, followed a week later, on 8th August, by Tom and Hyesoo. Both couples have been part of the life of our church for some time, which made it especially lovely to share in their celebrations. The weather certainly played its part too — both days were beautifully sunny, and more than a little warm!

There were also two rather memorable departures from church. Will and Amie's guests headed off on double-decker buses, while Tom and Hyesoo and their guests left in true Bisham style — by boat! Their wedding also had a very international feel, with Hyesoo's family travelling all the way from Korea to be there.

We hope to see Will and Amie back at All Saints before too long, while Tom and Hyesoo have now moved to the Midlands. We wish both couples every happiness, and every blessing, as married life begins.



🎵 Songs, Scones and a Splash of Prosecco!



There was a great afternoon of music and laughter at All Saints when Jo Carter from the local JAM Choir led the second singing workshop in church.

Jo soon had everyone joining in with songs from ABBA, *Proud Mary*, Amy Winehouse and plenty of other favourites — with lots of enthusiasm, even if not every note was quite where it was meant to be!



The afternoon included scones and a glass of prosecco to enjoy, with time to sit outside by the river and enjoy the sunshine and one another's company.

A really happy afternoon, and a lovely example of the church simply being a place to come together, have fun and enjoy being part of the community.

📖 Parables, Questions and Conversation

Our Bible Study group has continued to be a really enjoyable part of the summer. Fourteen people came along to our third session, when we looked at the Parable of the Persistent Widow — a story that was new to quite a few of us, and which led to a really interesting conversation about prayer, persistence and trusting God when answers do not come quickly.



On 26th August we had a slightly smaller group, but another lively discussion as we turned to the much more familiar Parable of the Prodigal Son, asking what we can learn not just from the younger son, but from the father and the older brother too. These sessions have been a lovely mixture of questions, different viewpoints and shared reflection.

We have just two meetings left, on **10th and 24th September**, and you would be very welcome to join us — whether you have been before or would simply like to come along and see what it is all about, before we start a new series in October.

In Loving Memory

Remembering Patricia “Paddy” Greene

On 14th August we said goodbye to Patricia “Paddy” Greene, whose thanksgiving service was held at All Saints Bisham. Paddy was known to millions of listeners as the original Jill Archer in *The Archers*, but to us she was also simply a much-loved member of our church and village community. She lived in Bisham for many years before moving to Cliveden Manor Care Home, and it was very special to be able to celebrate her life in the church that had been part of it for so long.



Many of Paddy’s friends and colleagues from *The Archers* came to the service, including Charles Collingwood, who plays Brian Aldridge and who gave a wonderfully warm, humorous and heartfelt tribute. There was much laughter as well as sadness, which felt entirely appropriate for a life that had brought so much enjoyment to others. It was a privilege for All Saints to host such a personal and memorable farewell, and we continue to hold Paddy’s family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.



Remembering Dennis Baker

We were very sorry to hear of the death of **Dennis Baker** on 22nd August.

Dennis was a long-standing resident of Bisham Parish and will be remembered by many in the local community. We hold his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been confirmed, but we will share the details as soon as they are known.

Come and Celebrate Harvest!

Join us at **All Saints Bisham on Sunday 27th September** for our Harvest Festival — a joyful chance to give thanks for the good things we have and to celebrate together as a church and community.

The service will start at the later time of 10.30am, so that after the service we'll stay on for a relaxed bring-and-share lunch. There's no need to book and no need to bring anything if you don't want to — just come along, bring yourself, and enjoy the service, the food and the company.

Everyone is very welcome!

Bisham Church Friends

A Very Sunny Afternoon Tea



Our afternoon tea on 9th August proved a lovely way to spend a summer afternoon, with around 25 visitors joining us and £155 raised.

The plan had been to enjoy tea outside by the river, but the weather had other ideas — it was simply too hot — so we sensibly retreated into the church instead! Everyone really appreciated having their tea served in china cups and saucers

and elegant small plates too!

A huge thank you to Sheila and Roseann for co-ordinating the afternoon, and to our fantastic team of bakers and helpers — Gina, Jo, Ann, Shirley, Tina, Ali, Colin and Stewart — who provided a wonderful selection of cakes, scones and other treats.

There may have been less riverside sitting than planned, but there was certainly no shortage of tea, cake and good company.

A Visit from Hurley History Group



We were delighted to welcome members of Hurley History Group to All Saints for a special history tour led by Sheila.

As ever, Sheila brought the story of the church and its people to life, and the visit prompted some fascinating conversations and plenty of shared local knowledge along the way.

The tour also raised £90 for the church. Many thanks to Sheila for leading the visit, to Stewart for keeping everyone supplied with tea, and to Jan for helping to serve the refreshments.

It was a very enjoyable and worthwhile afternoon.

Bisham CofE Academy

A New School Year Begins

It's lovely to see the children back at Bisham Primary School as a new academic year gets under way.

While the pupils have been enjoying their summer holidays, work has continued at the school to repair the damage caused by the flooding earlier in the year, and we are very grateful to everyone who has been involved in that ongoing work.

We hope the children and staff have returned refreshed and ready for the term ahead, and we look forward to continuing the close relationship between the school, the church and the wider Bisham community during the year to come.

Community Notices

Upcoming Dates:

8th September	History Coffee Morning	10am
10th September	Bible Study Group	10-11.30am
12th September	Ride and Stride	9am – 4pm
24th September	Bible Study Group	10-11.30am
27th September	Harvest Service & Lunch	10.30am
18th November	Quiz Night	

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Community Gallery

A few moments from the life of our church and community this month.....

