

ST. MARY'S, CUBBINGTON PARISH NEWS

September 2026

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH LANE, CUBBINGTON.
CV32 7JT**

Priest-in-Charge Reverend Ann Hall



A few words from Revd Ann



In my last article, I prayed we would all find time over the summer for some Sabbath Rest, time to stop, to listen to the birdsong, smell the flowers and watch the bees and butterflies as they moved around our gardens and green spaces. Personally, I have had opportunities to sit in the vicarage garden, sadly not very green, and take a moment to watch the wildlife. As I write these words I am looking to spending time away on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne in Northumberland, the clothes and books are packed and perhaps when I get there a paddle in the North Sea might also be on the cards.

Sadly over the summer many individuals from St Mary's Church and the wider community have passed away resulting in quite a number of funerals, a busy time but also always a privilege to support individuals to say a 'good goodbye' to their relative or close friend. As I often say at funerals we are all on a journey and whilst we may lose someone dear to us, our life's journey continues, a passage from the bible, Psalm 23, speaks of a journey in the presence of a Good Shepherd, a middle eastern style shepherd, a shepherd who lives with and cares for the sheep all the time.

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need.² He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water.³ He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths, as he has promised.⁴ Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, LORD, for you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me. (Good News Translation)



For many the month of September is the time to start a new journey, I am conscious that at the local school some children will be starting school for the first time, some children will be moving to a new class, and for others it will be the start of time at senior school, college or university. For many an exciting and also perhaps daunting journey is about to begin, for others their world is shrinking and journeys are getting shorter as age and infirmity makes things more difficult.

However, for all of us just as the sheep under the care of the good shepherd know they are safe providing they stay with the shepherd, we too can experience that same security if we turn to Christ and follow in his steps as we continue our journey through life, Psalm 23 concludes with the promise *⁶I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live. (Good News Translation).*

If you wish to find out more about the Good Shepherd, you are very welcome to join us for our Patronal festival on Sunday 6th September, or at any of our other regular church services. Alternatively if you prefer you are very welcome to come to our 'Thursday **Pop In**' coffee morning in St Mary's Parish rooms, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 10am – 12noon, which are open to everyone. It is a place where you can meet with others, share time together over a cup of tea or coffee, and also enjoy a slice of homemade cake!

September's 'Thursday Pop In' are on 10th and 24th September.

Blessings Revd Ann

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE SEPT	SERVICES	
WEDNESDAY 2 nd	10.00am	BCP - Holy Communion
SUNDAY 6 th Patronal Festival	10.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
SUNDAY 13 th	10.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion
SUNDAY 20 th	10.00am	BCP - Holy Communion
SUNDAY 27 th	8.30am	BCP - Holy Communion
	10.00am	All Age Service



Services on Saint Mary's Patronal Festival Sunday 6th September 10.00am Holy Communion 6.00pm Evensong

A Patronal Festival is the occasion on which a Parish annually honours the Saint who was chosen as the Patron Saint of the Parish, which in our case is Mary, the Mother of Jesus.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CUBBINGTON Little Miracles

Little Miracles is a twice monthly get-together during term time for babies, toddlers and those who care for them.

Held in the Parish Room at the church from
10.30am until 12 noon,
on **Tuesdays 8th and 22nd September.**

We hope you will come and join us for a mix of play, songs and of course, plenty of chat, tea and coffee.

FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS

CREMATORIUM ONLY	
Monday 6 th July	Susan 'Sue' Jane SHEEN
Friday 7 th August	Sarah 'Sally' LEARMOND
FUNERALS	
Monday 3 rd August	Reginald 'Reg' William SMITH
Friday 7 th August	Jeanette Beryl ROSE
INTERMENT OF ASHES	
Sunday 9 th August	Tom Holbrook and Doris JOHNSON
Thursday 20 th Aug	Maureen WILKES
Friday 21 st August	Leonard 'Len' TAYLOR
Friday 21 st August	Pauline and William KEEN
BAPTISMS	
Sunday 19 th July	Charlotte Sophia PRICE
Sunday 2 nd August	Theo Joseph BELL
Sunday 23 rd Aug	Lilah Debra Jacqueline BENNETT



September means the start of a new term for school and also for us at Girlguiding. The Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers are all looking forward to welcoming new members to our meetings, settling back into our routines and setting ourselves some new challenges. Through September we will be thinking about harvest and the changing of the season from a very hot Summer to hopefully a cooler Autumn. We have spaces for new members at all our Units so if you would like to find out more about joining us please email: 2ndcubbingtonstmarys@gmail.com



Discover the benefits of volunteering with Girlguiding and join in the fun with us. Girlguiding in Cubbington, Lillington and North Leamington needs more volunteers to join current teams to keep the units running. If you would like to find out more about volunteering and how you can meet new people, gain skills and help girls know they can do anything visit girlguiding.org.uk or email girlguidingleamnorth@gmail.com.



Bell Ringing at St. Mary's Cubbington

Coffee Morning and demonstration
Saturday 12th September 10:30-12:00

The band of ringers at St. Mary's are offering the opportunity for anyone interested in learning to ring to find out more about the art of ringing church bells. Would you like to find out more? Anyone 11 or over can learn. Many people over the last 300+ years have found bellringing a very enjoyable interest and hobby, as well as being a service to the church. There are six bells at St. Mary's church in Cubbington – the heaviest is 10cwt, a little more than half a ton. They are hung on a bell frame in the belfry, which is three quarters of the way up the tower at the western end of the church. They are rung with ropes from the ground floor, rather than from a ringing chamber accessed by the tower steps. This puts the ringers in full view of the congregation as they arrive.

We are hosting a coffee morning at the church on Saturday 12th September when we'll offer:

- A trip up the tower to see the bells
 - A short explanation of "change ringing"
 - Demonstration of bells ringing
 - An opportunity to "try" ringing – a first step to learning to handle the bell
- Plus
- Tea/coffee/soft drinks
 - Cakes

Do you need to be strong to handle a 10cwt bell? Absolutely not! Bell ringing is all about technique rather than brute force – the St. Mary's band has more women members than men. Will I be lifted off the ground like in the Mars advert on television? Sorry, that is so unlikely that in 65 years of bell ringing I have only known it happen once, and that was only 6 inches off the ground – and the ringer wasn't hurt at all.

The band at St. Mary's ring for Sunday services, plus weddings and funerals. We also practice on a Tuesday evening. When a person starts to learn there will be a period of one-to-one training for an hour prior to the Tuesday practice when you will start to learn the basic technique of using the bell rope to ring the bell.

So, do come along for a chat and find out more about bell ringing.

Mike Young – Tower Captain of the St. Mary's bellringers

CUBBINGTON METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday 6th September - Circuit Service

at Stratford Methodist Church at 10.30 a.m.

Sunday 13th September - Service at Dale Street

Methodist Church at 10.30 a.m.

Sundays 20th and 27th September

Service at Cubbington Methodist Church at 10.30 a.m.

Sunday 4th October - Harvest service at 10.30 a.m.

Coffee Mornings

Saturday 5th September at 10.30 a.m.

with sausage rolls and cheese and onion rolls

Saturday 3rd October at 10.30 a.m.

Macmillan coffee morning with cake stall

Midis Ladies Group

We are a friendly group of ladies who welcome any new visitors for fellowship and a time to listen to an interesting speaker with a wide variety of topics. A place to make friends and have fellowship.

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If you are interested, please contact Pat Maddison at maddisonpa2017@gmail.com

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Cubbington Village Hall, Broadway, Cubbington.



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22nd Sept – 'No Way Home' - Elizabeth Dunlevy

Elizabeth's book is called 'No Way Home' -a biography/memoir which tells the story of her German mum and her sister in the aftermath of WW2 in Germany.

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### **Teacher Training Dates for 2026-27**

We have planned Inset Days for the next academic year

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2027

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027

## **Back to School – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026**

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Head teacher

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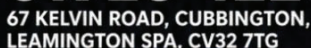
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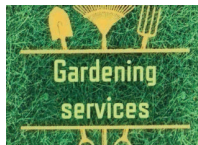
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