

MONDAY BINS KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.

The next dates for all bins are **Mon 14th, & Mon 28th June 2021**
Please put all bins and bags out by 7.00am. The Waste Hotline is 01285 623123.
<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/check-your-collection-day/>

Please note that the situation on these can change at any time if say the weather is bad. Just leave your bins out for later collection.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Office is currently closed. Please e-mail
willerseyparishcouncil@btinternet.com

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL

Grand Re-opening on June 26th see page 8

METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE

Now available. Tel: Penny Ingles 01386 853306.

The MOBILE POST OFFICE

Willersey on Friday at The Bell Inn 12:45 to 14:45. For Lloyds customers, their Mobile Bank visits Broadway alternate Fridays 10:00 to 14:30. **Not with Lloyds? – use the Co-Op Post Office or the Mobile Post Office in Willersey.**

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The nearest library is in Broadway.

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National Rail Enquiries	08457 48 49 50 or 03457 48 49 50
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N. N. Cresswell to Evesham	01386 48655 for route R4
Johnsons to Stratford-upon-Avon	01564 797000 for route 1
Pulhams Coaches to Cheltenham	01451 820369 for route 606

Bus timetables for Gloucestershire are at www.easytraveling.org.uk/gcc/ and on the Willersey website at www.willersey.org/transport.htm#bus

Contact numbers for Breakdown of Services & Police

Electric Power Faults - 0800 328 1111 or 105. Gas Emergency – 0800 111 999
Floodline – 0845 988 1188. Severn Trent. Sewage – 08007 834444
Thames Water - Water Supply – 0800 980 8800
Police – Telephone 101 www.gloucestershire.police.uk
Emergency 999.

**“I am not asking you to take them out of the world,
but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.”**

Jesus, St John’s Gospel, chapter 17, verse 15 (NRSV)

The verse above always puts me in mind of Christ’s call for us to be ‘salt and light’ (you can read the full story in St Matthew’s Gospel, chapter 5, verses 13-16). That call has been at the heart of my relationship with God and is, therefore, central to my calling to serve as an ordained minister.

After I was first ordained, I continued to work in the Civil Service, as well as serve as a curate. This gave me a wonderful opportunity to explore and live out the integration and fusion of real life and my calling to take my faith into the world. I continued that exploration of what it meant to be salt and light in my work as a hospice and hospital chaplain, and do so now as a parish priest. Indeed, when I came here for my interview in February 2017, I spoke about that very theme in the talk that I had to give. As part of what I shared with those interviewing me, I reflected on what it meant to be salt and light, saying,

“You can’t add salt to food without it making a difference. Salt is a seasoning, it adds flavour. Some might say that it brings out the true flavour of the food. We are called, in Christ’s name, to be a ‘divine seasoning’ to everyone and in every situation that we encounter in our communities, bringing out their full potential, just as salt does in food...I pray that we would be people who are the transformational salt and light in our communities; people who radiate the light and life of Christ to such an extent that others are drawn to it and come, in time, to taste and see just how good the Lord is.”

I believe that even more passionately now than I did four and half years ago.

I confess that there are times when being somehow separated from the rough and tumble, chaotic and messy brokenness of the world seems quite appealing! Perhaps you feel the same. But, as Jesus says above, that’s not how it’s to be for the Christian. **1**

Willersey Methodists June 2021

Our calling – the calling, that is, of every baptised believer – is to be ‘the divine seasoning’ in the many and varied places where God has placed us. As we do so, we can have full confidence that God’s almighty hand of protection is upon us.

What does Christ’s call mean for you? Where will you be salt and light in the days ahead?

With love,

Scott

Rev Scott Watts Team Vicar

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THANK YOU

A big thank you to the volunteers who go round the village picking up litter.

A great effort is made by those involved both young and ‘older’, getting in ditches, hedges and under the bridge.

It does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated.



Well done!

Well isn't it great to feel that we can go anywhere (almost) without flouting the law! And it's May time, but by the time you read this it'll be June! Fantastic. We're off on holiday to Cornwall – where better? We like to go to St Just in Roseland when we're down there. One of our members is very familiar with that little church – right on the edge of a tiny creek, where the tide laps on the edge of a wooded valley! Trees right to the bottom, and, of course, Rhododendrons this time of the year.

Thinking of gardens, I'm hoping we can have our 'table of good buys' up by the time we get back. This will be in our front garden on the side of the footpath. Please support us. It'll be a bargain table at the same price for everything. As I said last month – we need to raise some money to keep our church going, so – if the weather is OK (well – it should have been this last month but wasn't)!! we shall be open to sell plants. We've got lots put by and all very cheap.

The Croquet this year is very popular. So much so that we're opening two Wednesdays in the month. Hopefully at least one will be dry. The notices are up and you'll see the days on those. We are starting to get more people coming to take services, but to be quite honest we've really enjoyed the discussions we've had based around a subject which is sent to us from Evesham. There may be only a few of us but, although we can't sing (in true Methodist fashion) we have enjoyed the chats.

There are lots of activities on this year but if you could spare an occasion to join us you will be very welcome.

Our Friday mornings are beginning again, and it feels as if the whole world is 'getting up'. The garden's looking terrific and, although not immaculate, we think it's pretty. We hope to have an Open Garden Day in the middle of July – we'll confirm that next month.

In the meantime, let's enjoy the next weeks in hope that they will continue to be open.

EXERCISE CLASSES IN WILLERSEY

Gentle Exercise (Seated)

Exercises to Music

MONDAY 3 pm

TUESDAY 7.30 pm

OR



**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
GILL O'DONOGHUE**

01386 854830

gillcod@aol.com

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Recent Sightings

House Martin

"Spring flew swiftly by, and summer came; and if the village had been beautiful at first, it was now in the full glow and luxuriance of its richness"

Charles Dickens

Aerial plankton - assorted flying insects and even spiders launched skywards on their silken threads - make up this rich airborne soup for our Swifts, Swallows and House Martins to feast upon and raise their young. On particular days flying ants in vast numbers add to this valuable food source. Starlings, although less agile benefit too; as do gulls, with a large flock witnessed hovering them up by Clive and others over a field near the church last summer.

More recent village sightings include an Egret with those distinctive yellow feet seen in Badsey Lane (Ann); Redpoll and Siskin (Mike & Shirley); village edge Skylarks (Pete) an attractive male orange tip butterfly (Christine); goldfinches gathering nesting materials (Meg & Don) and nesting Swallows (Lena, Lynne, Tini and Adine) with Swifts and House Martins having finally arrived too.

If you'd like to contribute to Nature Box or report interesting local sightings please speak to or email Bob Topp at bob.topp@btinternet.com

Village Fete, August 2021

There will be a fete on Bank Holiday Monday, 30th August. This will feature stalls on the Greens as usual and the ever-popular Fun Dog Show

Letter Quiz (Part 1)

Fill in the missing words, e.g. 57 H V = 57 Heinz Varieties

- 1) 10 G B H on the W _____
- 2) 80 DA the W _____
- 3) 2001 ASO _____
- 4) 12 S of the Z _____
- 5) 88 K on a P _____
- 6) 4 H of the A _____
- 7) 25 Y for a SW _____
- 8) 1 H on a U _____
- 9) 13 S on the AF _____
- 10) 90 D in a RA _____
- 11) 1666 GF of L _____
- 12) 32 DF at which WF _____
- 13) 39 B in the OT _____
- 14) 9 L of a C _____
- 15) 1967 SDW _____
- 16) 3 L on a T _____
- 17) 7 S on a FPP _____
- 18) 1953 CY _____
- 19) 70 SL on a M _____
- 20) 1 FO the CN _____

See page 17 for answers

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Letter Quiz (Part 1) Answers)

- 1) 10 G B H on the W - Green Bottles Hanging on the Wall
- 2) 80 DA the W - Days Around the World
- 3) 2001 ASO - A Space Odyssey
- 4) 12 S of the Z – Signs of the Zodiac
- 5) 88 K on a P – Keys on a Piano
- 6) 4 H of the A - Horsemen of the Apocalypse
- 7) 25 Y for a SW – Years for a Silver Wedding
- 8) 1 H on a U - Horn on a Unicorn
- 9) 13 S on the AF Stripes on the American Flag
- 10) 90 D in a RA - Degrees in a Right Angle
- 11) 1666 GF of L – Great Fire of London
- 12) 32 DF at which WF – Degrees Fahrenheit at which Water Freezes
- 13) 39 B in the OT - Books in the Old Testament
- 14) 9 L of a C - Lives of a Cat
- 15) 1967 SDW – Six Day War
- 16) 3 L on a T- Legs on a Tripod
- 17) 7 S on a FPP – Sides on a Fifty Pence Piece
- 18) 1953 CY – Coronation Year
- 19) 70 SL on a M – Speed Limit on a Motorway
- 20) 1 FO the CN - Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest

Mike Robinson

From the Parish Council - Hedges

There is a safety issue for pedestrians using Blind Lane and associated footpaths where hedges and undergrowth have overgrown the paths.

We have received a number of complaints that in places the footpaths are becoming impassable and pedestrians attempting to do so may injure themselves.

In these circumstances the Council is asking residents whose hedges are blocking the paths to cut them back within the next 2 weeks; this is their responsibility as they are obstructing a public highway.

However, if possible, trimming should avoid those areas where sites of nests can be identified.

May 2021 Cover Picture

Community Garden Cake Stall at the Village Hall

Hi Everyone,

Just to say a big thank you to you all for the many cakes for our Cake Market. With cake sales and donations we raised £256, marvellous.



It was also really nice to chat to everyone and receive so much enthusiasm for our Garden Project. It made us realise how important the area will be as a meeting place.

Many thanks,

Ann and Jackie

Stone Stiles in Gloucestershire

In 2020 Peter Wilson, launched 'The Gloucestershire Stone Stile Project'. Supported by CPRE Gloucestershire the Countryside Charity, English Heritage and the Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club, Peter's aim was to produce a record of every remaining stone stile in the ancient county of Gloucestershire before they are lost forever.

There are three main types of stone stiles: slit stiles, also known as 'squeeze' stiles are usually two upright stones too narrow for farm animals to pass through, slab stiles vary in height and can prove difficult to negotiate even for the most energetic walker! The less common stile is the step and even with a series of flat stones protruding out from a stone wall, these can be tricky to climb over. **You may come across some or all of these types of stone stiles in and around Willersey & Saintbury.**

So, if you are out walking and you spot a stone stile, or if you know of an existing stile, please photograph it, if possible, from both sides. Download a Stile Recording Form by going to the CPRE website, <https://www.cpreglos.org.uk/creating-a-record-of-gloucestershire-stone-stiles/> Please give as much information as possible before emailing the form to: peter.wilson@woodchestervalleyvillage.co.uk.

Lack of space has caused us to limit the content of this article the full content is on www.willersey.org

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Thank you to Karen's Mum, Les and Karen for identifying some of the people pictured on our May 2021 cover taken at the Willersey Fete in 1965.

They are Mr and Mrs Frank Jelfs, Clarice Ingles, Teresa Beale, Christine Young, Jane Beale, Rosie Beale, Janet and David Ingles.

Can you spot anymore?

Broadway Embroidery Club

All members have continued to keep busy with their various craft activities at home. Contact with everyone has been via e-mail. In the past we have met on the first Thursday of the month and weather permitting it is hoped to meet up at Bidford by the river. for a picnic lunch from noon. Date – Thursday June 3rd

Contact numbers Penny Ingles 853306 Gillian Beale 852958

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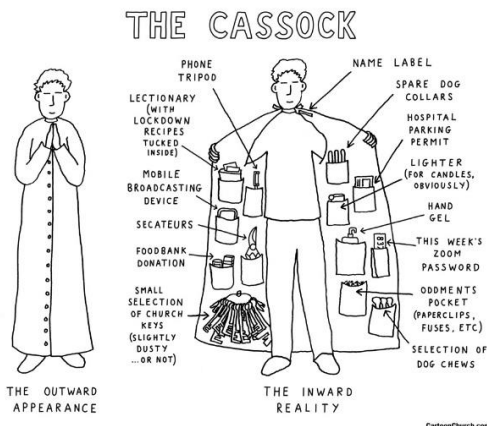
Children's Corner

St Alban - the first British martyr

Persecution of Christians worldwide is rising fast, so it is worth remembering St Alban, the first British martyr. Alban was a Roman citizen living in England when the Roman emperor, Diocletian, began a fierce persecution. Soon Alban found a desperate priest on his doorstep, hunted by local soldiers. Alban gave the priest shelter, and within days was converted. When the soldiers arrived, Alban took the priest's place, refused to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods, and was condemned to death. Alban went to his execution on 22nd June 250AD with such serenity that one of the executioners was converted. He died on the site of the Hertfordshire town that now bears his name.

Word search

Alban	Diocletian	gods	died
Martyr	priest	condemned	site
Persecution	converted	death	town
Roman	soldiers	execution	name
emperor	sacrifice	serenity	doorstep



THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE

THE INWARD REALITY

CartoonChurch.com



We Are Meeting Again

We are off! Already we have started our fundraising by holding our Coffee Mornings in Members gardens. Last year these were very popular and were a way of raising money and getting together even though it was only in groups of six. This year the group numbers can increase so all we need is good weather as all the good intentions are there.

Our outing in June is our trip to Sezincote on the 16th followed by a cream tea at Cots Food Store. Following that on July 12th we hold our first actual meeting in the splendour of the newly refurbished Village Hall. It's a long time since we were together and we are so looking forward to getting back to normal.

Our Fish and Chip Supper at The Bell, which has been scuppered so many times, is now reinstated for Monday 9th August and this will be our celebratory gathering post lockdown.

If anyone who is not a member but wishes to have any details of our activities please contact Mal 858351 or Lizzie 853443



JULY MEETING

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Monday 12th July 7.15 Village Hall
'From Tailoring to Auctioneering'
Nicholas Granger – Bespoke Auctions

Further information will be included in the WI Newsletter

WI Crockery Hire call Mal 858351



**2021 Scarecrow theme:
It's Show Time**



So, scarecrows that showcase



music making



dance



sport



cinema/theatre or other talents.

Twenty-five scarecrows maintained this lovely Willersey tradition last year so please jump in and take part in this annual touch of Willersey non-competitive fun. Please display scarecrows for 10 days from the weekend 19th/20th June.

So we can complete a trail map please cut out and 'post' by Wednesday 16th June the information slip below in the plastic envelope outside one of the following addresses:

19 Collin Close (Bob & Maggie)

The Village Hall noticeboard

2 Nash Road (Peter & Sandy)

Jordan's Farm Main street (Bill & Belle)

OR

email scarecrow details to bob.topp@btinternet.com

Trail maps can be collected from the same plastic envelopes beginning on Monday 21st June.



Please 'post' in one of the 4 Scarecrow Trail envelopes by 16th June.

Name.....

Address.....

Scarecrow Title.....

Saint Peter's Patronal Festival 2021

This year our Parish's Patronal Festival falls on Saturday 26 June. We are celebrating Saint Peter and our return to normal life with:

- An organ recital in Saint Peter's on the Saturday evening
- Teas in the church on Saturday and Sunday
- A flower festival in Saint Peter's Everyone is Welcome!

Organ Recital by Richard Stephens

Musical Director, Saint James, Chipping Campden

Saint Peter's Church

Saturday 26 June 7:30pm

Refreshments

Tickets FREE available: The Bell Inn

or Robert McNeil-Wilson, The Granary, Main St (852785)

rmw@unisonprojects.co.uk

or Gillian Beale, Florizel, Main Street

Teas in the Church

12:30 to 4:30pm Saturday, 26 June

11:15 to 3:30pm Sunday, 27 June

Saint Peter's Flower Festival

Arrangements on the theme of "**Pieces of Music**"

All day Saturday and Sunday 26 & 27 June

Arrangements welcome from organisations and businesses (entrants contact Gillian Beale)

A Sincere Thank You

Nuala, Alice and Esme would like to say a heartfelt 'Thank You' to the people of Willersey who have supported us since we lost Andy. Your kindness has brought us all more comfort than you will ever know.



Willersey bells should start to ring again properly once the next stage of lockdown easing takes place, currently planned for 21st June (Government regulations permitting). You may hear a few of the bells being rung before this date, as the local band starts to flex its ringing muscles in readiness for the big day. However, we look forward to that moment when all 6 bells once again ring out over our village, after an absence of 15 months, in a glorious celebration (we hope) of a return to a better life for us all

**WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL.
GRAND REOPENING.
SATURDAY 26TH JUNE 2021.
TIME 2.30PM**

After months of delay and almost eight months since the Builders finished the Refurbishments we can at last reopen our Hall.

The afternoon will feature the musical talents of the Colin Close Covid Collection who came together during last summers “clap for carers”, they started with just a couple of players and ending up with up to ten musicians of varying degrees of talent playing some of our favourite songs.

During the afternoon, complimentary tea, cake and biscuits will be served with soft drinks for the children, we will also have static displays by some of our Village organisations with a chance for people to find out what goes on and how to possibly join their groups. If anyone from the Village would like to get involved in the afternoons celebrations by demonstrating their talents and skills please let us know by emailing nevillejelfs@gmail.com

“Welcome to Willersey” Booklet

The “Welcome to Willersey” booklet has been updated and reprinted. If you know of anyone or you who are new to the village and have not received a copy please get in touch.

Email willerseynews@gmail.com or telephone 858628 or 858601. This free booklet contains local area information and contact details of organisations in the Village.

THE JULY 2021 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the next news must be received by Thursday **17th June** unless otherwise notified. Please send in any items of interest or notice of forthcoming events.

Newsletter creation will start early in the morning of the next day, the 18th. Email them to willerseynews@gmail.com or phone Alan 858601 or Bill 858628, Thank you.

The Church and Village News is now published on the Internet no later than one week after the paper edition is delivered. You can find it at.

www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm

Comments on the Newsletter are always welcomed.

Please email them to willerseynews@gmail.com

For later updates to any Church and Village News do look on our

Willersey Cotswolds Facebook page or on
www.willersey.org

PRESS RELEASE

THOUSANDS OF CARERS IN NEED OF SUPPORT

Do you look after your husband or wife, your parents, a sibling or a friend? If you do, you are a Carer. Thousands of Carers in the North Cotswolds are unsupported and Covid 19 has increased the number of Carer households.

Many people do not identify themselves as Carers and therefore do not come forward for help, but free local support services are available. You can:

Take a regular break from caring: Attend a peer support group:

Receive telephone peer support: Enjoy organised social events:

Get help with transport (including wheelchair transport): Join

activities with the person you care for: Get support for the

person you care for to join activities while you take a break: Get

help with housing or benefits: Join the Carers Emergency

Scheme. **To find out more please:**

Tel: 01608 697009 or email carers@cotswoldfriends.org

Support your Community and volunteer to help Carers - Tel: 01608

697007 or email volunteers@cotswoldfriends.org

Willersey Amateur Horticultural and Craft Show

After much thought and consideration, the Committee have decided that there will be no Horticultural Show this year in the Village Hall. The decision was based on Covid 19 uncertainties and restrictions in enclosed spaces.

Hope to see everyone back supporting the Show next year.
Horticultural Committee



Nature Box

Somebody has Opened a Tin of Blue Tits

Well, that's how it can look as June unfolds, with newly fledged blue tits in abundance during the first few weeks of their lives.

And not just blue tits. Fledgling great tits, goldfinches, squabbling starlings, young robins minus the red breast, the list goes on, and all presently on show. Hard pressed parents harassed by their offspring with that wing fluttering action begging for food. Like ravenous children with hollow legs, as my mum would have said.

Of course, not all of these youngsters will survive: flying mishaps, predation and even lack of food are just some of the ways they might perish during the early days. Whilst large broods or several clutches are common strategies, other birds take a different approach. Local barn owls will have increased the chances of a new generation by incubating their eggs in such a way that there will always be a younger and smaller nestling available, as a last resort of course, to help 'nourish' a slightly older sibling if food is short.

But let's not dwell on the macabre. There are plenty of cheerier stories locally with the once quite uncommon goldfinch now thriving, and green and great spotted woodpeckers appearing to be doing well too. Fingers crossed that when we get to The Big Garden Bird Watch Survey next January the overall UK tally of garden birds will continue to show an upward curve. As we know, gardens are playing an increasingly important part with suitable habitat, fresh water, bird boxes and in excess of £200 million spent annually on quality bird food - and that's just in Willersey!

Saint Peter's Church Services in June

Sunday	6th	10:00am	Morning Prayer ML
Sunday	13th	9:00am	Holy Communion TL
Sunday	20th	11:00am	Family Service
Sunday	27th	10:00am	Morning Prayer ML

ML= Modern Language TL= Traditional Language

Mid-week Holy Communion: 11am every Wednesday.

Family Service at St Peter's

The theme of our May family service was Rogationtide. Rogation, celebrated in May, has been a custom particularly in rural communities for many years. It is a time when seeds are planted, and the cycle of new growth begins. It is a time to be patient and attentive, eagerly awaiting what the land will yield. Mark in his talk to the congregation used quotes from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' emphasising how Verruca Salt who wanted everything immediately, was the exact opposite of what Rogation is all about. She was impatient and greedy with little regard for anyone else.

Our songs and prayers reflected on being grateful and appreciative for all that we have around us.

Adine read a passage from Deuteronomy and an extract was read from 'Cider with Rosie' giving us a picture of Laurie Lee's bountiful garden in the Slad Valley.

The sound of hand bells playing in the churchyard before the service gave everyone a chance to pause and listen for a moment before entering St Peter's. Thank you to the ringers, it was much appreciated.

Our next Family Service is on Sunday June 20th.

Saint Peter's Church is open, every day.



Please go in to pray, be in the presence of God or just enjoy the peace and tranquillity of our beautiful church which has been there for our parishioners for centuries, especially in the most challenging times.

Thank you to our team on the unlocking & locking roster: Gillian, Jennie, Elizabeth, Tom and Liz.

Worship via Skype or Zoom with Revd Scott and/or Kevin. The latest details will be on www.grumball.com with a link and service sheet.

St Peter's Church Cleaning

Week ending

June 5th and June 12th

Sandy Barnes & Elizabeth Milne-James

June 19th and June 26th

Lisa and Flick Marcham

St Peter's Brass Cleaning

Week ending

June 5th and June 12th

Gillian Beale

June 19th and June 26th

Sally and Pat Hemming

The key for the vestry to access cleaning materials can be collected from "The Bell Inn" or Gillian Beale, 01386 852958. Please let me know if we are running short of any cleaning materials, so that I can replenish stocks.

More help for church and brass cleaning would be much appreciated. Please contact Gillian on 01386 852958