

PROGRAMMES & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2026

WEEKLY EVENTS:

ON MONDAYS 09.30-11.00am *Baby and Toddler Group* in the Hall (from 7th)
ON TUESDAYS 5.00-8.30pm *Private Booking (Yellow Submarine)* in the hall (from 15th)
ON WEDNESDAYS 5.15-8.00pm *Beavers & Cubs* in the parish hall (from 9th)
ON THURSDAYS 6.15-8.00pm *Private Booking (Life Drawing)* in the hall
ON SATURDAYS 10.00-12.00noon *Private Booking (Art Class)* in the hall
ON SUNDAYS 7.00-8.00pm *Private Booking (Support Group)* in the hall

Mothers' Union Eucharist, Tuesday 1st September 10.30am in St Helen's Church. Led by Canon Ruth Pyke. All Welcome.

Moving into Stillness, Thursday 3rd September 9.45-10.45am at St Michael and All Angels. Circle dancing to Taizé chants before the regular circle dancing session at **11.00am** led by Elizabeth Mitchell. No prior experience needed. Tea and coffee provided between the sessions. Parking permits are available for use in Park Road.

"Music at the Unicorn" folk concert, Thursday 3rd September 7.00pm at St Helens. Further details at <https://musicattheunicorn.org.uk/>

Blessing of rucksacks, Sunday 6th September 10.30am at St Helen's. Please bring in your rucksacks/school bags/work bag/briefcase) to be blessed as part of our service.

Abingdon Mayor's Civic Service, Sunday 6th September 2.00pm at St Helen's Church.

Huw Rhys James Piano Recital, Sunday 6th September 3.00pm at St Michael's church. Huw & family regularly attend St Michael's when in the UK. Tickets £15.

Abbey Chamber Concert, Sunday 6th September 3.00pm at St Nicolas Church. Brahms Quintet for clarinet and strings Op 115 Bernard Herrmann Clarinet Quintet 'Souvenirs de Voyage' Catriona Scott clarinet OXUS string quartet. Tickets £13.00

Ride + Stride, Saturday 12th September 10.00am–6.00pm. Only one week away! Cycle or walk to as many or as few churches as you like to raise money for St Helen's and Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT). Full details are on www.ohct.org. Jeanette Thomas is collecting sponsors for Robin & family or see his online fundraising page at <https://www.goodhub.com/go/dayfamilyohct2026>. Margaret Horton is also looking for sponsors as she will walk round Oxford & visit churches.

***Help needed at St Helen's** * Please sign-up at the back of the church if you can give an hour to greet and sign in the Ride and Striders from all over a wide local area.

Mothers Union Committee Meeting, Wednesday 16th September, 2.15-4.15pm in the lounge

StHelens@Lunch, Thursday 17th September at Root One Garden Centre, Wallingford. If you need or can offer a lift contact Susan Scott 01235 522960

Raising Faith, Thursday 17th September 7.30 - 9.30pm at Peachcroft Christian Centre. Raising Faith is a series of six evening sessions, exploring a variety of ways to create strong and healthy foundations of faith in our children. Find out more and book a place here: <https://www.peachcroftcc.org/community/parenting-course>

Heritage Weekend, Saturday 19th September 10.00am – 4.00pm in church. We need cakes that we can cut up to sell -please can you help? Please deliver your cakes **to church on the day** ideally from **8:30am-10:00am** and members of Events Group will be on hand to receive them. If you are able to help, please can you send Fiona Tonks an email to confirm what you can bring. Her email address is: fetonks@gmail.com

If you are unable to deliver on the Saturday, but can bake on the Friday, Fiona can collect from you.

Last year we welcomed over 700 people to St. Helen's on the Saturday. We will also be selling refreshments and bacon butties! We are very grateful for your support.

Quiet Garden Day, Saturday 19th September 2026 10.00am - 4 pm at Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection, Spring Lane, Aston Tirrold, OX11 9EJ. Leader: Philip Mader-Grayson on the theme *Questioning Faith Matters - growing in maturity*. Refreshments are provided, but please bring a packed lunch. A donation of £10 would be welcome. To attend it would be helpful to email in advance: atquietgardendays@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Cream Tea, Saturday 26th September 2.30-4.30 at St Michaels church. Do please bring along your family and friends. It should be a lovely afternoon with some delicious cakes and piano music.

Faith Forum, Sunday 27th September 12.15pm in the hall. The goodness of creation with Margaret Adam.

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"Music at the Unicorn" folk concert, Thursday 1st October 7.00pm at St Helens. Further details at <https://musicattheunicorn.org.uk/>

Oxford Gospel Choir, Saturday 3rd October 7.30pm at St Helen's Church. In aid of Family of Hope, a residential school in Uganda for children with special educational needs. Tickets £10 at the door.

Abingdon Michaelmas Fair, Sunday 4th – Wednesday 7th October. Blessing in the Market Place Sunday 4th 4pm. **Abingdon Runaway Fair, Sunday 11th October.**

Mothers Union Meeting, Tuesday 13th October, 10.00-12.00pm in the lounge

Macmillan Coffee Morning, Thursday 15th October 10.00-12.00 noon, in the hall

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