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# From the Editor

You're probably fed up with electioneering by now! But don't worry, it will all be over soon.

We do have more to look forward to. Mikron Theatre are performing on 13 July and you can get tickets from the Council Office. Profits will go towards Bloomers.

There's plenty going on in the world of song. If you want to take part, will you sign up for the Fauré Requiem "Come & Sing" on 6 July? See the poster on page 19. Or you can be in the audience.

Sing 4 4 have their summer concert on 14 July - ticket details are on page 17.

Ashton Keynes Village Choir are presenting a Swing concert on 13 July at the School Hall in AK. Proceeds are going towards Parkinson's UK - see page 27. With the sudden closure of Cricklade Club, the Cricklade Parkinson's Café is without a

home. Alternative venues are being investigated and they will keep us informed.

Prospect Hospice is in trouble with a projected £1 million shortfall this year. Apart from fundraising events they are looking for direct donations to cover that amount. Can you help? See page 6 for details.

There's going to be a lot of sport this month: the Euros football has already kicked off. Wimbledon tennis is on from 1 July and the Paris Olympics starts on the 26th. All of these can be seen (with refreshments) on a big screen on the newly redecorated balcony at Cricklade Leisure Centre - see page 25.

But the **General Election is on 4 July**. Do please use your vote. And remember to take photo i.d. with you!



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The deadline for the August 2024 issue is Monday 1 July 2024

# Community contacts all 01793 unless stated or emergency

This section is intended to give quick access to emergency and community help phone numbers. If you spot something missing, please let us know: [RickDixonChronicle@gmail.com](mailto:RickDixonChronicle@gmail.com) or 01793 759123.

Churches .....	see centre pages	Dentist (104 High St) .....	750388
Cricklade Town Council .....	751394	Gas leak reporting .....	0800 111 999
Latton P/Council ...	<a href="mailto:clerk@latton-pc.gov.uk">clerk@latton-pc.gov.uk</a>	Library (113 High St) .....	750694
Wiltshire Councillor .....	752501	Link Scheme transport .....	07421 018 499
Wiltshire Council hub .....	0300 456 0100	Open Door .....	07599 987 851
Emergency Services .....	999	Optician (82 High St) .....	750415
Non-Emergency: Police .....	101	Purton Vets (Bath Rd) .....	751698
Non-Emergency: NHS .....	111	Household Recycling Centre .....	778205
Doctors: Purton Surgery .....	770207	Samaritans .....	FREE: 116 123
Green Gables Surgery ....	752633	Schools: St Sampson's Primary ....	750452
Cricklade (De Silva) .....	750645	Cricklade Manor Prep .....	750275
Boots Chemist (100 High St) .....	750226	Bradon Forest .....	770570

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Meadowbridge School, SN6 6DD ///snapping.clearcut.tunnel  
 Cricklade Dental Practice, SN6 6AA ///trackers.motivate.joystick  
 33 Stockham Close, SN6 6EF ///advances.bakers.opts  
 17 Pauls Croft, SN6 6AH ///grace.bind.framework  
 48 The Hitchings, SN6 6NJ ///thing.hydrant.height  
 24 Deansfield, SN6 6BP ///enabling.gymnasium.records  
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## Cricklade Town Hall

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We offer a choice of one or more of the Main Hall, the Annexe, and a Committee Room, to meet your particular requirements. The Main Hall toilets and foyer area have been recently refurbished to a high standard, making our facilities eminently suitable for that special event you might be planning.

Please contact our Bookings Secretary, Mrs Nicola Fry on 01666 861023 (before 9pm please) or via email at [crickladetownhall@hotmail.com](mailto:crickladetownhall@hotmail.com) for further details. Check out our Facebook page for photos and other information: [www.facebook.com/crickladetownhall](https://www.facebook.com/crickladetownhall)  
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# Cricklade Town Council

## Town Council Meetings

**Monday 1 July** Planning, Conservation and Transport Committee

**Monday 15 July** Community & Leisure Committee

**Monday 29 July** Planning, Conservation and Transport Committee



All meetings, commencing at 7pm, are held in the Council Chamber, 113 High Street. Members of the public are welcome and have an opportunity to ask questions at the beginning of each meeting.

## Cricklade Council 2024 – 2025

Unfortunately, Councillor Diana Fairbrass has resigned from Cricklade Town Council and we would like to thank her for all her hard work on the council since she became a councillor in 2017.

The Council would like to welcome its newest member of staff on the Grounds Team, Adam Townsend.

At the Annual meeting of the Council held in May, the following Council and Committee roles were voted:

### **Cricklade Town Council:**

Chairman Councillor Mark Clarke

Vice Chair Councillor Angela Jensen

### **Community and Leisure Committee:**

Chairman Cllr Russell Osman

Vice Chair Cllr Barrie Beasley

### **Planning, Conservation and Transport Committee:**

Chairman Cllr Chris Bull

Vice Chair Cllr John Coole

### **Premises and Finance Committee:**

Chairman Cllr Mark Clarke

Vice Chair Cllr Chris Bull.

We wish them all the best in their roles for the coming year. Please note that there will be a full election of all Town Councillors held in May 2025.

## Cricklade in Bloom

Councillors will be out and about judging the Cricklade in Bloom competition between 15 and 29 July 2024.

The categories are:

- Best Garden,
- Best Front Door, and
- Best Hanging Basket or Container,
- Best Commercial Property on the High Street.

## Cricklade Festival

Cricklade Town Council would like to thank the Cricklade Festival team, without whom, the ever-popular festival may not take place. It does bring entertainment to locals and tourists alike, and is a boon to our town's economic viability.

As usual it was well attended, with High Street businesses putting in extra hours, St Mary's café and cakes, the Cricklade Museum, Councillors ready for action, and of course the entertainment groups, all of whom made it a lively, friendly, enjoyable day.

### **Cricklade Bio Blitz**

There was great interest in the Cricklade Bio Blitz at the meeting on 1 June 2024. Children were encouraged to join in throughout the day and those interested in nature were enthralled by the talks and results.

Amongst the regular natural visitors listed were damselflies, dung flies, large white butterflies, along with those less well known such as mink, water shrew and long eared bats.

We are truly blessed that we live in an area with such biodiversity, and natural beauty. We are also fortunate that we have The Court Leet, Natural England and the Floodplain Meadows Partnership to help protect this valuable flood meadow for future generations.

### **D Day Beacon Lighting**

The Commemoration of the D Day landings was well attended as the Cricklade Beacon was lit at Saxons Rest, Waylands on Thursday 6 June 2024. Cricklade Band put on a rousing accompaniment with a fitting amount of ceremony befitting those who lost their lives, so that we might enjoy ours.

### **Dog Fouling**

Can we please remind all our pet loving residents to clean up after their pets. Between Cricklade Town Council and Wiltshire Council, there are over 45 bins, all of which can be used for the disposal of waste.

This includes the seasonal bins on Fairview Fields, which this year were delayed in opening due to the wet weather. We can only open these bins when the ground is dry enough to drive the collection vehicle to them without causing damage to the subsoil and ancient furrows. As you can imagine, these bins hold quite a weight even though they are emptied twice a week, it would be a health and safety issue to have to manhandle them back to the waiting vehicle.

### **Cricklade Neighbourhood Plan 2026 - 2038**

Cricklade Neighbourhood Plan Review, which took place in late May with resident help and opinions, is now being collated and appraised. The results will be condensed into the New Neighbourhood Plan 2026 - 2038 and will be in the Council Offices for viewing later in the year.

Thank you to all residents who took the time to visit, talk and read about the plans for the town in the next 12 years.

### **The Town Council and Tourist Information Point is open, except Bank Holidays:**

Monday to Friday 10.00 - 16.00 hrs (Closed 12.30 - 13.30 hrs)

Tel: 01793 751394 E-mail: [admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk)

Website: [www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk)



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## Wiltshire Perspective

As I write this we're just getting going on the election trail. When *The Chronicle* lands through your letterbox it will be a few days from ending. Whatever your politics, I would encourage everyone to vote. Millions of people have died for us to have that freedom to do so.

On the subject of democracy, I went to my first Full Council meeting last week, which was a confusing mixture of ceremony and business, teamwork and point-scoring. Whatever the colour of the politics, I'm very clear about the priorities I need to be voting towards, and that's for all of the residents that I represent. If it's not concerning our communities I'll vote with the Liberal Group in County Hall, which includes a significant amount of WhatsApp messages that provide commentaries during the meeting.

The meeting was considered to be one of the shorter Full Council meetings of the year, lasting about five hours. People were elected to their various positions. I was selected to serve on the Health Select Committee, so I'll let you know more about that when I've learnt the ropes there.

The points others were making were very varied, conflicting and valid, (depending on where you start from). Where I'm not sure about what the local opinions are, I will seek out people's views and thoughts, so if you have a topic that's concerning you, please feel free to inform me of your views. Even if I disagree with you I will still respect your thoughts and try and help.

On another topic, I went to a Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) meeting, where relative priorities were selected for the year ahead. It's restricted to the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board, and our division fared relatively well, thanks to the support and lobbying from other Crickladians (who also rooted for Latton's wish list). Despite all the best intentions from everybody there, there's only so much cake to go round, quite rightly.

Also, Cricklade's Local Neighbourhood Plan is in need of refreshing. This is what Wiltshire Council will take into account when future developments and planning applications are considered and the review means you get to have your say. In the first instance, go to the Town Council's website and follow the Neighbourhood Plan Review link.

In the meantime, I'm grateful to the people who have been asking me for help, and in the majority of cases I've been able to find the right person to address their issues. Most of them will take their time to run their course, and the outcome may not be the one the resident was wanting; but trying and failing is better than not trying or even worse giving up.

As ever, if you think I can help please get in touch and I'll see what I can do.

*nick.dye@wiltshire.gov.uk or 752501*

*Nick Dye, Wiltshire Councillor*

## Bingo 4 Us

Bingo4Us meet on Wednesday afternoons in the Jenner Hall, Bath Road, Cricklade. Doors open 1.45pm and it is EYES DOWN at 2 pm. New members will be made very welcome. No joining fee, just pay £2 per session. No forms to complete just come along on the day. Any questions to Chris 07500 871 680 or Vicky on 07801 952 027.



# Prospect Hospice



A local support group for Prospect Hospice is holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 29 June starting at 10am in Cricklade United Church, Calcutt Street. There will be Refreshments, Cakes, Raffle and Tombola. All proceeds will go to Prospect Hospice.

## Prospect Hospice launches urgent appeal amid funding crisis

The Wroughton-based charity is facing a critical financial shortfall that threatens the independent specialist end-of-life service provider. Despite providing care to over 2,000 patients and their families last year, entirely free of charge, rising costs and stagnant government funding have left Prospect Hospice £1 million short of what is needed this year.

Charlotte Forrest, the new director of income generation at Prospect Hospice, emphasises the gravity of the situation: "The gap in our funding is a serious threat to the vital services we provide. We urgently need the support of our community to continue offering the high level of care and support that our patients and their families rely on.

"Since I joined the team here in February, I've been blown away by the determination and generosity of our supporters, patients, their families, and our community. Last year Prospect Hospice cared for more than 2,000 patients completely free of charge. and the truth is, we simply couldn't do that without support from the public."

With prices rising rapidly and more people than ever needing care, the charity is urging the community to help bridge the financial gap. Even small donations can make a significant difference in ensuring that families like Sinéad and Harry's receive the care they need during the toughest times of their lives. The photo shows them on their wedding day.

"Harry was a rare case – he was just 25," says Sinéad. "His cancer caused paralysis, so from the beginning, the hospice's physio team was involved. Their ability to adapt and tailor the service was incredible. They came to our house and provided a positive focus for him every day, giving us structure, routine, and hope during a devastating time. I don't know how we'd have managed without them."



Sinead continues to advocate and fund raise for the hospice, understanding deeply the devastating consequences of service cuts. "It's my worst fear because I know how much our family depended on them."



You can support your local hospice by giving a one-off donation or setting up a regular donation. £25 could pay for an hour of support at home from a nurse, £60 could pay for an hour of a patient's stay on its in-patient unit or £100 could pay for a series of specialist physio sessions.

Find out more and donate at [www.prospect-hospice.net/helpourhospice](http://www.prospect-hospice.net/helpourhospice) or use the QR Code above. Thank you.



# Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

*Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities*



## **Purton Open Gardens 6/7 July**

On Saturday 6 July the PPG will be taking part in Purton Open Gardens with stalls in Sylvia Freemantle's front garden (35 High Street, Purton). Items for sale will include cakes, jams and plants.

Our thanks to Sylvia.

**200 Club:** It's coming up to Renewal time! The 200 Club year starts on 1 October!

If you have set up a Standing Order then you need do nothing else, your membership will automatically renew. If you're not already a member then you can join now ready for the new year. The cost is just £15 a year and there are two prizes each month of £100 and £15. Setting up a Standing Order for your £15 to be taken annually on 1 September is much simpler for you and for administration purposes. Forms are available at both Purton and Green Gable surgeries.

The June draw was made by Receptionist Marie. The £100 winner was Rory Lyons, £15 winner was Maureen Breakspeare. All members of the 200 Club are allocated a number to be used in the draw. If you wish to know your number then please email our Treasurer: [treasurer.psppg@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.psppg@gmail.com) to request it.

## **Table Top in Purton Surgery**

Thank you to all who support the Table Top in Purton Surgery Waiting Room, those who contribute items and to those who buy. We are pleased to receive good quality donations for the Table which should be handed in to Reception (no shoes please). If you would like to purchase any items then please hand your money in to Reception.

Don't forget there are also books for sale at 50p each, please put money in the tin or hand into Reception.

As always, your support for our work to both inform and support patients is much appreciated. If you know of anyone who would like to be included in our email list (all sent bcc) then please ask them to contact via [secretary.psppg@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.psppg@gmail.com)

*Sheila Fowler, PPG Secretary*



## **Sing Four Four Community Choir**

### **Tickets Now Available!**

Our annual **Summer Concert takes place on 14 July at St**

**Sampson's Church.** Tickets cost just £6 to include light refreshments, with under 12s having free entry.

Doors open at 2.30pm with the concert commencing at 3pm. In celebration of their 200th anniversary, our raffle proceeds will be donated to RNLI.

Tickets are available from the Town Council Offices or choir members.





## Thank You, Just a Few More Needed Please



In the May issue of *The Chronicle*, I made an appeal for more drivers to help both Cricklade Link and Cricklade Open Door provide their different transport services to the people of Cricklade and Latton who rely on them.

Three of you very kindly responded and are now helping out. It is so much appreciated and great to have new drivers. You know who you are, thank you.

Cricklade Link still needs more drivers and Cricklade Open Door now needs some more escorts to help on the minibus.

**For Open Door** we now have enough drivers to make the minibus driving rota happily workable, but we need some more people to act as escorts for people using the minibus. This involves helping them on and off the bus as well as out of, and back into, their homes. To remind you, this is a role in which you choose which day or days you want to help. So if you have some spare time it is a rewarding and wonderful way to contribute directly to other residents' well being.

**For Cricklade Link** we are so grateful to have additional drivers who have already started helping. However, we still need another five or six drivers to be able to meet the demand.

It is so disappointing having to turn down requests from people who need our help. In the past we rarely had to do this but this year we have had to turn down ten jobs so far because of driver shortage.

So, please, can you do your bit, give some of your time, and get our driver numbers back up to where they need to be? Again as a reminder, you choose which jobs you take according to your own time availability, so this is not a sort of open-ended onerous commitment. You are in control. In addition, you receive both 45p per mile to cover your vehicle costs and the certain knowledge that your gift of time has truly helped someone. It is win win.

**If you can help** us as a **driver for Cricklade Link** or an **escort for Cricklade Open Door**, or want to find out more, please email me Jonathan Taylor at [jonathan1m@hotmail.com](mailto:jonathan1m@hotmail.com) for either, or Adina Grace at [jandagrace@447@outlook.com](mailto:jandagrace@447@outlook.com) specifically for Open Door and we will take it from there for you.

## Cricklade Jenner Hall ...

**... continues to be At The Heart Of Cricklade for over 300 years.**

The Jenner Hall continues to be a popular place for family events and smaller wedding receptions. attractive to all age groups.

If you would like to know more about the Hall or check booking availability, please visit our website - [crickladejennerhall.com](http://crickladejennerhall.com). If you would like to book the Jenner Hall for a party or celebration, please contact our booking email address at [jennerhall.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:jennerhall.bookings@gmail.com) or call on 07823 324 821.

*Richard Hickman, Chairman, Cricklade Jenner Hall Community Trust*





St Sampson's Church,  
Bath Road,  
Cricklade. SN6 6AT

*Come and Sing!*

Fauré's  
**REQUIEM**

Musical Director

**Mark Lee**

Director of Music, Bristol Cathedral

**Saturday  
6th July 2024**

- ❖ 10.30am Registration
- ❖ 11.00am—3.30pm Workshops
- ❖ 4pm Performance
- ❖ Cost: £20 to include score and refreshments (please bring a packed lunch/buy lunch locally)
- ❖ Parking is available at Cricklade Town Hall SN6 6AE or St Sampsons Primary School SN6 6AX

If you don't want to join the singing workshops please come and enjoy a FREE performance at 4pm—all welcome!

Book now

Or email :

[admin@upperthames.org.uk](mailto:admin@upperthames.org.uk)



# St Sampson's Church Refurbishment Appeal

*Creating a Community Space for the Future*

We will be holding the following events to continue raising funds for our St Sampson's Church appeal.

Put the dates in your diary! Come and enjoy the fun!



## \*Curry Evening

Join us at Kavali Indian Restaurant on Monday 12 August at 7pm for an Evening of Fun, Food and Fundraising.

*\*English dish available. Please advise of any dietary requirements.*

Tickets are £20 and available from:

Sharon Smith: 01793 751375 Adina Grace: 01793 380583

## St Sampson's Church Fete

**Saturday 7 September 2024 2pm - 4pm**

Trips up the tower! Soft toy parachute jumps! Cream teas! Stalls BBQ

**How to give:** Cash or cheques (made payable to St Sampson's PCC No. 2 Account) in the donations box in church or send to Adina Grace (Church Warden and Treasurer), 24 North Wall, Cricklade, SN6 6DU. For further details please contact Adina on 01793 380583 or email [janda.grace447@outlook.com](mailto:janda.grace447@outlook.com)

Online donations can be made by scanning the QR code (right) or visiting <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com>.



## St Sampson's Church 100 Club

The lucky winner of the May 2024 draw was:

Mrs Maureen Arthurs who won £31.50

St Sampson's Church benefited by £31.50.

To join the 100 Club, contact Sharon Smith tel. 751375 or email [sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonjsmith54@hotmail.com)

## Cricklade Jenner Hall (Parish Hall) "Save It Club"

In the Monthly Draw held on 25 April, the lucky winners were :-

First Prize:	Pauline Feasey	£36.60
Second Prize:	Chris Mitchell	£24.40
Jenner Hall Funds:		£61.00



To join the Jenner Hall "Save It Club", please contact Paul Marley Tel: 752851

The Subscription for the "Save It Club" is only £12 per year. Subscribers are encouraged to pay a year's subscription of £12 by Standing Order. (GDP Regulations compliant.)

## Coffee Cafe

All are welcome to attend the weekly Coffee Cafe each Friday at Cricklade United Church Hall, Calcutt Street from 10am to 11.30am. Come along for a coffee and a chat.

# Cricklade 100 Years Ago

## Hammond's Garage (Calcutt Street).

The first commercial garage in town,  
Established c1920.

Ray Ellam b.1918 recalled, 'In the 1930s when I worked at Hammond's garage in Calcutt Street there were still a few Ford Model T vehicles around, and we occasionally repaired them. Other mechanics worked mainly on the service and repair of Alvis cars, in particular the Alvis Silver Eagle model, a very high quality vehicle. In 1934 the Ford V8 came out with its smooth and powerful engine, and some customers changed to these. I thought it a bad choice since the Ford had inferior suspension, braking and handling, but was cheaper than the Alvis. Most cars in the 1930s were of similar construction, so not difficult to understand – no



electronic gadgets in those days – but one Cricklade newsagent owned a Trojan. This was most unusual as its engine and transmission were horizontal under the front seat, chain driven to a solid rear axle, so no differential. The engine was also unusual in that it was a four-cylinder two-stroke in square formation, with each pair of pistons having a common combustion chamber.



Some Trojans had solid tyres, and others pneumatics. In the 1920s and 30s, these cars were popular as the cheapest, but since some garages could not understand their unusual construction, they would exhibit notices saying "No Trojans."

*Find more about L.O. Hammond (1878-1958) in Cricklade Revealed Extra, Book 1.*

**Cricklade Revealed Book Sale:** Half of the Cricklade Revealed 15 books are now out of print, and can no longer be re-printed individually. However, sets of 5 (£10), 10 (£20) or complete sets of 15 (£25) for advanced orders ONLY would still be viable if enough orders are taken.

Please ring Marion on 01793 750542 or email: [mfparsons071@btinternet.com](mailto:mfparsons071@btinternet.com) if interested.

*Pictured top: Hammond's Garage in Calcutt St.*

*Above left: Hammond's shop at 100 High St.*

*Bert Nash (b. 1909), as L O Hammond's apprentice in 1923, recalled the workshop interior in Calcutt St, and this frontage at his High St. shop (now Boots Chemists).*



*Above right: An early Ford car belonging to Sir Johnny Faulkner of Kempford at the entrance to the VWH kennel stables in Bath Road near the cemetery. Picture dated 1910, and lent to Cricklade Revealed by Mary Wiggins (née Goddard).*



# Churches Together

## The Upper Thames Benefice

Cricklade St Sampson's, Latton St John the Baptist, Ashton Keynes Holy Cross and the Leigh All Saints

Contact details:

Vicar: Revd Canon Debbie Dewes email: [vicar@upperthames.org.uk](mailto:vicar@upperthames.org.uk) tel: 01793 752718

Associate Vicar: Revd Shirley Danby

email: [shirleydanby21@gmail.com](mailto:shirleydanby21@gmail.com); tel. 07980 548844

Parishes Administrator: Jane Eyles

email: [admin@upperthames.org.uk](mailto:admin@upperthames.org.uk) tel: 01793 979304

## Services for the Upper Thames Churches

### 7 July

#### Trinity 6

- 8am Holy Communion at St Sampson's
- 10am Holy Communion at Holy Cross
- 10am Morning Worship at St Sampson's  
with music group and children's activities in church
- 10am Morning Worship at St John the Baptist, Latton
- 6.30pm Evensong at St Sampson's

### 14 July

#### Trinity 7

- 10am Upper Thames Worship Together Communion  
at St Sampson's

### 21 July

#### Trinity 8

- 8am Holy Communion followed by breakfast at St Sampson's
- 10am Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Latton
- 10am Informal Morning Worship at Holy Cross
- 11.30am Morning Worship for St Sampson's Day at St Sampson's  
with S club for children in the Jenner Hall **followed by:**
- 12.30pm Barbecue: contact us if you'd like to come so we know numbers
- 6pm Evensong at Holy Cross
- 6.30pm Evensong at St Sampson's

### 28 July

#### Trinity 9

- Both services on this Sunday are Worship Together Outdoors  
in the 'sacred space' around the Old Chancel at Waterhay.*
- 10am Worship Together Communion at Waterhay Old Chancel
- 6.30pm Worship Together Evening Service at Waterhay Old Chancel

#### **Thursday morning prayers in St Sampson's:**

*8.30am for coffee & catch up, prayers from 8.45 and finish by 9.30am.*

*Everyone is welcome.*



# *er in Cricklade & Latton*

## From the Registers of the Upper Thames Group of Churches

### **Baptisms**

- 19 May Everest-Sterling Elliot *at St John the Baptist*  
26 May Harper Ruvimbo Richardson *at St John the Baptist*  
26 May Ethan Marimba Richardson *at St John the Baptist*

### **Weddings**

- 7 May Shaun Isaacs & Casey Bonner *at St Sampson's*  
28 May Peter Morrison & Emily Plummer *at St Sampson's*

### **Funerals**

- 17 May Keith Ballard *at Holy Cross*  
24 May Dilys Palmer. *Interment of ashes at Cricklade Cemetery*

## St. Mary's Catholic Church

- Weekly Mass times** 9.30am on Sundays  
10.00am on Fridays

For notices please see the noticeboard on the railings of St Mary's.  
Parish website [www.stthomasparish.plus.com](http://www.stthomasparish.plus.com).

Father Michael Robertson can be contacted on 01285 712586 or by email  
[michael.Robertson@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:michael.Robertson@cliftondiocese.com)

Gerry Dudley, our Church Secretary, is on 01793 750107.

The Friends of St Mary's website with more details of the history of the church is at  
[www.cricklade.stmary.org.uk](http://www.cricklade.stmary.org.uk)

## Cricklade United Church

Calcutt Street, Cricklade

Minister: Revd Sarah Simpson, tel. 01666 826866

Email: [sarahsimpson14@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahsimpson14@btinternet.com)

As a United Reformed / Methodist Church, we are part of the URC North West Wiltshire Pastorate and the Upper Thames Methodist Circuit. Please have a look at our website for all the current information regarding our services, dates, times and other events.  
<https://crickladeunitedchurch.co.uk>

### **Sundays at 10.30am - followed by coffee/tea:**

- 7 July led by Martin Osman from Haydon Wick.  
14 July Pastorate Service - led by the Worship Group we will be joined by the congregations of Malmesbury URC and Royal Wotton Bassett URC who are the other two Churches in our pastorate partnership.  
21 July Rev Roy Fowler, retired URC minister from Chippenham.  
28 July Trevor Day from Swindon.

# Cricklade United Church

**Great News** - the Church has achieved a Silver award in the Eco-Church scheme. We are delighted with this recognition of the work which we have done to green our buildings, our lifestyles and the way in which we operate as a Church.

**Bounce and Rhyme** - a group for Babies and Toddlers. Come along and enjoy a social afternoon with music and rhymes for the little ones. Chat and refreshments including lovely cake available.

Tuesday 2 July and Tuesday 16 July from 1.45pm to 2.45pm.

**Worship Services during July** - see page 23

## In Memoriam

**Mrs Joy Ells (September 1924 to May 2024)**

With sadness, I have to inform you of the passing of Joy Ells, in a care home in Inverness.

Joy loved Cricklade with her memberships of the Royal British Legion, the Historical Society, Open Door, the W.I, and Meals on Wheels.

Joy leaves four children: David, Dudley, Susan and Wendy. She had eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Happy travels, Mum.

*David, on behalf of the family*

## Cricklade Memory Café

The café is open on the first Wednesday of each month from 10.30 to 12.30 at the Town Hall Annexe for people with memory impairment and their family or carers.



Thanks to the support of local business we are now able to offer tea/coffee and cake, plenty of fun and a variety of activities without charge. Join us to enjoy all this in a safe and supportive environment

To find out more please contact Vona 07896 723 794 or Margaret 07976 620 089.

## Cricklade Camera Club

Our 2024/25 program is just being finalised and will appear on our website in July, but we will continue to have many excellent speakers covering a wide range of topics. New members are always welcome - you don't even need a camera. Everyone is welcome, so come and try us out for an evening for a guest fee of £6.00.



Our eighth season starts in earnest on Tuesday 3 September in the Town Hall Annexe at 7.30pm for an entertaining evening as members talk about their successes over the last year and discuss photographic new year's resolutions.

Our second meeting in September will be a Zoom meeting on 17 September 2024 with Alan and Julie Walker who will be explaining how to maximise your success in competitions.



## Falls Prevention at Cricklade Leisure Centre

Active Health Falls Prevention classes are designed to help those that have had a fall or are concerned about balance.

The exercises in these sessions will help to improve mobility, balance, strength and flexibility.



If you would like to find out more please contact:  
email: [activehealthfalls.prevention@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:activehealthfalls.prevention@wiltshire.gov.uk)  
phone: Kate Murphy on 07554 243 689

**Wiltshire Council**

### UEFA 2024

### CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE

#### WATCH LIVE TV ON THE BALCONY\*

Serbia v England Sun 16 June | Denmark v England Thurs 20 June

**Slovenia v England Tuesday 25 June @ 20.00**

**(other games on qualification)**

Families welcome – come and join us!

BBQ & bar

Come on England



it's coming home!!

**Also Wimbledon and Olympic Events during the summer.**



## In Our Broader Area

### ■ The Wessex (male choir) Summer Concert

**Saturday 29 June at Christ Church, Swindon SN1 3HG at 7pm**

Special Guests are the Barry Male Voice Choir from The Vale of Glamorgan

Tickets price £15 (u-16s £7.50) from [ticketsource.co.uk/wessex-male-choir](https://ticketsource.co.uk/wessex-male-choir)

### ■ Purton Open Gardens: Sat/Sun 6 and 7 July

Programmes/Maps from the open gardens, Pips Café, Toomers, Greatfield Garden Centre, Purton shops, The Angel.

Proceeds to Jubilee Gardens, Prospect Hospice, Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

# Cover Picture

It was unusual that there were no clouds in the way when Mike Hatton took the picture for this month’s cover. The view is from Common Hill looking somewhat towards the north or north-west at close to midnight with a full solar mass ejection phenomenon on cue.

Mike tells me that, by eye, the colours weren’t as good as they came out on his camera ... just a mobile phone.

The two white dots in the picture, below the overhang of the tree, aren’t a printing fault. Nor dust on the camera lens. A star chart app ([www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/night](http://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/night)) for the night sky in Cricklade at the time and direction suggests they might be (*upper to lower*) Castor and Pollux, the two chief stars in the constellation of Gemini.

If you think I’m wrong, let me know ([RickDixonChronicle@gmail.com](mailto:RickDixonChronicle@gmail.com)).

It’s always great to receive photos for the cover and fortunately I haven’t had to be *The Chronicle’s* “staff photographer” much this year!

I have two of your pictures in reserve for future covers - a summery one and one more suited for the autumn.

If you would like to send me a photo that you think would suit, please do so - address as above. Although we need a portrait (tall) picture for printing, I can crop a landscape picture if there is enough of interest in what remains. But better to hold your phone upright, not sideways!

We’re looking for pictures **taken in Cricklade or Latton**, so I couldn’t use one of Salisbury Cathedral or Stonehenge, however wonderful it might be!

Looking forward to receiving your picture,

*Rick, Editor*



## Wayland Estates Charity

Supporting Cricklade, Past & Present

At their last meeting, the Trustees to the Wayland Estates Charity considered grant applications from organisations towards projects for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Cricklade and the neighbourhood thereof. A total of £9,946.06 was awarded to the following:

Cricklade Bowls Club	Cricklade Leisure Centre	Smart Zone
Latton Basin Restoration	Memory Café	Thames Pre-school
	Prospect Hospice	

## Cricklade Library

The Library is above the Town Council Office at 113 High Street. The entrance is through the gateway and there is a lift as well as stairs to the library level.

Current opening hours are: (*Closed Bank Holidays*)

Mon: 2–4pm	Wed: 2–4pm	Fri: 2–5pm	Sun: Closed
Tues: 10am–1pm	Thurs: 2–7pm	Sat: 10am–1pm	

# Ashton Keynes Village Choir presents...



**Ashton Keynes Village Choir**  
Songs from the 1930s

Ashton Keynes School Hall  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Presents... **SUMMER SWING** ...Guest performance by Just About Jazz

Cash bar opens at 6:30  
Concert starts at 7:30

Ticket price - £10

Tickets from: Village Shop/Choir Members  
or 07526 924 710 / gparis@hotmail.co.uk

Cash Raffle, Raising Funds for: **PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup>**

## Cricklade & District Probus Club

We are looking forward to our coming group meetings when the following talks will take place.

- 11 July Wiltshire and Swindon's Rotten Boroughs
- 25 July Ukraine and Ukrainian Identity



The meetings normally take place fortnightly on a Thursday at 10am at the White Hart Hotel in Cricklade. Ours is a friendly group who enjoy keeping our minds active and socialising over a drink in the bar after the meetings. We are actively seeking to expand our numbers and look forward to welcoming new members to the Club.

For further information about our local club please contact the Honorary Secretary, Richard Roberts on 01793 751063.

## Cricklade Historical Society

**Sunday 25 August – Annual Walk:** Retracing the Route of the Saxon Walls  
Starts at 2pm – Start point and further details to follow, but it will finish at the Museum where refreshments will be on offer. The walk will be partly over uneven ground/terrain, so you will need suitable footwear!

A big thank-you to all who came to our fund raising Quiz Night. We raised over £1000 and this will go towards the running and maintenance costs of the Museum. Hope to see you again next year.

# Cricklade Bloomers

## Whispers from the Walled Garden

We hope Cricklade residents are enjoying the colourful summer planting around the town. The Bloomers volunteers can relax a little now the very busy fund raising and planting months of April and May are over. We would like to draw your attention to the planting at the turning circle at the start of the Purton Road. The end of the line border is planted with perennial herbs that require no watering and attract pollinating insects and the circular bed next to the bus stop is, hopefully as this article is written in May, now a glorious circle of native wild flowers.



Once again, Bloomers are taking part in the Royal Horticultural Society's 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Award where the Walled Garden and the work of Bloomers will be judged. If there is any community group, club or residential area that would also like to take part next year please email [anita@crickladeinbloom](mailto:anita@crickladeinbloom)

Finally, a reminder that tickets for the Mikron Theatre production 'Common Ground' on Saturday 13 July are available at £15 from the Town Council Offices.

## Cricklade Foodbank

*Open every Friday 10.00am to 11.30 am in the Jenner Hall, Bath Road*



We are now fast approaching the long summer holidays.

Traditionally this is a time of greater hardship, especially for those families with children. With hungry mouths to feed at home all day, an additional strain is placed on meagre family resources. An increasing number of families will be accessing our Foodbank facilities.

With this in mind, we are keen to keep up our food stocks, so we can adequately serve all our clients. We are conscious of the continuing generosity of all our donors and are very grateful for all the contributions you make. Thank you.

You will find donation boxes in Tesco, Animal Fare, Culverhay Stores and all the local churches. St. Sampson's School will be closed during August.

If you would prefer to make a financial donation, there is a 'donate' button on the top of the 'Donate Food' page on the Malmesbury & District Foodbank website.

Another way is the 'BanktheFood' App, which gives up to date Foodbank needs.

If you, or someone you know, is struggling to feed either themselves or their families, you can contact us on any of the addresses below:

call – 01666 826982 (we will call you back)

Email: [crickladedcm@malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:crickladedcm@malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

Visit the website: [malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk](http://malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk)



# Cricklade Open Door

Open Door continues to offer fun, activities, good company and support throughout the summer, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am - 3.30pm. We don't close for the summer holidays, other than the August Bank Holiday, Monday 26 August.



New members are always welcome, whether to join in regularly, each session each week, or just call in as and when to fit in with other interests and commitments. Open Door has a really varied programme of activities and offers a good lunch, prepared by Head Chef George, at Cricklade Manor Prep School and we frequently visit other places, both in Cricklade and further afield. Our aim is to keep active in body and mind and participate in everything that comes our way.

Since I last wrote for Open Door, we have enjoyed an Afternoon Cream Tea (thank you, Chris for all your baking), we have welcomed two groups of young visitors - Year 1 from St Sampson's C of E Primary School, who entertained us with their riotous exercise/dance routines, reminded us to be grateful for what we have, through Julia Donaldson's book, 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and also told us about the roles they'd like to have when adult - lots of vets! Thames Pre School also visited us and sang their songs and chatted with members which brought smiles to everyone's faces.

We celebrated the 80th anniversary of D Day on 6 June with a Fish and Chip Lunch - memories of a 1944 lunch and we were very grateful for the donation of £100 from Cricklade Town Council towards the cost - fish and chips were not at 1944 prices!

As I'm writing this article many weeks before publication, we haven't yet visited Cricklade Manor Prep School to watch their summer production of 'Alice in Wonderland' on 12 June but I am 100% certain that it will be magnificent and enjoyed by 20+ members who have already booked. Thank you, Cricklade Manor, you always make us so welcome. We will also, I'm certain, have had another excellent pub lunch and welcome at one of our favourite haunts - 'The Bakers' Arms' on Friday 21 June.

Open Door is in Cricklade for YOU - come along and find out more - The Jenner Hall, Bath Road Tel: 07599 987 851

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**Everyone,  
everywhere  
needs**

**Clean water,  
Decent toilets.  
Good hygiene**



## **COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!**

Churches Together in Cricklade, Latton,  
Ashton Keynes and the Leigh will be holding a

### **SPONSORED WATER CARRY SATURDAY 29TH JUNE 2024**

**from 10am to 12 noon**

**From the Thames at the Town Bridge  
to the White Hart in the High Street**

For registration, more information  
and a sponsor form please go to  
[crickladeunitedchurch.co.uk](http://crickladeunitedchurch.co.uk)

Sponsor forms also from  
Town Council front office  
open Monday to Friday 10am -4pm,  
closed 12.30-1.30pm

**We're fundraising  
for WaterAid**



WaterAid

## **CRICKLADE CINEMA!**

We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 16 July at 7pm in the Town Hall Committee Room.

In addition to a review of the past 12 months we will also be selecting the films for our Autumn Season and give you the opportunity to ask questions and help shape the future of Cricklade Cinema.

For the very latest information on Cricklade Cinema please check out our website:  
[www.crickladedecinema.org.uk](http://www.crickladedecinema.org.uk) or Facebook page Cricklade Cinema.

Feel free to email us at: [crickladedecinema@gmail.com](mailto:crickladedecinema@gmail.com).

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FOR ALL**

*Lester Buck, tel: 750782, or  
email: [crickladedecinema@gmail.com](mailto:crickladedecinema@gmail.com)*

## Cricklade W.I.

A big thank-you to our members who baked cakes, helped serve refreshments, manned the tables and generally helped with our coffee morning last month. A big thank-you also to everyone who supported us by enjoying refreshments and browsing our tables in the Town Hall Annexe as well as the Garden Club in the main Town Hall.



June was a busy month for us as we also celebrated our 40th birthday with a party. Michele of Page Green Flowers gave us a demonstration of flower arranging as well as tips to keep our flowers fresh for longer. We kept business to a minimum and spent the rest of the meeting celebrating with WI members from local groups as we enjoyed nibbles and drinks supplied by our members. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and support.

What could be more quintessentially British than a good old cup of tea? For many of us tea is a staple in our homes, comforting us, bringing us together and quenching our thirst. At our July meeting Alison Warren will tell us how much impact the humble cup of tea has had on the country's history and culture. Tea has helped to shape our social traditions, support the rise of the British Empire and contributed to the mighty momentum of the industrial revolution. We'll find out where we got our love of tea and the traditions that surround it.

We meet on the third Thursday of every month at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Annexe. Visitors are welcome, just turn up at our meetings or for further information about Cricklade WI visit our Facebook page or contact our secretary Viv Tomkins on 01793 752459 or at [vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com](mailto:vivienne.tomkins@btinternet.com)

## Sing a Musical in a Day

5 October 2024 at Cricklade United Church

At the United Church we are holding another "musical in a day" event on Saturday 5 October. Led by a team of accomplished musicians - violinist, flautist, pianist, oboe player and guitarists. The musical DAVID is written by Roger Jones, a well-known composer of modern music and worship songs. The style of music is lively and modern, with an appeal to all ages.

Further information on timings and cost will follow in *The Chronicle* over the next couple of months so watch this space!

Contact: [phillipa58@hotmail.com](mailto:phillipa58@hotmail.com) tel 01793 750556

## Parkinson's Café

We were saddened to learn that The Cricklade Club suddenly closed its doors on bank holiday Monday 27 May.

This means that the Parkinson's UK Cricklade café has had to cease also.

At this time, the volunteers who ran our café there are considering all options to see if we can find an alternative venue to resume the café.

As soon as the decision has been made, we will let you know.

**PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup>**  
**CHANGE ATTITUDES.**  
**FIND A CURE.**  
**JOIN US.**

## Cricklade Bowls Club

The Club has had two successful Open Days; one in April and the other in May. We had lots of visitors, including two from Disability Bowls, a plant sale and a raffle with proceeds towards our funds. We also signed up several new members, some with previous experience, others with none and also some joining as social members.



We supported Cricklade Brownies with their tombola stall at the entrance to our green at our May Open Day.



The Club would like to thank Wayland Estates Charity for their generous grant for this year.

Although our Open Days are over, we are always open to welcoming everyone who wants to know more about the game of bowls.

The best opportunity is to come to one of our Club Nights at 6pm every Friday in the season. Come along to the Bath Road green, opposite St Sampson's primary school. No charge, no

experience necessary and no special kit – just make sure to wear shoes with a flatish sole if you want to have a trial bowl. We have club members who can show you what to do and we have spare bowls for you to use. And we will welcome you to our club bar for refreshments afterwards!

For more information please contact:

Roy Phillips (Secretary) [roy2308@btinternet.com](mailto:roy2308@btinternet.com) or 07751 201 793

Paul Coleman (Men's Captain) [colemanpaul1@hotmail.com](mailto:colemanpaul1@hotmail.com)

Adina Grace (Ladies' Captain) [janda.grace447@outlook.com](mailto:janda.grace447@outlook.com)

Rick Dixon (Treasurer) [rickdixonbowls@gmail.com](mailto:rickdixonbowls@gmail.com) or 01793 759123

We hope to see you there.

## Saxons Pétanque Club, Cricklade Leisure Centre

Now that summer's here (hopefully!) and the days are warmer and the evenings are longer, why don't you come and try your hand at pétanque (French boules)? We can lend you some boules if necessary and you're welcome to come along a couple of times before deciding if it's the game for you.

We play on gravel pistes just in front of the Leisure Centre at 2pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 10am on Saturday mornings and 7pm on Wednesday evenings. Please arrive 10 minutes before start of play. The game is very easy to pick up but we run informal training sessions on some Wednesday mornings for those who want them and, should you find yourself hooked, membership is very reasonable at just £20 per annum for adults and £5 for children.

If you'd like to find out more about Saxons Pétanque Club, we're a friendly bunch so please come and say hello, take a look at our notice board inside the Leisure Centre, or visit our website at [saxonspetanque.co.uk](http://saxonspetanque.co.uk).



Come and join in the fun! Mixed Tag on Thursday evenings 7 to 8pm at Fairview Fields ... it's free! All newcomers are

welcome, just turn up. Zac 07842 666 755, Pixie 07728 399 759.

## Cricklade Pétanque Club

*At the Cricklade House Hotel, SN6 6HA*

Pétanque is great fun and an excellent way to meet people.

### **Our playing days are:**

Mon	2 - 4.30pm	Wed	2 - 4.30pm
Tue	7 - 9.30pm	Sat	10am -12.30pm

### **Coaching Sessions are:**

Wed	10 - 11.30am (ladies)	Fri	10 - 11.30am (mixed)
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We are delighted to announce our new pergola has now been constructed.

Our Club social night will be on Friday 26 July.

For more information please go to our website [www.crickladepetanqueclub.co.uk](http://www.crickladepetanqueclub.co.uk)

Find us on Facebook by searching Cricklade Petanque Club

## Cricklade Garden Club

Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month in the Town Hall Annexe. Tea and cakes are served from 7pm. Speaker starts at 7.30pm.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 9 July**; our speaker is Sally Oates whose talk is on

### **Starting a Cut Flower Patch from Scratch**

Sally is an artisan grower and florist with a passion for horticulture, art, our wildlife and the environment. The story of her Dillycot Garden has been highly recommended.

For information about the club , upcoming events and trips please look at our excellent website [www.crickladegardenclub.org.uk](http://www.crickladegardenclub.org.uk)

Membership is £20 p.a. We are affiliated to the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies ([www.gfgs.org.uk](http://www.gfgs.org.uk))

Visitors welcome at £5 a session - come and give us a try.

Queries to Bizzie 07876 347 973 or Janet 07765 276 534.

We look forward to seeing you!

## Cricklade Twinning Association

We will be holding our annual BBQ and AGM at 5pm on 27 July.

For more information, contact me at [chair@crickladetwinning.org.uk](mailto:chair@crickladetwinning.org.uk).

*Chris Faulkner, Chair Cricklade Twinning Association*





# The Chronicle Diary – July 2024

- 1 M 10am to 12 noon: Computer Club at Leisure Centre  
**Start of Wimbledon Tennis**  
 7pm Town Council Planning (PCT) Committee, Council Chamber  
 end of day Chronicle copy deadline
- 2 Tu 1.45pm to 2.45pm: Bounce & Rhyme. United Church, Calcutt St
- 3 W 10.30am to 12.30pm: Memory Café at Town Hall Annexe
- 4 Th 7am to 10pm: **General Election Day**
- 6 Sa to Sun 7th: Purton Open Gardens  
 10.30am Fauré Requiem Come & Sing Workshops at St Sampson's - page 19  
 4pm Fauré Requiem Performance at St Sampson's - free admission
- 9 Tu 7pm for 7.30: Garden Club at Town Hall Annexe
- 11 Th 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 13 Sa 6.30pm for 7.30: Ashton Keynes Village Choir Concert, AK School Hall (page 25)  
 7pm Mikron Theatre at Riverside, 70 High St. Tickets from Council Office
- 14 Sa 3pm Doors 2.30: Sing 4 4 Summer Concert at St Sampson's
- 15 M to 20th: Councillors judging the Cricklade in Bloom competition  
 7pm Town Council Community & Leisure Committee, Council Chamber
- 16 Tu 1.45pm to 2.45pm: Bounce & Rhyme. United Church, Calcutt St  
 7pm Cricklade Cinema AGM in Town Hall Committee Room  
 7.30pm Art Group at Town Hall Annexe
- 18 Th 7.30pm Cricklade W.I. at Town Hall Annexe
- 25 Th to 2 Sep: Wiltshire Schools Summer Break (others may differ)  
 10am Probus Club at the White Hart Hotel
- 26 F **Olympic Games, Paris. Opening Ceremony**
- 27 Sa 5pm Twinning Association AGM and BBQ
- 29 M 7pm Town Council Planning (PCT) Committee, Council Chamber

## Every Week

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10am-3.30pm: Open Door at Jenner Hall
- W 1.45 for 2pm Bingo4Us at Jenner Hall  
 2-4pm Cricklade Museum open, Calcutt Street
- Th 10-11.30am Acorn Community Bank: in Tourist Information Office  
 1.30-4.30pm The Paint Palette: Ladies' Art Group at Town Hall Annexe  
 7-10pm The Cricklade Band rehearsal night, at Town Hall, visitors welcome  
 7.30-9.30pm Sing Four Four choir rehearsal at United Church, Calcutt Street
- F 10-11.30am Cricklade Foodbank at Jenner Hall  
 10-11.30am Coffee Cafe at Cricklade United Church Hall  
 7pm St Sampson's church choir rehearsal
- Sa 10am-noon Cricklade Museum open, Calcutt Street



## Moon Phases

July 2024

5th



13th



21st



28th



# *The Final Word ...*

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27*

Well, what's next? This thought has often crossed my mind when one season of my life ends and I can't see what's coming.

After leaving secondary school, I thought, What's next? I felt worried about going to college but excited about the freedom I expected to experience. Starting working life, getting married all are taking steps into the unknown. Becoming a parent, being responsible for the welfare of a tiny vulnerable child and then watching as they become independent and not knowing what lies ahead for them. These and many more times in my life are Well, what's next? times.

Whether we're ready for a season to change or not, it can be worrying. However, I am so thankful we serve a God who is the author of peace and not confusion.

Jesus shared the words quoted above from John's Gospel with His disciples in the upper room right before the chaos of Judas' betrayal and the tragedy of Jesus' death. The disciples didn't know the miracles coming their way, but they did know Jesus told them not to fear. He offered them peace, even when the future was unknown.

When we invite Jesus into our hearts, we're given His peace through the Holy Spirit. And if we put our trust in God rather than feeling stressed we can have His peace. Whether you're leaving school, as many of our young people are just now, entering a competitive job market, beginning or ending a significant relationship, moving to a new place, or something else, you can experience the peace of His presence.

This peace doesn't promise us all the answers, but it reminds us that even when we don't know where we're going, we know who we're following. Through consistently praying and continually inviting Jesus into our future, we can experience the peace that comes from knowing that every bad thing can become a good thing if we make it a God thing.

We don't have to live anxiously when we don't know what tomorrow will bring. Instead, seek God, who knows our future. He is making a way for you and me, and His will is greater than our plans. Let's prayerfully ask Him to lead us to His best and trust Him.

*Dear God, chaos and confusion are around me, but You are a God of peace, not disorder. Help me to experience Your peace. I may not know what's next, but I know peace is promised when I'm walking with You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

*Suzi Tipper, Licensed Lay Minister with Upper Thames Benefice*

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