

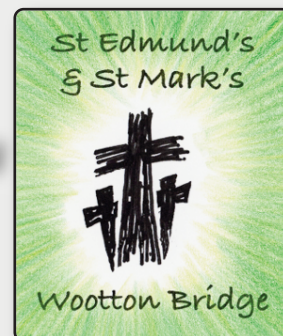
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# The Bridge

*Building Bridges in the Community*



## All Together Now



*The Bridge* is now back from its short Summer break, and it's September already. Goodness - where did the first eight months of 2025 go when we weren't looking?

Just as the break was beginning, we heard the sad news, which you may already know, that Rector Sandra's husband, Father Roy Matthews, had died after a short illness. A number of us from Wootton Parish went to his funeral on the mainland, and had the privilege of learning more about his remarkable life and ministry. There is a memoir of Roy on Page 2. An article by Sandra herself, on Jesus' command that we love our enemies, is on Page 4. This in turn reminds us of St Paul's instruction that we should pray for those who lead us. Our leaders (irrespective of party politics) have the responsibility to govern in our name; equally, we have a God given responsibility to pray for them.

As you know, we are pleased to host a page of news from Wootton Bridge Parish Council in each issue of the magazine. This is just one example of the cooperation between organisations in the village that passes almost unnoticed because it occurs on a daily basis and in unremarkable yet important ways. This month, an additional page of the magazine is given over to a survey that the Parish Council is conducting, to help it establish spending priorities for the coming year. I know that we all can feel bombarded with surveys of one kind and another, but this one is concerned with things that are immediate and local, and therefore of interest to all of us. **Please take the trouble to complete the survey and return it to the Parish Council Office** when you are out and about in the village.

At this point, you may just be wondering what all of this has to do with the picture at the top of the page. At one level, the answer is "not a lot". But, considered more deeply, it's all about sharing. *The Bridge*, with its focus on community, is a reminder that we all have a share in this place, in the joys, sorrows and concerns that affect us all, and in the beauty exemplified in the picture. The Parish Council Survey is much more than a bureaucratic process. It is a practical expression of our community life, and I hope that we can all give it our full support.

David Bennison

**For September services, please see Page 3**

## Remembering Father Roy



*Father Roy Matthews*

grin, made you a friend even at the moment of first meeting. As soon as he spoke, his powerful Welsh voice told of his pride in the country both of his birth and of most of his ministry. And with that voice he made it his priority in life to preach the good news of Jesus in a manner that made his sermons direct and unforgettable.

One of Roy's many achievements was the sequence of 700 or so daily talks that he published on YouTube during the COVID pandemic. Those talks, still accessible online, are a precious reminder of Roy's ability to express our Christian faith simply and directly. The key good news message is that God has a purpose for the whole of his creation, including us, but he wants us to choose for ourselves to be part of that purpose. We can and do turn away from that purpose, and therein lies the reality of all the evil in the world, yet God is always willing to welcome us back. But we ourselves have to take that step.

Underpinning this seemingly simple message was a great depth of learning, particularly about the Hebrew language and scriptures. This scholarship, and living for a while among orthodox Jews in Israel, gave Roy the ability to explain how the Jewish experience and understanding of God gives us Christians new insights into our own faith. The connections between faiths are not trivial. They remind us, as Roy reminded us, that the connections within humanity are far more important than its divisions.

Roy leaves us a legacy of faith, commitment and understanding that is out of all proportion to the short time he was here in Wootton. We shall miss him, and look forward to meeting him again. In the meantime, we know that there is little point in asking that he rest in peace. As Sandra puts it, he is already out and about in Heaven, and he's having a whale of a time.

On 30th June, just as the previous edition of *The Bridge* was published, our Rector Sandra's husband, the Revd. Canon Roy Matthews, or Father Roy as he signed himself, died after a short illness. Roy had only been among us in the Medina Plurality for 11 months, but his ministry here has left us with a legacy of joyous memories which will long endure.

A full biography of Roy's rich life would not fit in these pages. Suffice to say that he was an ordained Anglican minister for over 60 years, and that, wherever he served, and in his own family, he left a heritage of Christian faith and understanding and enriched the lives of those around him. His six and a half feet of bearded presence, more often than not with twinkling eyes and a broad



## For Your Diary ... What's On Extra ...

(see more events on Page 5)

### "Sounds Lively"

Hello all of you singers.

We are a mixed singing group, and always open for new members. Our choir leader is a talented musician and we sing in a range of musical styles: Traditional, folk, and international songs, and always focus on harmony. There are no auditions or a need to read music. Although we do take our music seriously we have fun too.

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Where: Newport Scout Hall, Woodbine Close, Newport.

When: Wednesdays 10:30am – 12:30pm

Cost: £5 per session (term time only)

Contact: Alison 07731 933 286

### St. Edmund's Church Celebration Open Day (Erica Hall)

The day was enjoyed by everyone who came. The pictures from the children of Wootton Primary School were displayed as a video, which ran throughout the day for people to watch.



It was encouraging to see so many people add their ideas to the community picture, creating a summer meadow scene full of flowers, grasses and insects. This picture is on display in the Church for everyone to come and see.

Graces Bakery and Waitrose generously provided some lovely refreshments, which were very much enjoyed.

Visitors were entertained by some saxophone duets during the morning. In the afternoon,

music was played by a harpist from Independent Arts which sounded beautiful in the ancient Church building. At the end of the afternoon some peaceful, solo, clarinet music led into the closing Celebration, which included readings, hymns, poetry and prayers.

Visitors were generous with their donations for the St Edmund's Church Building Trust which helps to maintain, repair and refurbish the fabric and fittings of this ancient Parish church.

Thank you to everyone who attended, supported and helped to organise such an enjoyable day.



### Church Close Community Hall - Mary Buswell

With help from Aspire, the hall is preparing to reopen to residents of the Close and the local community, many of whom will have missed the lively programme of events that took place in the past. Aspire are also offering the availability of a minibus for excursions around the Island, which were always so popular.

Apart from renting the hall for various activities, there are several events in the planning stage (coffee mornings, afternoon teas, quizzes and 'gourmet' evenings ranging from Indian and Chinese to Chilli, and of course, fish and chips). Most activities will include a raffle.

Offers of help and donations of raffle prizes would be most welcome.

Until the website is fully functional, anyone with enquiries about hiring the hall, can contact Aspire at:

**reception@aspireryde.org.uk or 01983716020**

We will keep residents informed as more information comes our way regarding dates, times and hire prices.

We are lucky to have this resource and with the help and backing of Aspire, and the support of residents, we hope to bring it back to life and make it once more the heart of our community.



### Church Close Community Hall

We're starting things off with a  
coffee morning on Thursday  
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10am 'til 12 noon  
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There will also be a Raffle  
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## Church Services in Wootton during September 2025

### ST EDMUND'S

#### September 2025

Sun 7th	0800 Holy Communion Service
Wed 10th	0930 Holy Communion Service
Sun 14th	1830 Evensong
Wed 17th	0930 Holy Communion Service
Wed 24th	0930 Holy Communion Service
Sun 28th	1830 Evensong at St Edmund's

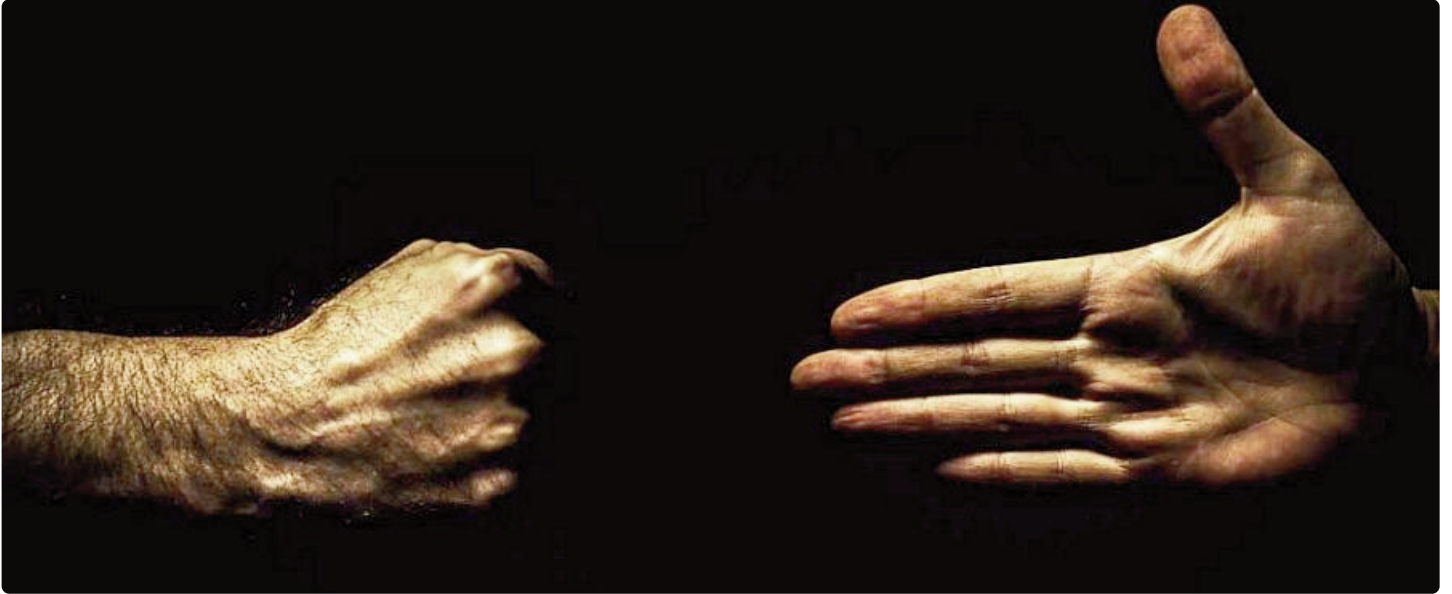
### ST MARK'S

#### September 2025

Wed 3rd	1115 Café Communion Service
Sun 7th	0930 Brunch Service
Sun 14th	0930 Holy Communion Service
Sun 21st	0900 Morning Worship
Sun 28th	0930 Holy Communion Service



## The Upside Down Kingdom - Love Your Enemy



Over the past few weeks, many of us have been saddened by the images we have seen of the ongoing suffering in places of war and conflict like the Ukraine, the Sudan, and the Middle East. We have seen the numbers of those made homeless, suffering starvation and dying, constantly rising. Whilst many across our World have marched for Peace, I have been asked on several occasions, "You have lived in Israel - what's the solution?" My reply is always the same — JESUS.

When Jesus lived in Israel 2,000 years ago, the land was occupied by the Roman army because Israel was part of the Roman Empire.

Jesus therefore lived His whole life in a country that was filled with violence, injustice, and oppression, with brutal reprisals if any dared speak or act for freedom.

Many of the Jews at that time, consequently thought that their Saviour/Messiah would come in with military might and forcibly overthrow Rome. But instead?

Jesus came with the radical message of "love your enemies".

This radical command to love your enemy was the opposite to what the people had expected. Jesus took the people's expectations and turned them literally upside down, because He said that people should "love their enemies, and do good to those who persecuted them".

The Jewish word for love (because let's remember Jesus spoke Hebrew), means far more than having an emotional feeling or connection to somebody; it means to literally ACT lovingly towards somebody.

Jesus isn't saying that we should FEEL love for our enemies or the people we disagree with, but rather, that we should DO love to them and SHOW love towards them.

So when I am asked "what is the solution to the wars, violence, injustice, and oppression of our world?" - I say JESUS, or more specifically, IMPLEMENT and live by the words of Jesus.

In other words? DO love to others and SHOW love to others, even when they are unkind, unfair, and unjust towards us. Because that shows how we are living the Upside Down Kingdom, that Jesus ushered in.

But for that to happen, some things may have to change within our lives and attitudes, and we will look at another of those next month.

*Revd Sandra Matthews*  
Rector  
East Medina Plurality

## For Your Diary ... What's On ...

**KEEP ACTIVE MOVE MORE CLASSES.** BINSTAD COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAYS AT 11.20am AND WHIPPINGHAM VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAYS AT 9.45am, 11am, 12.15pm, 1.30pm, 4pm. AND FRIDAYS AT 10.10am at ARRETON VILLAGE HALL. Go at your own pace exercise program to help improve strength, stamina and balance. CONTACT: **ANDY SAVAGE 07779 616189**

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**PARKINSONS UK ISLE OF WIGHT** HAVE REGULAR WEEKLY EXERCISE CLASSES AT ARRETON VILLAGE HALL ON FRIDAYS AT 11.15am, 12.25pm and 2pm SPECIFICALLY SUITED FOR ANYONE LIVING WITH PARKINSONS. FOR FURTHER INFO CONTACT **ANDY SAVAGE 07779 616189**

**Elephant Club** - A social group for people living with memory loss, their carers and friends, just wanting an afternoon of good company.....and cake. If someone you care for has memory problems, the ELEPHANT CLUB will be meeting at St Mark's Church between 2-4pm on the second Thursday of each month. If you would like good company and laughter, and to exercise "the little grey cells" whilst eating cake, do come and join us. We would love to see you. Each month's programme is different so we hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Next session: Thursday September 11th.

**C.A.M.E.O. Wootton Together** - The Living Well & Early Help Service are re-launching our Wootton Together sessions under the new name of C.A.M.E.O WOOTTON TOGETHER on Monday 1st September 2025 at CHURCH CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHURCH CLOSE, WOOTTON PO33 4QD. Weekly sessions every Monday from 2pm - 4pm. Please come along for a cuppa and chat with your neighbours and access information and guidance from a range of visiting organisations and support from the LWEH team. For more information please see the Living Well & Early Help Service Facebook page, look out for the flyer being posted to local addresses or check the noticeboard at the community centre. **Free to attend**, we really look forward to seeing you there. Bring a friend if you can. Michelle 01983 240732.

**WOOTTON BRIDGE COFFEE MORNING** - This is held every Monday between 10.00 - 12.00 at Wootton Methodist Church Hall. Come for coffee and a chat, we even have a corner shop. Parking is available in the Steam Railway car park. Everyone welcome.

**Pilates and Yoga with Jo (Wootton Bridge Community Centre)**

Monday & Wednesday mornings. More details from Jo at [joannemunt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joannemunt@yahoo.co.uk), also on 07726215526

**Mark's Brothers Breakfast/Brunch Gathering** - This group meets on the second Wednesday of the month (Wednesday 10th September) at 10.30am - 12 noon in St Mark's coffee lounge. The opportunity for the men of the village who would like to sort the world to rights over just a coffee (if you're not a fan of bacon) or include the bacon butty too. Please let Harry Kirby know if you will be attending. A small, voluntary, contribution towards costs always appreciated. 07814809083 or [harryskirby@btinternet.com](mailto:harryskirby@btinternet.com) The group is very friendly and welcoming.

**The "Crafty Ladies"** - We meet on Wednesday afternoons at St Mark's Church, Wootton, from 1.30pm 'till 4pm. We would like to welcome new members to our friendly group, who get together to enjoy a variety of different crafts, no experience necessary. Come in and join us for a natter and a coffee/tea as well. Age is no barrier! It's £5 a session, with the first one free. Please call Jan on 882381 for more details

**Wootton Table Tennis Club** - Friday mornings at Brannon Way Community Centre, from 9.30-12.00. Cost: £3.00 per session (first week is free). Equipment provided. Friendly group catering for all abilities. 07894169706. Just come and try it.

**CREEKSIDE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (WI)** - A warm welcome awaits you on the second Wednesday of each month (except August) at the Methodist Church Hall, Station Road, Wootton. We meet at 7.15pm. Come and see what we get up to and make new friends. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Free parking in the Steam Railway Car Park opposite. Come along and have some fun. Contact: Marlene 01983 685266.

**Creekside WI Activities for September**  
Welcome back!

**Sept 3rd** - Ten Pin Bowling

**Sept 10th** - Main Meeting: a fun games evening. Visitors are always welcome at our Members' Meeting second Wednesday in the month, 7.15pm at the Methodist Church hall in Wootton.

**Sept 12th** - Afternoon Tea to celebrate Harvest.

**Sept 17th** - Amble

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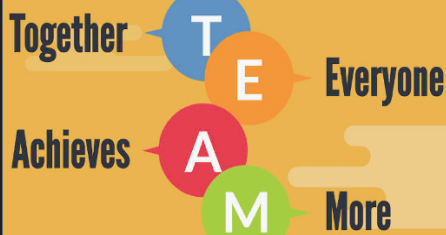
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Established in 2007, we dedicate our care and support between Wootton and East Cowes. Our professional carers are local too so we are never far away from you if you need our help and support.

Here are some of the services we offer:

- Personal care and medication
- Home help & support

• Outings - shopping, out for a drive, for lunch or to appointments.

- We also care for loved ones whilst the main carer has some respite.
- We support people living in care homes for outings.

**Creating Memories - Dementia daycare**  
Wednesdays 10-1pm £40. Please phone for a full information pack.  
First visit is **FREE**

**CQC registered - rated GOOD**

Pop into Parkside Pavilion, Vectis Road, East Cowes, PO32 6HN, to meet some of the team 01983 296592.  
[www.communityspirited.com](http://www.communityspirited.com)

**For fun, adventure and skills for life, come and join**

**1st Wootton Scout Group**

Reg. Charity 1005194

Beavers 6 – 8yrs Monday 6.15 – 7.30pm  
Cubs 8 – 10½yrs Wednesday 6.30 – 8pm  
Scouts 10½ – 14yrs Tuesday 6.30 – 8.30pm  
Explorers 14 – 18yrs Thursday 7 – 9pm

All sections open to boys and girls.  
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**Contact Rachael on 07593 700985 for further details**



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28 Years Experience

**Home: 01983 528720**  
**Mobile: 07967531576**

**IWUFT Wootton Bridge History Group**

We meet on the first Friday of the month in the Scout Hall within Wootton Park/doorstep green. The doors are open at 2pm. The speaker/ presentation is from 2:30pm until 3:30pm, followed by refreshments. Charge for 2025 will be £3 per person for I.W.U.F.T members, to cover hall hire, speaker fees and refreshments. £4pp for non members, friends and guests.

**FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER "Queen Victoria Versus Newport Corporation" ~ Roger Fruen.**

With a background in Law, our speaker today will inform us about some little known history concerning a court case, which he describes intriguingly as 'The legacy of Isabella de Fortibus'. All will be revealed!

All welcome

**WOOTTON SCOUT HALL FOR HIRE.**

Hall including modern kitchen, central heating, rear garden etc. Reasonable rates.

Contact Peter on 883385 or [peteflow@uwclub.net](mailto:peteflow@uwclub.net) for bookings.



## Wootton Bridge Village Survey 2025

### Help us decide how to spend the Parish budget for 2026/2027!

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to fill out this survey. Wootton Bridge Parish Council is the first tier of local government, working to support and improve village life. At the end of every year we review the budget and spending plans. We can spend money on things like green spaces, play areas, public seating, community events and projects, grants and village amenities. Filling out this survey will help us to understand what matters most to you. We'd love to hear your views on local priorities, concerns, and ideas.

**Deadline for Responses is 12th October 2025.** Please return this survey to: Wootton Bridge Parish Council, 5 Joannes Walk, Brannon Way, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4NX. This survey takes about 5 minutes. Responses are anonymous unless you choose to share contact details.

### Question 1: How important are the following areas to you?

	<i><b>Not at all Important</b></i>	<i><b>Slightly Important</b></i>	<i><b>Fairly Important</b></i>	<i><b>Very Important</b></i>	<i><b>No Opinion</b></i>
<b>Village Appearance</b> (Flowers, Signage, Litter Picking)					
<b>The Recreation Ground</b>					
<b>Play Areas</b>					
<b>Community Events</b> (Party in the Park, Christmas Events, VE Day)					
<b>Environmental Projects</b> (Creek Water Testing, Tree Planting)					
<b>Public Toilets</b> (Keeping clean and improvements)					
<b>Supporting Local Charities and Groups</b> (Offering Grants)					
<b>Services for Children and Young People</b> (Supporting Wootton Community Primary School and Local Community Groups)					
<b>Services for Older Residents</b> (Supporting Local Community Groups, Inviting External Services to run Drop-Ins)					
<b>Community Safety</b> (Working with the Police to run drop-in Beat Surgery Events)					
<b>Road Safety</b> (Speedwatch Group, Reporting to Island Roads and the Police)					
<b>Business Association</b> (local businesses working together)					
<b>Wootton in Bloom</b>					
<b>Post Office in Brannon Way</b>					

## **Question 2: What should the parish council prioritise next year?**

**Select up to 3:**

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade the Play Park in Recreation Ground        | <input type="checkbox"/> Support Services for Older/Vulnerable residents | <input type="checkbox"/> Support Litter Picking/Keeping the Village Tidy          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building a Toilet Block on the Recreation Ground  | <input type="checkbox"/> Organise Community Events                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental projects (e.g. tree planting or rewilding) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Green Spaces (Planting Trees and Flowers) | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide more Public Seating or Bins             | <input type="checkbox"/> Something else (please specify):                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Services for Children and Young People    | <input type="checkbox"/> Improve Communication with Residents            |   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign on Road Safety                         |   |

## **Question 3: Do you have any ideas or suggestions for how the Parish Council budget could be used?**

## **Question 4: Do you feel informed about what the parish council does?**

- ☐ Yes                      ☐ Somewhat                      ☐ No                      ☐ Don't Know

## **Question 5: How would you prefer to hear about council news and decisions?**

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Updates in The Bridge    | <input type="checkbox"/> Posters/noticeboards around the village | <input type="checkbox"/> Councillors to run Surgeries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email Newsletter         | <input type="checkbox"/> Community meetings or drop-ins          | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't want updates         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook or social media |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Council Website   |  |   |

## ***Section 2: About You***

### **Question 6: Age Group**

Under 18		18 to 30		31 to 50		51 to 70		71 plus	
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### **Question 7: Connection to the village**

- |  |                                    |                                   |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Live in Village     | <input type="checkbox"/> I go to a | <input type="checkbox"/> Child at |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work in Village     | club/community                     | club/community                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business in Village | Group/school in Village            | group/school                      |

### **Question 7: Road Name**

## ***Section 3: Call Out for Volunteers***

### **Question 8: Would you like to be more involved in community projects or events?**

- ☐ No thanks                      ☐ Yes – please contact me

*If yes, leave your name and contact (email or phone):*

We are conducting this survey to gather feedback on what is important to the village. We will collect your opinions and name and contact details if you wish to volunteer. Your data will be stored securely and will be used only for the purposes of this research and volunteering. We will retain your data for as long as you volunteer and then it will be anonymized or deleted. By completing this survey, you consent to our processing of your data as described in this statement. You have the right to access, rectify, or erase your data. For any questions, please contact Liz Kingston 01983 884555

## WOOTTON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH (Station Road)

*Minister: Rev Gina Hoff*  
**Sunday Morning Service 10am**  
**Evening Services as announced**

### Minister's Message


I am writing this in the middle of August, the sun is still shining and the children are making the most of their summer holidays. Holiday makers are enjoying the Island, swimming in the sea and visiting the attractions.

For the first time in the 26 years I have been enjoying the IOW, I visited the circus at Whippingham. I went with a friend and we booked front row seats which meant we were practically in the show, we were so close to the performers.

We were in awe of the skill and competency of the performers in their balance, strength, trust of each other and precision in their delivery. There were breath holding moments and gasps from the audience when feats of expertise were executed. It made me consider the time taken to practise, the exercise to develop the muscle strength to achieve the tasks. I pondered on the mental concentration needed to be prepared to push their bodies through contortions and techniques of varying dexterities in all the different acts. The teamwork, community living, discipline, time, practise, technique, trust and deliberate application it must take to entertain and amuse the audience night after night, year after year. It is a precision exercise.

These thoughts led me to think about my everyday life and the discipline of my days, the connection to my community and the effort I make to learn and grow to define the skill of my life. How important it is to have purpose, to be connected to others and to trust one another. How using my brain equips me for different tasks during the day through reading and learning. Most importantly how my faith gives me hope and courage to face life and all it holds. Faith has been compared to a muscle, if we use it and practise, it becomes stronger and more able. Through prayer and reading and connection to others we can have a faith that can move mountains and Ephesians 3:16-17a "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith..." So perhaps, let's live with a little more practise in developing the skills that lead to a more peaceful and faith filled life together.



Reverend Gina 



**FOR FUN, FRIENDSHIP  
AND FOOD.  
COME ALONG AND JOIN US.**

### WOOTTON BRIDGE TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

**WE HOLD OUR MEETINGS ON THE 3RD  
FRIDAY OF THE MONTH (not Aug). START 2PM  
AT THE METHODIST CHURCH, STATION  
ROAD.  
FREE PARKING IN THE STEAM RAILWAY CAR  
PARK**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET TOGETHER WITH A  
GROUP TO TRY NEW THINGS, FOR FRIENDSHIP AND  
HAVE FUN.

COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING.

OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT SUZETTE

[suzettemccoll@gmail.com](mailto:suzettemccoll@gmail.com)

### The Old School Centre

New Road, is now delivering a programme to support community wellbeing.

Currently offering.....

**Tuesdays The Buzzy Bean Inclusion Café** open 11am to 3 pm providing a free tea/coffee and piece of cake on arrival. Low cost lunches and afternoon Quiz. All Welcome

**Thursdays Café** open 11 am to 3pm including Supermarket Surplus Food Project at 1.15pm All Welcome

*The Centre is looking to develop a seven day week programme. Please let us know if you have a community group looking for friendly, quality space for your workshops.*

Web: [theoldschoolcentre.org](http://theoldschoolcentre.org)

Tel: 01983 882820

Email: [hello@theoldschoolcentre.org](mailto:hello@theoldschoolcentre.org)





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Solution - July/August Sudoku

5	1	7	8	4	2	6	9	3
4	8	3	9	6	1	5	7	2
9	2	6	5	7	3	1	4	8
7	3	2	4	9	5	8	6	1
1	5	4	6	2	8	7	3	9
8	6	9	3	1	7	4	2	5
2	4	1	7	8	9	3	5	6
6	9	5	1	3	4	2	8	7
3	7	8	2	5	6	9	1	4

If you have any particular  
areas of concern, or want to  
report any incidents, please  
either visit the Parish Office  
in Brannon Way, or contact  
us by phone or email

Telephone:  
01983 884555

Email:  
clerk@woottonbridge-pc.gov.uk

	7						2	4
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	6	2				7		1
	3	7	1	9		5	4	
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		4			8		5	7
	5		7			2	9	
	2	1	5	3				

## SUDOKU

Fill in the grid with digits in  
such a manner that every row,  
every column and every 3x3  
box accommodates the digits  
1-9, without repeating any.



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