

The Upper Nene Benefice

SERVICES SCHEDULE AND NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026

Rector: Revd Stephen P Burrow 07415 691541

Wednesday 3rd

10:30am	Holy Communion	Weedon Church
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Saturday 6th

2.00pm	Pop up Messy Church at Heyford Village Fete	Heyford Village Green
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Sunday 7th – Trinity 1 - Green

9:30am	Holy Communion	Church Stowe
9:30am	Family Worship	Weedon Church
11:00am	Holy Communion	Dodford Church
11:00am	United First Sunday Service	Flore Church
6:00pm	Evening Prayer	Heyford Church

Sunday 14th – Trinity 2 - Green

10:00am	Morning Worship	Flore Chapel
11:00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Brockhall Church

Sunday 21st – Trinity 3 - Green

9:30am	Holy Communion	Weedon Church
10:00am	United Flower Festival Service	Flore Chapel
11:00am	Holy Communion	Heyford Church
6:00pm	Holy Communion	Upper Stowe
6:00pm	Flore Flower Festival Thanksgiving	Flore Church

Sunday 28th – Trinity 4 - Green

10:00am	Family Service	Upper Stowe
10:00am	Morning Worship	Flore Chapel
10:30am	Ordination of Deacons *	Peterborough Cathedral
12:30pm	Weedon Village Fete Praise Service	Croft Way Playing Fld
6:00pm	Benefice Holy Communion	Flore Church

Midweek Services

Thursdays

10.00am	Holy Communion	Flore Church
2.30pm - 3.30pm	Private prayer (not 18 th)	Flore Church

Fridays

9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom	All Welcome
	Contact the Rector by email: s_p_burrow@yahoo.co.uk to get an invitation that will enable you to connect.	

* On Sunday 28th June, our curate, John Robinson will be ordained a deacon at Peterborough Cathedral at a service beginning at 10:30am. It would be great if as many people as possible could be there to support John. Please hold John in your prayers this month, as he completes his studies and prepares for his curacy in the Upper Nene Benefice.

LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends.

As I write this, Ascension Day is just a few days away. Falling as it does on a Thursday, my reflections on the ascension are usually shared with just a few people. For forty days after Easter Day, the disciples not only rejoiced in the presence of the risen Lord, but they also saw and met with him in various places. The women saw Jesus in the garden. The two travellers met Jesus on the road to Emmaus, and as they sat together at the table that evening, he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Jesus appeared to ten disciples in a locked upper room, and a week later was seen again when Thomas had joined them. Jesus shared breakfast with his disciples by the Sea of Galilee, where he also walked and talked with Peter and John. Finally, Jesus met with his friends on the mountain of the ascension. The disciples were learning that Jesus was with them wherever they were and whatever they were doing.

Things change with the ascension. Tradition tells us that Jesus enters into the cloud and disappears from human sight. Of course, this is no ordinary cloud, this is the cloud that represents the glory and presence of God, who is unseen, but ever near. Jesus returns to the Father, leaving our sight, but not our presence. As Jesus tells us at the end of Matthew's Gospel; *'remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age'* (Matthew 28:20b).

Jesus' abiding presence with us is captured in the longer ending to Mark's Gospel: *'So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it'* (Mark 16:19-20).

The disciples were in no doubt that they were not left alone, especially after events ten days later, on Pentecost. As he had promised, Jesus was with them and worked with them and through them. The ascension teaches us, as it taught the first disciples, that the Jesus who was limited by time and space is now able to be with all peoples, at all times, and in all places.

I pray that as we continue to get to know one another in the Upper Nene Benefice, we will know more of Jesus' presence with us, drawing us together in unity and purpose, working in us, with us and through us to bless the communities we serve.

With every blessing,

Rev Stephen (Tel: 07415 691541)

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Heyford Village Fete takes place on the Village Green on the afternoon of **Saturday 6th June**. As always, the church will be running a tombola and a 'pop-up' Messy Church. Donations of tombola prizes can be made to Dorothy Rees or to Jane Rands (after 30th May). If you can help on the stall, please let Jane know. If you can help with the 'pop-up' Messy Church, please let the Rector know.

The Annual **Flore Flower Festival** takes place on the weekend of **Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June**. There is a Festival Supper at the church on Friday 19th June, with the chapel open at 7:00PM for the viewing of flower arrangements, and the church from 7:30PM. Tickets cost £12 and include a light supper and first drink. and can be obtained from Jane Rowe (07860 635544) and Jackie Ingram (07414 527525).

The **Weedon Village Fete** takes place on Sunday 28th June, 1:00PM – 4:00PM on Croft Way Playing field. There will be the usual round of stalls, raffle, tombola, displays from the local dance group, gym, band, singers and dancers. All are encouraged to bring a picnic, including a rug to sit on; there will be refreshments and a food truck. We are looking for donations for the raffle and tombola.

PRAYING FOR OUR VILLAGES BY STREET

The Streets we shall be praying for during June are: Middle Street, Manor Park and Parsons Close in Nether Heyford; Brockhall Road and The Crescent in Flore, the Main Street in Church Stowe and in Brockhall, The Old Rectory, Rose Cottage and Western Cottage, Bridge Street, Bull Inn Close, Eton Close and The Croft in Weedon Bec, and Church Lane in Dodford.