

Village Calendar

Notices of events can be sent to Marilyn Edwards on 01371 832086 mardens1@gmail.com by the 21st of each month please.

Sampfords 100 Club Lottery: Winning numbers for May were - £20 each to: 24, 36 & 80

Village Hall Lottery: Winning numbers for May were - 1st - 4 (£70) 2nd - 43, 54, 102, & 109 (£20).

Saturday 1 June: 10.00am to 12.30pm Radwinter Church open and coffee morning.

Saturday 8 June: 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Baptist Church coffee morning in the Village Hall, Gt. Sampford

Seedlings: Wednesday 12th June - St. Mary's Church, Radwinter

Tuesday 25 June: The Sampfords' W.I. at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. The topic is Music Therapy and the speaker is Claire Molyneux.

Saturday 29 June: 10.00am start. Sampfords' WI Coffee Morning at the Firs, Moor End, Gt. Sampford. In aid of the WI and Gt. Sampford School.

Kerbside Collections every Thursday: Brown bins weekly. Green bins: 6/06 & 20/06

Black bins: 13/06 & 27/06

For Your Diary:

Next Seedlings Service: Wednesday 10th July - **St. Michaels, Great Sampford** (In garden weather permitting - Summer Party.)

Sunday 16 June: 6.30pm Special Choral Evensong in celebration of RSCM Music Sunday at Gt. Barton Church, IP31 2QS, with the Benefice choirs of St. Peters, Thurston and Holy Innocents, Gt Barton with the Sampford Singers. The service will be led by Rev'd Philip Tarris. Tea will be provided at 5.30pm prior to the service starting. All members of our congregation are warmly invited to join this event.

	ST. MARY'S		ST. MICHAEL'S	
Week Endings	Flowers	Cleaning	Flowers	Cleaning
02-Jun	Roberta Hayward	Sarah & Roberta	S Collins	S Collins
09-Jun	Margaret Suckling	Stephanie Hughes	C Knight	S Howells & S Mikkides
16-Jun	Mary Green	Your help required	R Pertwee	J Smith
23-Jun	Anna Lee & Janet	Nora and Sue	A Paterson	S J Parker
30-Jun	Kate Thompson	Your help required	S A Parker	S A Parker
07-Jul	Sarah and Roberta	Sarah and Roberta	Wedding	S Collins

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Church Services for June 2019

Wk	Date	Time	Service	Place	Readers	Sidespersons
	01-Jun	1.00pm	Baptism of Eliza Rose Jones	L Sampford	-	-
1	02-Jun Easter 7	8.00am	Holy Communion	L Sampford	M Suckling	Sue Cleasby
		10.00am	4 Churches Communion Service with Churchtastic	Radwinter	B O'Brien	-
2	09- Jun Whit Sunday/ Pentecost	8.00am	Holy Communion	Hempstead	A Weedon	
		10.00am	4 Churches Praise Service	G Sampford	E Tarris	M Nicholls
		6.00pm	Sacred Space	Radwinter		-
	12-Jun	1.30pm	Seedlings Service	St Mary's Church Radwinter		
3	16- Jun Trinity Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion	Radwinter	W Rowley	M Baynes
		10.00am	4 Churches Communion Service	L Sampford	K Thompson	K Thompson
4	23-Jun Trinity 2	8.00am	Holy Communion	G Sampford	C Robinson	C Robinson
		10.00am	4 Churches Communion Service	Hempstead	H Nicholson	-
	29-Jun	10.00am	Ordination of Susannah Lacon	Halstead Church	-	-
5	30-Jun Trinity 3	10.00am	Praise Service	Radwinter	H O'Brien	-

Each church will normally hold a service every two weeks at 8.00am or 10.00am (Radwinter and Little Sampford on the first and third Sundays, Great Sampford and Hempstead on the second and fourth Sundays in the month). Evening services will normally be at 6.00pm.

Thought for the month

A village woman in Tanzania always walked around with a bulky bible. She would never be parted from it. The villagers often teased her. "Why always the bible?" they said. "There are so many other books you could read!" But the woman simply smiled and carried on with her bible.

Finally, one day when they were teasing her again, she knelt down in the midst of them all and, holding the bible above her head, she said with a big smile, "Yes of course there are many books which I could read. But there is only one book which reads me!"

[John Pritchard: How to Pray]

Sacred Space

In May our evening service was Evensong in Hempstead church. This month in June we have another evening service, in Radwinter church, which is called Sacred Space. It will be on Sunday 9 June at 6.00pm.

This service is an opportunity to stand back from life and have an opportunity to reflect with the help of some words, and prayers, and music sung by the Sampford Singers. Sunday 9 June is when the church celebrates Pentecost which is the coming of the Holy Spirit, so that will be the theme of the service. I often think that the Holy Spirit is like the little voice in our heads, or that little tap on the shoulder – prompting us to say or do something. So why not come along and listen to that small voice and think about how to live in tune with the Spirit?

Calling all pets!

A date for your diary. On Sunday 14 July at 10.00am in Great Sampford church we will be holding our annual pet service. An opportunity to bring along your family pet and to say thank you for all the companionship and pleasure they bring. Come and join us!

Some of my last few days...

The church Spring Fayre; a visit to plan a funeral with a family; a meeting of the Friends of the Church; a meeting of a group of clergy about the common issues of running four or more parishes; a big service with the Bishop and Archdeacon to 'swear in' all the churchwardens in our Deanery; a wedding rehearsal, two sermons to write; the wedding itself; two Sunday services; a baptism; a service in the Cathedral to 'install' an Archdeacon(!); chairing a worship committee; attending a Deanery Synod; taking a morning communion service; conducting the funeral; visiting a family about a baptism; listening about a sick relative; meeting a young couple about their wedding in 2020; organising an ecological survey as a requirement of planning permission; another sermon to write; enjoying a Big Brekkie for Christian Aid; training our curate; choosing hymns; writing for the weekly pew sheet; lots of e-mails.....

This is not offered as an antidote to those who just think the Vicar works on a Sunday..... It is offered as an insight into the privilege of working with, and alongside, people in our community and sharing their lives, and, perhaps, as an antidote to those who think the church has had its day.....

Philip Tarris,
Rector.