



THE TRIANGLE



THE REGULAR NEWSLETTER FOR THE
VILLAGES OF COXLEY, GODNEY, HENTON
AND WOOKEY

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026

WOOKEY DUCK RACE FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER FROM 5PM

Wookey's Annual Duck Race is taking place on the first Friday in September in Wookey Churchyard. Come along and have a fun-filled time!

The first race will start at 5:30 pm, with local businesses kindly sponsoring races, including The Burcott Inn, The Pheasant, Ring O'Bells and The Hub. During August, you'll be able to buy the ducks from them for £1 per duck, and you can buy ducks on the night. All money raised helps to support our Wookey Church.

There'll be a range of games to enjoy. Plus pizza, drinks and delicious cakes!

We'll have a range of other stalls for all ages, too. Please bring cash!

If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with Jan:

vicar@chwchurches.co.uk



RARE OIL BEETLE FIND!

On the 16th April, there was an afternoon of children's activities in Wookey Churchyard. Good fun was had with a wildlife treasure hunt, butterfly print-making, seed sowing and wildflower planting. Whilst sitting in an area of the churchyard, we spotted an interesting

beetle. Research showed it to be an Oil Beetle, most likely a Violet Oil Beetle. Apparently, there were 8 species of Oil Beetle in the UK, but 3 are now sadly extinct, and the remaining 5 are reducing in number, so our little fella was a very exciting find. The sighting has been reported to the National Oil Beetle Recording Scheme and our little beetle is now on the National Map!

DISTRIBUTORS NEEDED FOR TRIANGLE IN WOOKEY

The Triangle is produced every two months and distributed to Wookey, Coxley, Henton, Polsham and Godney by a band of willing helpers.

If you feel you could help and would like to go on a list for the future, please contact me: Mobile 07932 878417 or email: hazelnutevans@yahoo.co.uk.

WOOKEY WALKERS

Wookey Walkers have been meeting for many years now and have a good following. It was formed partly for some gentle exercise but most of all as a way of meeting other people in the village.

You've probably seen us doing press-ups (of sorts) on a wooden fence and "holding up garage doors" as well as doing gentle stretches in Court Farm field. The walk is never longer than an hour, and we reward ourselves with coffee, tea and more chat at Wookey Hub.

So why not give it a try?

We meet outside the Hub every Wednesday at 11 am, regardless of the weather, and the walks are always on the level, so walking frames are fine, no stiles involved - just mud on wet days!

We are a very sociable bunch and always welcome newcomers.



For more information, please contact Hazel on:
Mobile 07932 878417 or email hazelnutevans@yahoo.co.uk



WOOKEY LANDS TRUST

We require a Trust secretary, preferably someone with financial or accounting knowledge. We also need two new trustees. The Trust usually meets once a year to discuss how best to support Wookey Church financially. For more info. please call Rev Jan on 01749 671203 or Jeremy Hale on 07972473638

WE NEED HOMEGROWN ITEMS!

We're in need of homegrown items for the Homegrown Stall at Wookey Duck Race. It could be jams, preserves, honey, fresh fruit and vegetables, plants, herbs, relishes, or bread.



Please leave perishable items for the Homegrown Stall at the Church on Friday 4th September. Non-perishable items can be dropped off at 3 Knowle Lane or at the church from Monday 24th August.

AUGUST ART PROJECT

The August Art Project is back at Coxley Community Café! This year, we're upcycling card and tin pots into pen pots. Get creative with painting and embellishing. This is a free activity for children and adults of all ages to enjoy.

Come along one or more Thursdays in August (2:30-4 pm) at Coxley Church.



WELLS LITERATURE FESTIVAL

A trio of top names may tempt you along to this year's Wells Festival of Literature.

There's **Lady Hale**, former President of the Supreme Court and author of the memoir *Spider Woman*, who will be discussing her new book *With the Law on our Side*. This is an entertaining tour of our legal system told through the stories of real people.

Nicholas Crane, well known for his BAFTA-winning series *Coast* on TV, will reveal a fascinating history of footpaths in *The Path More Travelled*, in which he also takes the reader on some of his own most memorable walks. And if the thought of a good wine is more to your liking, then wine expert **Oz Clarke** will be raising a glass to the grape. In *A Vine is a Wild Thing*, he has written a wine-lover's guide to improving your knowledge and enjoyment of wine.

Become a Friend of the Festival – a registered charity that funds literacy projects in local schools – and enjoy the benefits of discounted tickets and priority booking.



Visit www.wellsfestivalofliterature.org.uk

NO SUNDAY BREAKFAST IN AUGUST

Please remember that there's no Sunday Breakfast on August 2nd, but it's back on Sunday 6th September at Henton Village Hall at 9-10am.

CREAM TEA IN THE GARDEN SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST 2-4PM

Here's your opportunity to enjoy a tasty Cream Tea in a lovely garden in Coxley and raise money for Coxley Church. Jenny Cooke is hosting the cream tea, with stalls (Nearly New/Gifts, Plants, and a cake stall) and a raffle too. Come along to Amber House (Main Road, Coxley, BA5 1QZ) between 2-4 pm on Saturday 29th August. If it's wet, we'll be inside.

We hope to see you there!

CHAPMAN'S CLOSE PLAY EQUIPMENT AUGUST - NOVEMBER

From August 3rd until the end of November, you can support fundraising for new play equipment at Chapman's Close in Wookey through the blue token scheme at Tesco in Wells.

The application to Tesco has been made by Wookey Parish Council to support parents/grandparents who hope for additional equipment at the play area, especially for children with additional and sensory needs.

If you shop in Tesco, please pick up a blue token or more, and pop them in the collection tube for Chapman's Close Play Area. Thank you very much.



ROUNDERS!

Looking for a fun team game to enjoy over the school Summer Holidays – come and join Revd Jan for a free game of rounders at Coxley Recreation Ground at 10am on Thursdays in August. If it's wet we won't play. Don't forget to bring a bottle of water with you, and under 8's must come with a guardian.



ST MATTHEW'S DAY

2-4pm Sunday 20th September

Wookey Church is named after Saint Matthew's and we're inviting everyone to an Open Day.

Ever wondered what the view is from the top of the church tower?

Join a free tower tour..

Outside, we're holding a treasure hunt for children with nature activities to explore how the churchyard supports local wildlife.

Inside, there's a self-guided Walking Tour around the church showing some interesting historical features. There's an I-Spy Quest for children to enjoy too. Want to just relax? Come and enjoy tea and cakes, and listen to a performance by Choirworks!

All donations are welcome, to help us maintain this historic church, and benefit the local community.



ALL TOGETHER COMMUNION

10:30AM ON SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER AT WOOKEY CHURCH, PLUS YOUR CHANCE TO MEET BISHOP FIONA!

For St Matthew's Day, Wookey Church is inviting the congregations from Henton, Coxley and Godney to come and hold a special Holy Communion service. There'll be singing with organ music, prayers, Bible readings and a short talk.

Plus, we are delighted to be welcoming Bishop Fiona (Bishop of Taunton), who is going to be worshipping with us. You'll have a chance to meet her before and after the service.



MEDITATION GROUP

MONDAY 3RD AUGUST AND MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER



Meditation is a universal spiritual tradition. We find it in all the great wisdom traditions of the human family. Meditation takes us to the depths of our being, to our true self and to the pure experience of God in the ground of our being. In the early Christian monastic tradition, we find the practical instructions on how to pray in what Jesus called the "inner room" and "in spirit and truth".

Join us for meditation / silent prayer each month in Buxton's Community Room (left of Buxton's Close, Vicarage Road, Wookey, BA5 1JW). Please arrive at 2 pm so that we can all be seated by 2:15 pm, as there is a security lock on the door. There's a chance to enjoy a cuppa afterwards too.

Contact Julie Moore at stuart.moore3@btinternet.com for more information.



GARDENING MORNING AT ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

10am - 12 noon Monday 3rd August

Do you enjoy gardening and have an hour or two to spare on Monday 3rd August from 10am? If so Wookey Church would love to have your help to remove some brambles and help with other weeding in the churchyard. Wookey Church are committed to making the churchyard a good place for local wildlife. Some plants traditional viewed as 'weeds' are good pollinators for bees and other insects, so Malcolm and Revd Jan will give directions for weeding on the day. Please could you bring your gardening tools with you.

There will be refreshments to enjoy afterwards.



ROGATION WALK

10 people and two dogs walked from Coxley church to Wookey Farm on this year's Rogation walk. (A rogation walk is a Christian tradition where the congregation and clergy walk through the parishes and bless the land, crops and local community – and in particular, the farmers.) We

stopped to pray at strategic points along our way with some beautiful prayers covering the rivers, land, farms, crops and, of course, all the lovely people and businesses in our benefice.

At our destination was a delicious lunch of local produce including pork and goats' cheese from Wookey Farm, with thanks to the British Pilgrimage Trust for their generous support. Do join in next year's rogation walk.



PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING

The Church Hall was packed on May 22nd for the Wookey screening of the People's Emergency Briefing. This new short film looks at the current situation of climate change and nature loss, the implications for life in the UK and solutions to adapt and reduce the adverse effects of what is now a rapidly changing climate. The information was hard-hitting and shocking but also hopeful in that there are solutions out there. Government and industry need to do more to bring about the changes needed and to do it faster.



The evening also explored local initiatives that each of us can take part in such as Somerset Wildlife Trust's many activities and campaigns, Kingfisher Common in Wookey and the benefits of planting and encouraging wildflowers. If you missed it, the film is soon being shown in Shepton Mallet and Easton, visit www.nebriefing.org for more information.

TAIZÉ AT COXLEY CHURCH

6:30PM SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

A quiet hour to refresh your inner self with Taizé style prayer and worship. We'll focus on 'Learning to Pray.' With readings, a beautiful selection of chants, silence and prayers – take time out for quiet reflection.



DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT THE STORY OF GOD?

The Bible can seem like a confusing assortment of events, poems and wise words. The Bible Course explains how the parts of the Bible come together to reveal an eternal God who keeps his promises.

Over 8 sessions we will journey through the sections and events of the Bible, and introduce key characters.

Each session of The Bible Course uses video and discussions, but no prior knowledge is required and a course book is available.

Sessions are 7:30-9pm Tuesdays at The Vicarage in Wookey (4th, 11th, 18th August, 1st, 8th, 15th September, and 6th, 13th October)

Please contact Katrina if you would like to attend:
benadmin@chwchurches.co.uk or 07704604165



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WE NEED CARD AND TIN POTS!

Do you buy custard powder, instant coffee, baking powder,

vegetable bouillon powder, cocoa powder or instant hot chocolate?

The containers are usually made of card or tin or a combination of both, and we need them for our August Art Project! Please save them from recycling, and leave them empty and clean at the back of Coxley Church, Henton Church or Wookey Church during August. (No plastic or glass sided containers.)



BLESSING HENTON CHURCH AT 9AM

A lot of work has taken place in Henton Church this year, thanks to all of the community who have fundraised and helped with the project!

On Sunday 9th August, we're excited to be welcoming Bishop Fiona to Christ Church Henton. If you can, please come and meet her as she blesses the renovation work so far. Then stay for coffee and biscuits afterwards.



A GLASS OF WINE IN THE VINES

The wine garden is open every Saturday from 6-9pm in August, for wine by the glass at Fenny Castle Vineyard, Castle Lane, Worth, BA5 1NL.

www.fennycastlevineyard.co.uk

WE NEED CHOCOLATE AND BOTTLES!

We're collecting unopened bottles and chocolates for the tombola stalls at Wookey Duck Race. They might be bottles of soft drinks, washing up liquid, alcoholic drinks, shampoo, etc. Chocolate bars could be chocolate bars or boxes, biscuits, etc.



Please can you drop off any bottles or chocolates at The Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Wookey: Monday 17th August - Thursday 3rd September (8am and 7pm).



MAKE A METRE MATTER



The "Make A Metre Matter" campaign is run by Gardeners' World and encourages each of us to transform a square metre of space for the good of the planet. You could make a micro veg patch, create a wildlife pond, build a compost area,

construct a bug house, or plant a tree. Every single metre matters, so that a small space to you has a big impact for wildlife.

Could you "Make a Metre Matter" in our part of the world this summer? For more information, visit www.30x30.org.uk/make-a-metre-matter.



OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER EDITION

If you have any events, news, or information you would like included in the next edition of The Triangle, please send your articles to ameliestrick@gmail.com by the 4th of September.



August Services

Sunday 2nd

08:30 at Wookey - Quiet Holy Communion
10:30 at Coxley - Holy Communion
18:30 at Henton - Evensong

Sunday 9th

09:00 at Henton - Holy Communion
10:30 at Wookey - Morning Worship
18:30 at Coxley - Evensong

Sunday 16th

10:30 at Wookey - All Together
Communion

Sunday 23rd

08:00 at Henton - BCP Holy Communion
10:30 at Wookey - Holy Communion
10:30 at Coxley - Sunday Brunch

Sunday 30th

10:30 at Coxley - All Together
Communion

Events:

Tues 4th, 11th, 18th

Saturday 29th

19:00 at The - The Bible Couse
Vicarage, Wookey

14:00-16:00 at - Cream Tea in the
Amber House, Garden
Coxley

Mondays:

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays:

Thursdays:

16:30 at Henton - Afternoon Prayer

09:15 at Coxley - Morning Prayer

10:00 at Wookey - Midweek Holy
Communion

14:30 - 16:00 at - Coxley Community
Coxley Cafe

September Services

Sunday 6th

08:30 at Wookey - Quiet Holy Communion
09:00 at Henton - Sunday Breakfast
Village Hall
10:30 at Coxley - Holy Communion
18:30 at Henton - Evensong

Sunday 13th

09:00 at Henton - Holy Communion
10:30 at Wookey - Inspire
18:30 at Coxley - Taize

Sunday 20th

10:30 at Wookey - All Together
Communion

Sunday 27th

08:00 at Henton - BCP Holy Communion
10:30 at Wookey - Holy Communion
10:30 at Coxley - Sunday Brunch

Events:

Tues 1st, 8th, 15th

Friday 4th
Sunday 20th

19:00 at The - The Bible Couse
Vicarage, Wookey

17:00 at Wookey - The Duck Race
14:00 at Wookey - St Matthew's Day

Mondays:
Tuesdays:
Wednesdays:
Thursdays:

16:30 at Henton - Afternoon Prayer
09:15 at Coxley - Morning Prayer
10:00 at Wookey - Midweek Holy
Communion
14:30 - 16:00 at - Coxley Community
Coxley Cafe (Warm Space)

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