



# Welcome to the Lordsbridge Team Monthly Newsletter June 2026

## Worship with us across the Team

All our Services for June can be found at:

<https://lordsbridge.org/home/services/>

Our Weekly Worship at Home Resources:

<https://lordsbridge.org/2025/06/16/worship-at-home/>

Our Sunday Zoom Church meets every week at 11.00am at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82311473640>.

The service sheet is available on the website, via the link above.

**Everyone is welcome.**

## News

**Sunday 21 June**

**Installation and Welcome Service for the 70th Bishop of Ely, The Rt Revd Sarah Clark at 3pm. This will be a ticketed service, and details will be made available nearer the time.**

**Wednesday 24 June 7pm**

**Institution and Induction of the Revd Barnabas Leeke as Vicar of Trumpington.  
All Welcome!**

# Bible Reading

## 1 Corinthians 3:5-11, 16-23

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—the work of each builder will become visible, for the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If the work that someone has built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a wage. If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

“He catches the wise in their craftiness,”

and again,

“The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.”

So let no one boast about people. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

# The Rev'd Canon Robert Stephenson

**We were sorry to hear of the death on 27 April 2026 of The Rev'd Canon Robert Stephenson and remember wife Sheila and wider family in our prayers.**

**From the Crockford's entry for Robert:**

Born in 1936. He trained for ordination at St Chad's College Durham from 1968 gaining a BA and was deaconed 1960 and Priested 1961. In Durham Diocese, he served as a curate at Whickham 1960-63 and Gateshead St Mary 1963-65. He became perpetual Curate Low Team St Paul's 1965-67 and Rector of St Cuthberts, Stella 1967-74.

He moved to Ely Diocese to be Vicar of Comberton 1974-04 and Priest-in-Charge St Peter and St Paul, Dry Drayton 1997-01, serving as RD of Bourn 1994-97.

He was made a Hon Canon of Ely Cathedral in 2001 retiring in 2004.

He held PTO in Ely Diocese 2013-18.



# John Quenby

## We were very sorry to hear of the sad passing of John Quenby on 22 May 2026

John's family moved to the Frog's Hall Farm when John and brother Michael were still young. John completed his degree at Oxford and then took up farming as his elder brother was working abroad. His father died in 1989 and John farmed Frogs Hall ever since. John was married to Margaret and they had two children, Thomas and Sophia, and two grandchildren.

John was actively involved with the village - the Toft Historical Society, St. Andrew's Church and the Chapel amongst other many other things. He was a member of the PCC and, in 2016, became a Churchwarden. John organised the rebuilding of a length of the churchyard wall during lockdown, which was not only a great money saver but a great outdoor activity for many of the 'trapped' menfolk. John also arranged various repairs of the Church, the care of the churchyard and was always a willing helper for any event.

He was a kind, considerate, thoughtful and intelligent man who will be much missed.

Please pray for Margaret and her family.



*Left: John in St  
Andrew's Church*

Right: John  
and "his" wall



*Our thanks to Ann  
Mitchell for sharing her  
memories of John*

## **Confirmation of Election of Bishop Sarah Clark**

Bishop Sarah legally became the Bishop of Ely at her Confirmation of Election service at St Mary Le Bow Church, London, on Friday 17 April 2026.



Bishop Sarah succeeds the Right Reverend Stephen Conway who moved to be Bishop of Lincoln in July 2023. We give thanks to Bishop Dagmar who has served as Acting Bishop and who will return fully to her role as Suffragan Bishop of Huntingdon once Bishop Sarah has taken up her role in the diocese.

Bishop Sarah says of her appointment:

“I feel such a sense of joy, vocation and thankfulness to God about coming to the Diocese of Ely. I am deeply honoured by this opportunity to serve as your Bishop and I am so looking forward to joining you, getting out and about throughout the whole diocese, hearing your stories and learning from them and about the communities you love and serve.

When I came to explore the diocese before my interview I was captured by the sculpture of Mary the mother of Jesus in the Lady Chapel of Ely Cathedral, arms raised in Magnificat, in praise of what God was doing. I am full of hope that as we journey together into the future, embracing our rich diversity of tradition, theology, and place, we will write together the next chapter of the Diocese of Ely in such a way that it is shot through with that same spirit of thanksgiving to God. It is God’s Holy Spirit who will enable us to grow in faith and number, in our witness to Jesus Christ and our service and care of others.

Bishop Sarah was educated at Loughborough University and before being ordained worked as a civil servant within the Department of Employment. She trained for ministry at St John's College in Nottingham, before undertaking her curacy at St James Porchester in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. She was ordained Priest in 1999. In 2002, Sarah was appointed Rector of the United Benefice of Carlton-in-Lindrick and Langold with Oldcotes, and from 2009 she served as Team Rector of the Clifton Team Ministry in Nottingham. In 2011 she became an Honorary Canon of Southwell Minster while also taking on the additional role of Dean of Women's Ministry. From 2014 she served as Archdeacon of Nottingham before being consecrated Bishop of Jarrow on 27 February 2019. She took on the responsibilities as Acting Bishop of Durham in early 2024 following the retirement of the former Bishop.

Please pray for Bishop Sarah as she prepares to take up her post:

**We praise and thank you, God of the journey, for all your gifts  
to us in the past.**

**We look to you as fellow traveller and faithful companion on  
the way ahead.**

**Strengthen, bless and guide Bishop Sarah by your Holy Spirit  
as she prepares for this calling  
that with her we may serve you  
as generous and visible people of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**



# Services Spotlight

## **Choral Evensong**

Dry Drayton 7 June 5.30pm

## **Wild Church**

Hardwick, 14 June, 3pm

## **Joint Patronal Festival with Coton**

### **Holy Communion**

Barton: 28 June 11am



## **Feast Day Holy Communion Service**

Canon Sue Wyatt will be leading and preaching for the  
last time

Dry Drayton Sunday 28 June 9:30am

# Lordsbridge Spotlight

Over the next few months we will be putting the spotlight on different teams and individuals within the Lordsbridge community. If there is a group you would like to know more about, feel free to get in touch.

*I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit (Ephesians 3.16)*

Dear Team

My time as a Curate in The Lordsbridge Team is sadly coming to an end. As many of you will already know, I have been appointed as the next Vicar of St Mary & St Michael's, Trumpington and will be 'Instituted and Inducted' there in a service on the 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm – all welcome!

I started here in July 2023 and had a few months under David Newton's tutelage before he left us to become the Director of Ordinands at the diocese. What I had anticipated as a curacy with much opportunity for independent working suddenly became very much more than I had imagined! I am indebted to Revd. Priscilla Slusar who took me under her wing and has been mentoring and supervising me through this period of my training.

It is sad to be moving on again, but my 'apprenticeship' here was always going to be no more than three years so we knew it would pass all too quickly. It has been a wonderful opportunity for me as I have learnt the ropes from more experienced clergy, as well as being able to develop my own ministry by trying some new things. I am grateful for all the wisdom and advice I have received from so many in this team, as well as the warm welcome I have enjoyed as I have ministered across the parishes.

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Though this has predominantly been in Coton, Comberton and Toft, I have enjoyed meeting people from across the team and have definitely benefitted from the rich variety that Lordsbridge offers. Yet another benefit of working together as a team is that it offers a good environment to train curates, and so I hope that another is hot on my heels to both minister here and receive your good support and encouragement.

From pilgrimages to parties, and team services to socials, there is so much to celebrate about the way the Team comes together to support each other. I've also been privileged to talk about my faith journey with our young people by joining with WCCYM in primary and secondary schools, to share in the joys and the challenges of life with many others as we have prayed together or studied the Bible. The saying goes that "it takes a village to raise a child", but it's also true that it takes a community to support each one of us at different times of our lives. We cannot do it all alone.

More and more parishes are finding themselves as part of a team these days, it can seem like a diluting or diminishing, but I think there is something unique about Christian community that lends itself to team working. In trying (and not always succeeding!) to imitate Jesus, we aim to build a community with love, forgiveness and understanding at its heart, so we should be able to join together whatever our differences. But there is even more to it than that, something inexplicable and wonderful happens when we come together to seek God, and it is what St Paul wrote about in his prayer to the church in Ephesus quoted above. We find an inner strength and joy that can sustain us through all sorts of trials and challenges.

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I am in for a shock as I go to the single benefice of Trumpington, with no Associate Priests, retired clergy, or Lay Ministers. No youth workers, Church of England schools or Forest Church. Resources that this team perhaps sometimes takes for granted.

What I have experienced here will help me as I build on what they do have, and what we all share, a group of people committed to making God known in their community and seeking to model their own lives on that of Jesus.

So as I move on, I pray the same prayer for this team as Paul prayed for the church in Ephesus: that we may be strengthened by God's spirit moving among us. And I encourage you to look with fresh eyes at what God is doing in this team, and then look at what he is doing in your own life too - you might be as surprised as me!

**God bless,  
Barnabas**

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# Petertide Ordinations 2026 -

Nine new Deacons, to be ordained by the Bishop of Ely on  
Saturday 4 July at 11.00am at Ely Cathedral

You can follow the services online (live or later) on the  
Cathedral's YouTube Channel under Live Streamed Services



Becca was the Team  
Administrator for the  
Lordsbridge Group of  
Churches from 2021-  
September 2025.



Please pray for those being ordained this summer,  
among them

*Rebecca Ruth Herrick*

To be ordained Deacon by  
The Rt Rev'd Sarah Clark, Bishop of Ely

At Ely Cathedral on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
11.00am

Please also pray for Adam, William, Elizabeth and Charlotte,  
and for Rev'd Jim Robinson and the benefices of Granchester and  
Newnham, where Becca will be serving her curacy.

*Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you  
have an everlasting rock. Isaiah 26:4*

Taken from the Diocesan Website:

Becca Herrick

Becca is married and has three school-aged children. Her career has been varied so far, beginning as a scientist, and most recently working as an administrator for a team of churches. Alongside which she has been involved in several voluntary roles, often to do with supporting parents in their parenting journey.

Growing up in the West Country in a Christian family, Becca was baptised as an adult in Cambridge, where she came up to university. Staying in the area, Becca accidentally ended up in her local parish church two weeks after she married, and she and her family have been involved there ever since. Her call to ordained ministry has been a gradual one of God at work, as she's served in various roles within the parish.

Becca is looking forward to serving her curacy in the parishes of Grantchester and St Mark's, Newnham and to seeing where God leads her next.



# IT'S NOT JUST POLICY,

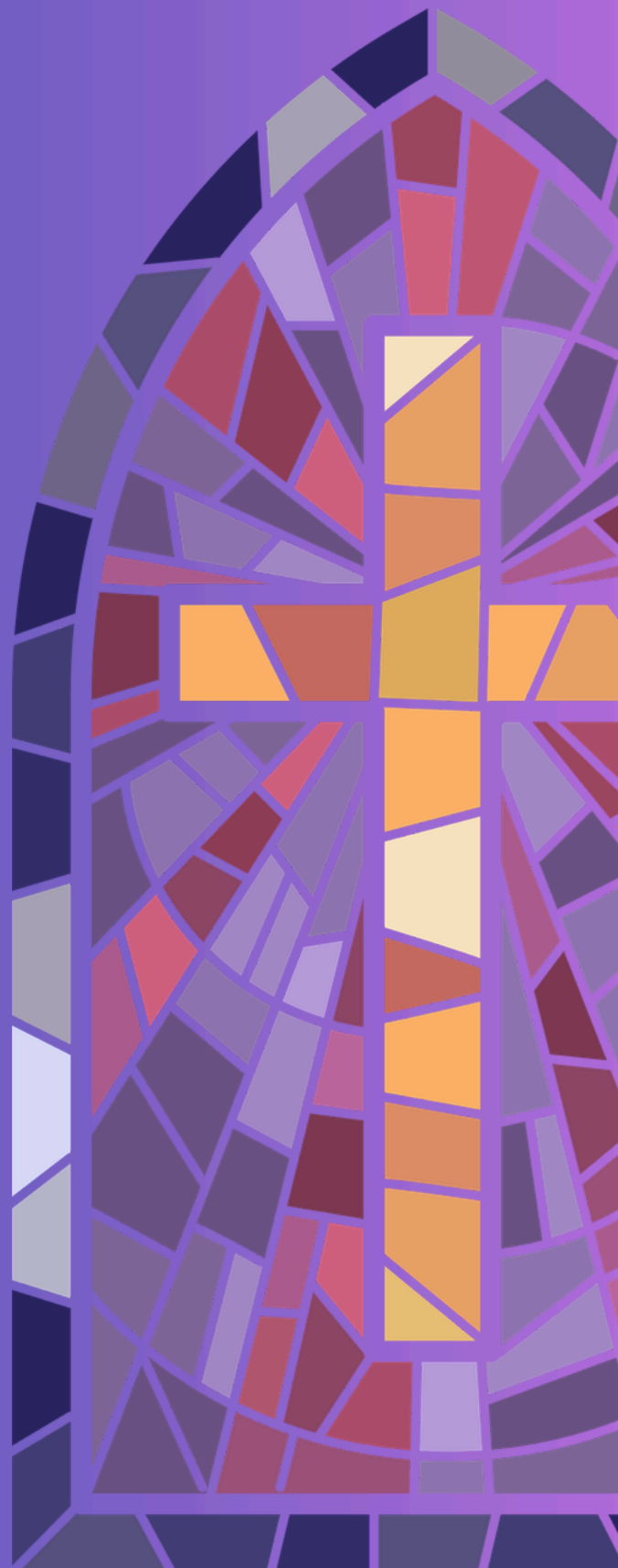
It's personal Building confidence in reporting  
safeguarding concerns

*"Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with  
your God."*

*- Micah 6:8*

We know that  
reporting  
safeguarding  
concerns can feel  
difficult

[Scan here for  
resources to help  
you](#)



*When someone shares a concern, it is important they are listened to and taken seriously. You are not expected to investigate. Keeping people safe and ensuring concerns are recorded and referred appropriately is all of our responsibility.*



## Recognise

Be alert to signs or disclosures  
of abuse.



## Respond

Listen carefully and take  
what is being said  
seriously.



## Record

Make a written record of  
what has been shared.



## Refer

Share the concern with the  
Safeguarding Officer and  
relevant authorities.

# **It's Not Just Policy, It's Personal: Barriers to Reporting**

Reporting a safeguarding concern can feel complicated. This article names some of the most common reasons church officers hesitate, and why the Reporting Safeguarding Concerns and Allegations Code is there to support you through all of them.

Reporting a safeguarding concern should be straightforward. And yet, for many Church Officers, something gets in the way. More often it is doubt. A worry about getting it wrong, causing harm, or overstepping. These hesitations are understandable. They are also worth naming, because they are some of the most common reasons concerns go unreported.

## **• What if it feels like interfering?**

When someone shares a concern with you, it is often because they want help. They are trusting you to do something with what they have shared. A safeguarding concern is never just a private matter, and you are not being asked to take sides or make a judgement. You are being asked to pass the concern on so that someone trained to help can take it from there. Keeping people safe and supported is at the heart of what we are called to do. That is not interference. That is care.

## **• What if someone told you something in confidence, or asked you to keep it a secret?**

It takes courage for someone to share something difficult, and that matters. But a request for confidentiality cannot come before someone's safety. Referring is not a betrayal of trust. In many cases, it is the most caring thing you can do.

## **• What if it happened a long time ago?**

Non-recent concerns are still concerns. Time does not change the obligation to refer, and it does not make what happened any less important to the person who experienced it. If someone shares something that happened in the past, they may have questions about what happens next and what will be shared. Where you can, be honest with them about the process. Your DSO can help you navigate this conversation and make sure the person disclosing knows what to expect

- **What if it involves someone senior?**

This is often the hardest barrier of all. The Reporting Safeguarding Concerns and Allegations Code exists precisely for moments like this. Seniority does not change the process, and you will not be left to handle it on your own.

- **What if you are not sure it is serious enough?**

The code does not ask you to investigate or to be certain. It asks you to refer, and to let the right people take it forward. If you are unsure, speak to your DSO. They are there to help you work through it.

The Reporting Safeguarding Concerns and Allegations Code is there to guide you.

**Recognise. Respond. Record. Refer.**



June really is the loveliest month for meadow flowers.

Hopefully many of you will have left an area of churchyard grass to grow long, either for No Mow May or else in preparation for some nature spotting as part of Churches Count on Nature.

One of the most showy flowers in a meadow is the Oxeye Daisy, also called Moon Daisy and Moonpenny; the large white petals drawing pollinators in to the bright yellow centre. Look out for a variety of vetches, members of the pea family. You may find Tufted Vetch – look out for 6-spot burnet moths on this one. Bush Vetch and Common Vetch are likely too and a great many churchyards contain Bird's-foot-trefoil also known as Eggs and Bacon because of the mix of yellow and orange on the flowers. Richard Mabey, in his fantastic book *Flora Britannica* lists many names for Bird's-foot-trefoil including Hen and Chickens, Tom Thumb, Granny's Toenails, Cuckoo's Stocking and Dutchman's Clogs.

Lady's Bedstraw is often found in churchyards. It smells sweet when dried and would be added to hay stuffed in mattresses, particularly when preparing a bed for childbirth. Look out for the froth of yellow flowers (other bedstraws have white flowers) and the scent of honey. The Lady in the name is the Virgin Mary.

Perhaps your churchyard contains orchids, the most common one flowering in June is Common Spotted Orchid. The presence of orchids indicates an old grassland which has matured over time and developed a range of species within the soil. All orchids depend on a fungal partner, feeding the plant underground via the threadlike mycorrhizae.

Your churchyard meadow areas act as pitstops or cafes for insects and can buzz with life. Try and spend a little time enjoying them and seeing which pollinators are using them.



## **Eversdens' Church Fete**

**All Welcome!**



**SUNDAY**, 14 June, 2026  
2pm - 4.30pm

Village Hall and the field

Books, Plants, Cakes, Bric-a-brac, tombola  
Games for all the family, Raffle and Refreshments,





**St Peter's Church Fete**  
**Saturday 20th June. 2.00 – 4.30 pm**  
**In St Peter's Church and Churchyard**



ADMISSION FREE



There will be music to enjoy from Eversden Brass Band, Tea and home made cakes will be served in the Church and an ice cream van will be on site, so fingers crossed for sunny weather!

There will be Stalls to browse, and games to play in and around the church with something for everyone, including a raffle, Book stall, jigsaw sale, Tombola, plant stall, treasure hunt, name the dinosaur, Lucky dip, hook the duck and a pocket money stall.

Join us in the craft tent where you can try stained glass window making, drawing and other activities for all ages.



***In Conversation Series***  
All Saints' Church  
Harston



Join us at All Saints' Church, Harston for the latest in the *In Conversation* series  
of talks with

**Dame Evelyn Glennie**

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June

Doors open 7.00p.m for refreshments with the conversation starting at 7.30p.m



Dame Evelyn Glennie, CH, is a pioneering, award-winning Scottish percussionist and the first person to create and sustain a full time career as a solo percussionist. Dame Glennie will talk about her exceptional life and her award-winning career.

Tickets are free, although a donation of £10 to support costs would be appreciated. Proceeds from donations will be split between All Saints' Church (70%) and The Evelyn Glennie Foundation (30%)

Book your ticket [harstonhauptonnewton.org.uk/whats-on](https://harstonhauptonnewton.org.uk/whats-on)  
Or QR code below



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# **A Picnic Concert with Linton Jazz**

A Big Band playing Jazz standards & big band versions of pop classics - songs the audience will recognise.



**A family picnic concert in the Cabin grounds,  
St Mary's Church, Hardwick**

Saturday, June 13th at 5.30

Bring a picnic and a rug/chairs  
Adult ticket £10 Family ticket £25  
Tickets from Sue Cornwell 01954 210063  
Events1@stmaryshardwick.org.uk  
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**ACCORDE**

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# Flora & Fauna

a concert of varied music  
with readings and poetry


**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 18:30**

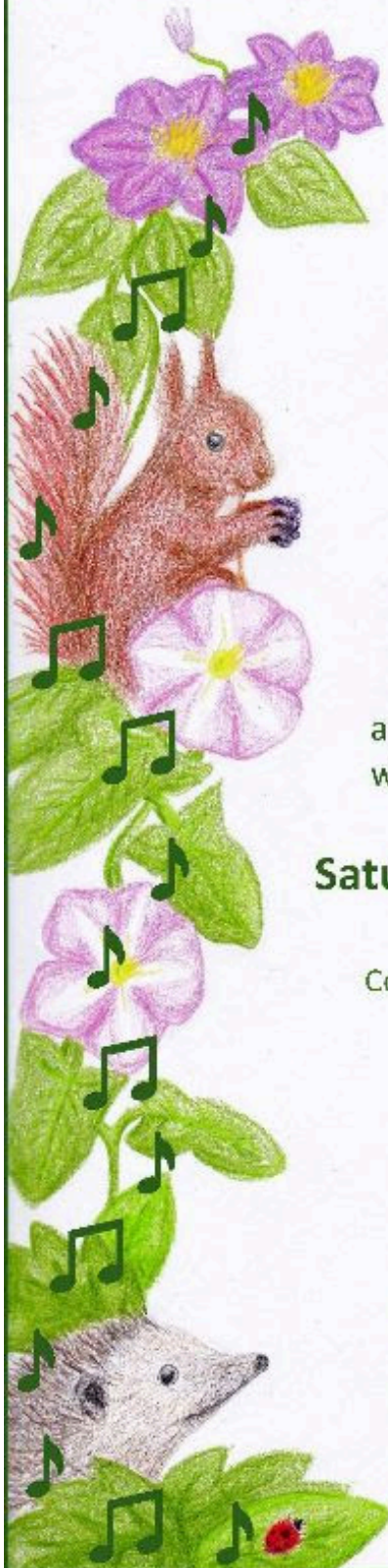
Conducted by Andrew Foxley

St Andrews Church  
High Street  
Sutton-in-the-Isle  
CB6 2RH

Entrance by donation

Interval Refreshments

 Accorde Chamber Choir  
<https://www.accorde.co.uk>



# TURBULENCE AHEAD:

## TALES OF FLYING FROM 9/11 TO IRAN TODAY

Come and hear one Captain's tales from the dark side of aviation from flying through terrorism, volcanos, pandemics and war.



Find out the reality and challenges facing flight crews every day.



20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



7.30PM



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*at the end*

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NEW FLOOR)

## Focus on .....WCCYM - West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries

West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries in Comberton Village College

Since it started in 1992, WCCYM has had close links with Comberton Village College (CVC). PASTORAL WORK: Some of the youth workers are involved in providing pastoral support for students at Comberton Village College. This could be through one of the qualified youth workers mentoring individuals (referred through heads of year), or in group situations, following a course for a number of weeks.

### SUPPORTING THE COLLEGE IN CURRICULUM AREAS

WCCYM is involved in supporting Comberton Village College in different curriculum areas. A team of youth workers are involved in RPE (Religion, Philosophy and Ethics) and PD (Personal Development) / PSHE lessons. There are sometimes youth workers linked to WCCYM who will help on Activities Week with the school too.

### CHRISTIAN UNION GROUPS

WCCYM runs weekly lunchtime Christian Union groups, where we discuss faith-based issues. The group meets on a Tuesday lunchtime in RPE3. These groups are an opportunity to spend time with others from your college, play some games, chat about life and issues, learn something about God, and be encouraged in your Christian journey. Anyone is welcome to come to the groups.

### ASSEMBLIES

Representatives from WCCYM will go into assemblies to give announcements and introduce themselves, and will sometimes take assemblies on specific themes.

### WCCYM's Punting Social:

WCCYM are glad to be able to have their Punting Social return this year as it has always been one of the highlights of the year. It will be on Sunday 7th June and they will gather at 3.30pm near the punt hire station. They will finish up in Newnham at 6.30pm after having had some food together. Susie will email exact locations for meet and collect the week before the event.

This event will cost £8.50 per person and includes punting, food and drink. Susie will contact you after you have booked with how best to pay. This event is for young people aged 10 to 19 (school years 6 to 13). Visit [bit.ly/WCCYMPunting26](https://bit.ly/WCCYMPunting26) to book.

Any questions, please email [susie@wccym.org](mailto:susie@wccym.org).

### Waffle and Waffle

WCCYM will be running a Waffle & Waffle event where waffles will be eaten and young people will have the opportunity to both ask and answer the biggest questions they have around faith, Christianity and Jesus. The event will run from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Comberton Baptist Church on Friday 12th June. The event is for anyone in school years 7 to 13.

Visit [bit.ly/WCCYMWaffle26](https://bit.ly/WCCYMWaffle26) to let us know you are coming.

Any questions, please email [nick@wccym.org](mailto:nick@wccym.org).

To have your question answered on the evening, visit [bit.ly/WCCYMQuestions26](https://bit.ly/WCCYMQuestions26)

### WCCYM Summer Party

Beach trips, barbecues, sun cream, water fights. There is a lot to love about summer but nothing is more exciting than WCCYM's Summer Party. It will be on Sunday 12th July for anyone aged 10 to 19 (schools years 6 to 13). They will be returning to Mill Farm in Gamlingay from 4pm until 7pm. The cost of the event will be £5 and will include a barbecue. Susie will contact you after you have booked with how best to pay. Visit [bit.ly/WCCYMSummer26](https://bit.ly/WCCYMSummer26) to book.

Any questions, please email [susie@wccym.org](mailto:susie@wccym.org)



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