



Benefice News – Sunday 16th August 2026

Over the past year, I'm aiming to walk between 7,000-10,000 steps a day after reading about the benefits of walking. Recently, while chatting with our postman, I discovered that he walks around 22,000 steps a day as part of his work. As he put it, that adds up to "a few marathons a week". A gentle reminder to me that many worthwhile things in life, whether fitness, faith, or service, are often built up through small, faithful steps taken day by day. Although, I must confess, it feels rather hard to do too much during our fifth heatwave of the summer. Perhaps there is a spiritual lesson too: sometimes faithfulness means pressing on, and sometimes it means slowing down and resting in God's grace.

Our services and events are as follows:

Today's readings – Isa. 56.1,6-8; Rom 11.1-2a,29-32; Matt 15.21-28

Sunday 16th August (Trinity 11)

09.30 Ganarew – Sunday Praise.

11.00 Whitchurch – Holy Communion.

11.00 Wyesham – Holy Communion.

Monday 17th August

2pm Dixon – DCC Meeting.

2.30pm Wyesham – Ladies prayer meeting at Connies.

Tuesday 18th August

12pm Wyesham Together – Summer Fun in the woods!

2.30pm Wyesham – DCC Meeting.

Wednesday 19th August

10.30 Whitchurch – Community coffee morning.

6pm Whitchurch – Taizé service.

Thursday 20th August

10.30 Whitchurch – Midweek, simple, said, Holy Communion service.

11.00 Whitchurch – Bible study.

2pm Whitchurch – Knit and Natter.

Saturday 22nd August

2pm Whitchurch – Burial of Ashes for Mr Pearson.

Sunday 23rd August (Trinity 11)

09.30 Dixon – Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer).

11.00 Whitchurch – Sunday Praise.

11.00 Wyesham – Holy Communion.



Lord Jesus, we thank you that you help us to lay aside all that hinders us from seeking your kingdom. Give us willing hearts to surrender all that we have and all that we are, that we may gain the pearl of great price and discover the riches of your grace. Amen.

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