Aldermaston and Woolhampton Benefice News

**(the parishes of Aldermaston & Wasing, Beenham, Brimpton, Midgham and Woolhampton)**

# **Sunday 1st June 2025: The Sunday after Asension**

**COLLECT** O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING** *Acts 16.16–34* Paul now is travelling with Silas, Timothy and Luke. They have reached Philippi, and we know from his letter that he made many good friends there as well as some enemies. A mob riot ended with a prison sentence for Paul and a miraculous escape.

**GOSPEL READING** *John 17.20–26* Jesus’ final prayer before his arrest embraced all who, then and ever since, put their faith in him. May we be one in him, that the world may believe.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Services this Sunday**

St Mary’s Beenham 9.15am Holy Communion

St Peter’s, Brimpton 10.45am Morning Praise

St Matthew’s, Midgham 9.15am BCP Communion

St Nicholas, Wasing 10.45am Holy Communion

**Service next week: 8th June Pentecost**

St Mary’s, Beenham 9.15am Holy Communion

St Peter’s, Brimpton 9.15am Holy Communion

St Nicholas, Wasing 10.45am Holy Communion

St Peter’s, Woolhampton 10.45am Holy Communion

**Please note there will be a special festive service at Wasing to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.**

**Benefice BBQ 7th June 12.30 – 2.30pm at the Longs’ Farm, Midgham**

**This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a Benefice, meet old friends, make new.** This is for everyone and we hope you can come. BBQ meat from Wasing Estate. Tickets £5 each (to include first burger) available from the Rector, Vicky Curtis, Mel Bowring, Catherine Lovell, Sarah Henderson. Please bring cash for additional burgers and ice cream van.

**The APCM for each parish is as follows:**

Aldermaston & Wasing 4pm 18th June at St Nicholas, Wasing (revised date)

Please note that anyone who lives in the parish can attend the election of Churchwardens, but only those on the electoral roll can attend the APCM.

**Prayers and Pastoral Care** In the Benefice we seek to offer care for everyone in our churches and our communites, especially when they are in a difficult period in their lives. If you need to talk to a someone or would like a home visit, please contact the Rector on 0118 9712 891

You might just need to talk to someone in complete confidence about a personal or family crisis. We will always listen and help if we can. If you would like prayers included in our services on a Sunday for someone who is ill or in need, (providing the person is aware that they are being prayed for), has recently died or on the anniversary of their death, please do let me know. Revd Jane

We pray for those who are ill at this time and remember those who

have recently died and pray for those who grieve:

Please print this newsletter and hand on to anyone you know who does not have internet access

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