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Newnham Gardens

open for NGS

£6 adults, under 12s free

Sunday 26th May

11am-5pm

5 beautiful gardens

Plant sales

Light lunches

Cakes & refreshments

Glass & ceramic art exhibition



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Badby ☿ Newnham ☿ Charwelton ☿ Fawsley ☿ Preston Capes



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Services for May 2024

	5 May I Easter 6	12 May II Easter 7	19 May III Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	26 May IV TRINITY	2 June I Trinity 1
Badby	11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]	11:00 Morning Worship [Lay]	10:00 United Benefice Service of Holy Communion CW at Badby [PA]	11:00 Morning Worship [Lay]	11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]
Newnham	X	X		09:15 Holy Communion CW [CP]	X
Charwelton	09:15 Holy Communion BCP (Church) [GS]	X		17:00 Evensong BCP (Church) [Lay]	09:15 Holy Communion BCP (Church) [GS]
Fawsley	X	11:00 Holy Communion BCP [CP]		X	X
Preston Capes	X	11:00 Holy Communion & Baptism CW [+EC]		10:00 Morning Prayer CW [Lay]	X
	X	X		X	X

OTHER SERVICES

Tuesday 21 May

6.30 pm

Badby

ESOW

Please also see the item "Interregnum Services" on page 3.

SUNDAY READINGS

Principal Service CW

- for other services see Lectionary

Date	Feast	OT Reading	NT Reading	Gospel
5 May	Easter 6	Acts 10: 44-end	1 John 5: 1-6	John 15: 9-17
12 May	Easter 7	Acts 1: 15-17 & 21-end	1 John 5: 9-13	John 17: 6-19
19 May	Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	Acts 2: 1-21	Rom 8: 22-27	John 15: 26-27 & 16: 4b-15
26 May	TRINITY	Isaiah 6: 1-8	Rom 8: 12-17	John 3: 1-17
2 Jun	Trinity 1	Deut 5: 12-15	2 Cor. 4: 5-12	Mark 2: 23 - 3: 6

Interregnum services

As you will know we currently have no Rector and as a result the number and pattern of our services must inevitably change. During this period (known as an Interregnum) our communion services will be taken by a number of priests from elsewhere who have kindly offered to give their time, while the non-communion services will be led by members of the Lay Band.

The Benefice Council has spent a considerable amount of time devising a pattern of services which it hopes will prove satisfactory and tries to take account of parish preferences and of the availability of service leaders. The pattern is that which is laid out on the service grid opposite. All being well that will be a consistent pattern for the duration of the interregnum - and it's anybody's guess how long that will be.

You will see that the most obvious change is that we will now have a United Benefice Service on the third Sunday of each month, with the venue rotating around our 5 parishes. On the other 3 Sundays the services will be as shown in the grid. When there is a 5th. Sunday that will also be a UBS.

We have also reverted to taking the Readings from the CofE Lectionary for 2024 .

There may be changes in the service pattern from time to time due to things such as illness so please keep a careful eye on the Link to take account of that, and if in doubt consult your churchwardens.

DPBP

EDITORIAL

The other evening I was watching Gardener's World which happened to include an item on the Vann Gardens near Godalming in Surrey. These gardens were created at the turn of the 20th. Century by W.D. Carøe, the owner of the house and estate, and by Gertrude Jekyll the renowned gardener. They are magnificent gardens, but what interested me particularly was that W.D. Carøe was also an architect of high repute and it was he who was responsible for the renovation of Holy Trinity Church, Charwelton at that time. Isn't it fascinating to discover these interesting connections?

Hedgehog update. We seem to be frequented by more hedgehogs than usual this year. Last week we happened to see one quietly feeding at the shelter, only for it to be disturbed, and driven off, by another hedgehog! Neither of them was the albino. Then last night there were 3 of them competing for the food! Again without the albino. And there is also another with a distinctive mark on his rear end as though he has backed into a tin of paint! So we know for certain that we have at least 5 frequenting the garden, and we are fairly sure, bearing in mind that we have seen a number of different sizes, that

there are in fact more than that. And maybe before long there will be the patter of tiny hedgehog feet!!

Sadly no sign yet of bluetits nesting. We've told them that board and lodging is free, and even offered them broadband, but they don't seem to be attracted..... But then we haven't seen any swallows yet either.

David



SUDOKU

[With thanks to Robin Baker]

Puzzle No. 90 - Mild

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[Solutions on page 12]



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ruthmackman@btinternet.com

PASTORAL LETTER

Pompeii's ruins or a warm welcome?

Are you good at remembering anniversaries? Maybe you missed this one: It was 276 years ago this month since the ruins of Pompeii were rediscovered by Spanish engineer Rocque Joaquin de Alcubierre and his team. As any school pupil will remember, the city had been buried under millions of tonnes of volcanic ash after Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD. Happy anniversary to the archaeologists.



I remember a group of tourists coming into church before evensong. They looked around with interest at the ancient stones and memorials, the stained glass windows and the old brass lectern. Then one of them approached me and said, "Excuse me. Is this place still used?" Looking around at the ancient stones, I think the tourist felt like Rocque Joaquin de Alcubierre – he had just discovered archaeological evidence of a parish church! The church was actually very active and the group happily stayed to negotiate the perils of evensong.

I wonder what people think when they visit our churches. Hopefully your

church is open to visitors. Simon Jenkins commented that a church that is closed except for an hour on Sunday has become the meeting place of a sect. True. I know that he doesn't have to maintain them or insure them, but our churches are for all in the parish and beyond and so should (wherever possible) be open and welcoming. I love it when I see a board outside, swinging in the breeze, that says

'Welcome! Church Open'. That is only bettered by 'Welcome! Church Open. Coffee and cake being served.'

Generally, people make up their minds within a few seconds when they walk into a church. Is this for me? So here's the friendly challenge: Is your church an archaeological heap to be discovered or a warm and welcoming community?

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Ormston". Below the signature is a horizontal line.

*The Venerable Richard Ormston
Archdeacon of Northampton*

BENEFICE PAGE

EVENING SERVICE OF THE WORD

This short service is held once a month on the Tuesday evening following the third Sunday at St Mary's Badby at 6.30pm. There is always a brief talk about someone inspirational. All welcome! The next dates are 21 May and 18 June.

BADBY AND DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY

Saturday 11th May: Puccini's Tosca (1992)

Our Supper at the Opera series brings you Giacomo Puccini's most dramatic opera, filmed at the locations in Rome prescribed by the composer, and at the times of day at which each act takes place. Starring Plácido Domingo, Catherine Malfitano and Ruggero Raimondi, and conducted by Zubin Mehta, this stunning performance was broadcast live throughout Europe. The reviews were ecstatic: "Great singing, fine acting, fascinating authentic locations: a 5-star production... superb!" [114 mins, Exempt certificate]

Friday 31st May: Tár (2022)

A psychological drama written, produced and directed by Todd Field. It stars Cate Blanchett as Lydia Tár, a world-renowned conductor facing accusations of sexual misconduct. Named 'Best Picture of the Year' by more critics than any other film released in 2022, it received 5 BAFTA and 6 Oscar nominations, and won the Best Actress BAFTA for Blanchett. "It's a work of genius." [152 mins, 15 certificate]

For further information about the Society email banddfs@gmail.com or phone Karen, evenings only, on 01327 312158.

BADBY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The biggest gardening event this month is Badby Open Gardens on Sunday 19 May. Whilst it's quite early for some flowers the weather has contributed positively to early growth so you can expect loads of interest when you do the rounds. As usual there will be an opportunity to buy some stalwarts as well as a few more unusual plants and flowers from our very

own Philip Turvil. For May jobs see Philip's article on page 12.

NGS OPEN GARDENS IN BADBY

Five gorgeous gardens in Badby will open for charity from 1-5pm on Sunday 19 May 2024. Please come along to see inspiring plants and unique garden features. Everyone is welcome, including families. Look for bright yellow signs on the day directing to gardens. Entry is £6 by cash or card at the gardens or book in advance via the NGS website (ngs.org.uk). All proceeds go to the National Gardens Scheme. NGS is the biggest funder of nursing charities, supporting Queen's Nursing Institute, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Carers Trust, Hospice UK, Perennial, Parkinson's UK and others. There are refreshments available too at St Mary's Church in Badby, including cake, from 1 – 5pm and all proceeds support the church. We can't wait to welcome you.



PARISH NOTICES

BADBY

Correspondent - Geoff Pullin (gcsspullin@yahoo.com)
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	Reader	Sidesman	Coffee
5 May	R. McBeth G. Nelson	F. Williams C. Nelson	G. Nelson
12 May	J. Hall N. Shaw	G. Morley C. Wakeford	J. Jordan
19 May	S. Rose P. Wakeford	J. Jordan J. Hall	N. Shaw
26 May	F. Williams C. Wakeford	P. Wakeford C. Wakeford	G. Morley

INTERREGNUM

See the item "Interregnum Services" on page 3.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR MAY

w/b 29 April: Helen Morris, Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner
w/b 6: Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper
w/b 13: Jo Hind, Judy Jordan, Gill Nelson

w/b 20: Ann Cotton, Monique Shortt, Ann Syred
w/b 27: Helen Morris, Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner

CHURCH FLOWERS

27 April - 11 May Kay Purnell
11 May - 25 May Debbie Chandler
25 May - 8 June TBC

FUNDRAISERS

The April winners of the **church draw** were: 1st Ann Cotton, 2nd Megan Bedding, 3rd Jo Hind.

Seven **soup lunches** were held during Lent in various houses, and raised a total of £540 for St. Mary's.

On Sunday 19 May - NGS **Open Gardens** day - St. Mary's will be open for tea and cakes from 1pm till 5pm. Come along to rest from your walking!

Our **Scarecrow Festival** will be held this year on Sunday 8 September. If you would like to help, you will be very welcome - this is a village community event for everybody. Offers of help, sponsorship, ideas etc to Ruth McBeth ruthmackman@btinternet.com.

BELLRINGING

On April 13 our team took part in the diocesan Spring Festival and came a commendable 8th out of 12 competing teams from across the diocese. At the business meeting afterwards a generous grant of £8,400 was agreed for our big project to repair the corrosion and improve the fittings of our six bells. Look out for Bell Sunday on 9 June!

T 4 U

T4U would normally be on 2 May which is the same weekend as Bluebell Teas, so it seems sensible to cancel until Friday 7 June. Only so many cakes can be baked and consumed in one weekend!

BLUEBELL TEAS

Bluebell Teas will be served in the village hall on Sunday 5 and Monday 6 May from 1.00pm for residents and visitors viewing the bluebells in Badby Woods. Parking restrictions will operate around The Green and visitors will be directed to designated parking areas. If you would like to help in the village hall, guiding car parking or assisting with set-up,

please quickly contact Karen Alexander (310780).

BADBYSINGS

Sing for fun every Tuesday from 7.30 to 9 pm in the village hall. We welcome you, whatever your ability. £1.50 per session.

BADBY & FARTHINGSTONE CRICKET CLUB

The afternoon fixtures for May will be:

Sunday 5	Everdon	Away
Sunday 12	Eydon	Home
Sunday 19	Buckingham Town	Home
Sunday 26	Marton	Away
Wednesday 29	Thirsty Knights	Home

CLERK TO PARISH COUNCIL

Frances Williams has been Clerk to Badby Parish Council since March 2019 but will finish at the end of July. The council is advertising for a new clerk for 31 hours per month, within a salary range of £15.21-£17.16 per hr. A full job description is available on the village website (<https://badby-pc.gov.uk/job-vacancy-parish-clerk/>) or from Chairman Steve Chandler at 7 The Glebe. The closing date for applications is noon on Thursday 9 May.

VILLAGE HALL AGM

Badby Village Hall AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 24 June. Ken Morris will be retiring as Chairman after nine years in the post. If you are interested in standing for the position, please contact Ken (879884), Peter Cooper (Treasurer, 703292) or Zelda Shapter (Minutes Secretary, 872118).

BADBY AND FAWSLEY WI

A "Taste of India" will be coming to Badby Village Hall on Thursday 9 May! We will be learning about authentic Indian cuisine from Anita Chipalkatty who will also show us how to make an authentic dish and will provide us with some delicious samples. Female visitors to this modern, lively WI are always welcome. If you would like to come along for a free taster session please contact Jan Cooper via email at jancooper2012@me.com or phone Moira Cooper on 01327 703292.

NEWNHAM

Correspondent - Ellen Henning
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INTERREGNUM

See the item "Interregnum Services" on page 3.

REMEMBERING PAT LAWRENCE

Pat passed away peacefully in the early hours of Thursday 11th April, with Jeff and their three daughters by her side.

Pat was born on 28th October 1942, and grew up in Llaneli, South Wales.. In 1973, she married Jeff, and together they moved to their first home, the recently built 19, Bradbury Road, Newnham.

Soon after moving in, Pat joined the village WI and remained a member throughout her life, serving as Secretary on the committee for many years, and often to be found running the raffles with a friend.

Pat and Jeff raised their daughters, Jessica, Nicola and Emma, with Pat also helping run the village playgroup whilst the younger girls were small, at the home of Mary Cox (now Mr and Mrs Harper's house on School Hill).

In 1986, the family moved around the corner and across the road to The Conifers on West Brook.

Pat had a beautiful voice and enjoyed singing all her life. She was a founder member of the Daventry Choral Society, and latterly sang with both the Watling and Heyford Singers.

Always an active member of the village church community Pat contributed wherever she could, serving on the PCC, as the Parish synod representative and singing in the church choir.

Around the village Pat's warmth, and soft Welsh lilt put everyone at ease and made them feel welcome. Pat was a loyal, caring friend, a wonderful much-loved Mum and Grandma, and a devoted loving wife to Jeff. They recently celebrated fifty years of marriage - fantastic role models to us, their family and friends.

Pat was a Christian lady, living her life kindly, always caring for others. In the bible, John 14 v 2, Jesus promises us 'In my Father's house are many mansions...I go to prepare a place for you.' Those

who share Pat's mansion will indeed feel truly blessed.

A very special lady, now at peace, always remembered and much missed here in Newnham.

HC

MARCH AT NEWNHAM CHURCH

Sunday 3rd. There was a Holy Communion service followed by refreshments.

Friday 8th Bingo in the Village Hall. This was very successful and is an important fund raiser for the church.

Monday 11th PCC meeting was held. The PCC said good bye to Rev. Malcolm Ingham and wished him well in his new Parishes.

Tuesday 19th. The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Church, at this meeting churchwardens and members of the PCC are voted for. Churchwarden Mary Wood, PCC members Janet Rees (secretary) Nick Beer, Andrew Banks, Ivy Cooke and Christine Wright. Jim Wood said he was willing to remain as treasurer.

Monday 25th. Compline was held at 7.00pm The week before Easter is known as Holy Week and there was a service in all the Benefice Churches during this week.

Sunday 31st. Easter Day Holy Communion service was held at 9.15am and was attended by 22 people. At this service, new cruets, to hold the water and wine for Communion were blessed. These were a gift from the Pierpoint family in memory of Les Pierpoint who was churchwarden and server at Newnham Church for many years.

Please remember that the church is open every day, and all very welcome to go in.

BRASS BAND CONCERT

Daventry Brass Band are playing at Newnham Church on Friday 7th. June at 7.30pm. The concert with a break for refreshments will last approximately 2 hours. The band will play light music, with some film music as well as well known proms music.

Tickets cost is £10. These are available from Mary Wood 872670, Janet Rees 705394 and Nick Beer 07544 398463. You can pay at the door, but it helps, if we have an idea of how many are attending. We do hope you can come and enjoy an evening of light music.

LIVE MUSIC NIGHT

After a hugely popular night in 2023 Newnham Village Hall are pleased to host the return of local band Eclectic Remix on the 18th May. Doors open 7pm for 8pm start. Bar and bar snacks available. Tickets £8 from Jo 07540 405290 or Sally 07703 624835

NEWNHAM GARDENS OPEN FOR NGS Sunday 26 May, 11 -5pm

We're back and looking forward to sharing our gardens with you again on Sunday 26 May. Please come along to our lovely village this Bank Holiday weekend and help us support the National Garden Scheme charities which include essential health & care charities such as Marie Curie, Macmillan, Parkinson's UK and many others.

Five smashing gardens opening, including a NEW one to NGS this year, our ever-popular plant sale, cracking light lunches & scrummy teas and a special glass & ceramic art exhibition in the church.

Entrance to all gardens and exhibition is still only £6 per head with children under 12 free; all catering proceeds go to our village church. What better way to spend an afternoon at this lovely time of year! Hoping to see you here very soon....

NEWNHAM 200 CLUB

The winners for the April draw are as follows:-
£50 prize - Mrs J Simpson No 45
£25 prize - Mrs M Price No 175
£25 prize - Mrs B Nelligan No 101

BUILD A BEACON FOR D-DAY 80.

Newnham will once again light a Beacon on Newnham hill on 6th. June as part of the national beacon commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. A free taxi service from the village will again be provided for those who cannot make the climb. Spectators welcome from 8pm with the bonfire lit at 9.15pm. Please help us build the bonfire! If you have wood to burn or can help with construction please contact Judith on 07767 494867

NEWNHAM WI

Newnham WI will be meeting in the Village Hall on

16th May at 7.30pm. This evening we will be enjoying a talk to be given by Fleur Capelle on keeping and showing poultry, something that will be quite new to many of us. This is one of the many up and coming interesting talks we have in our programme this year.

If you would like to join us for the evening you will be very welcome. There is a small admission fee of £3.00 which as well as the talk will entitle you to refreshments. Please check out Newnham WI's Facebook page for further details or contact our President Sophie on 07711 123981 or Liz on 01327 704063.



CHARWELTON

Correspondent - David Pound
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	Reader/Sidesman	Flowers
5 May	Graham White	
26 May	Meryl Nicholls	Marina Wyatt

Chapel cleaning	
May	Fiona Spemcer
June	Graham White

INTERREGNUM

See the item "Interregnum Services" on page 3.

EASTER FLOWERS

What an amazing display of flowers in the church over Easter! Once again, the flower arrangers worked their magic and transformed the church into a stunning display of spring colours. The occasion also provided an opportunity for the arrangers to use the new window flower troughs. The old rusty ones had been patched and plugged many times in an attempt to stop them leaking but there's only so much you can do. We were all very pleased with the replacements, made by John North Fabrications. It was good to welcome about 80 people (not to mention 10 dogs) on Sunday and Monday afternoon. There are evidently some hardy types in Charwelton because the weather on Sunday was cold, wet and windy but still they came. Fortunately we were able to offer a warm drink and a bit of Graham White's Lenten cake — thank you to Graham and to the Tea Urn Team! It is clear that there are people beyond

the immediate Charwelton community who recognise Holy Trinity for the little gem it is. So thank you to all those who, throughout the year, keep the church clean and decorated, and tend to the churchyard.

WE RECEIVED THIS LETTER AFTER EASTER

“On Easter Sunday, my boyfriend and I visited one of our favourite churches, Holy Trinity at Church Charwelton to see the Easter flowers. It was, as usual really lovely and once again we were made so welcome by some familiar faces we had got to know from attending the Harvest Festival event last year, (where the church had once again been decorated beautifully with traditional displays).

We just wanted to express our appreciation and thanks to all those who volunteer to ensure that these lovely events can take place. I took some super photographs of the memorial brasses which are usually covered up and my boyfriend Andy had a go at bellringing - under the excellent tutelage of Graham White.

We picked up a handmade cross which had a little heart, message and Easter egg attached to it on our way out and it really finished off a very special afternoon. Thank you to whoever took the time to make these. What a thoughtful gesture. Whenever we look at it we shall think of our afternoon.

Finally, we visited the chapel as we walked back. What came across was the love, pride and care that people clearly feel for such buildings in the village - both the church and the little chapel.”

Thank you so much to our visitor for writing.

APCM – CHANGE OF DATE

Please note the change of date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, originally planned for the 8th May. It has now been rearranged for Wednesday 15th May at 7.30 in the chapel. The change of date will allow those who wish to attend the installation of the Revd Malcolm Ingham into his new Benefice at St Margaret’s, Wolston, on 8th May at 7.30.

ELECTORAL ROLL

If anyone wishes to be added to the Parish Electoral Roll please: contact Penny Cory (PCC Secretary)

pennycory@yahoo.co.uk by Monday 29th April.

CHARWELTON MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This year’s Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 21st September! Get the date in your diaries and keep your eyes peeled for more details in The Link and on Facebook. If you have any questions please contact Verity on verity.spencer@outlook.com.

WHIST DRIVE

The Charwelton village hall whist drive is on Monday, 20th May at 7.30pm.



FAWSLEY

Correspondent - Vacant

INTERREGNUM

See the item “Interregnum Services” on page 3.

ANNUAL VESTRY AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

These will take place on 20th May at 2:00pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend but only members on the Church Electoral Roll can vote. Applications to be added to the Roll can be obtained from Robin Baker.



PRESTON CAPES

Correspondent - Claire Hoare
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	Reader	Sidesman	Cleaning/ Flowers
28 APRIL	Gerard Hoare	Peter Smith	Pauline Clarke & Maureen Franks
12 May	Kevin Smith	Anabel Lewis-Bowen	
26 May	Mireya Weaver	Peter Smith	Sheila Bull

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY
Saturday 27th April

There is to be a Spring working party in the churchyard. 9.30 to 11.30. Refreshments provided.

Please come along. All most welcome! Bring your own favourite tools.

INTERREGNUM

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EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to all who decorated the church for Easter. It looked really beautiful with all the spring flowers.

PERFECT PLANT SALE AND COFFEE MORNING Monday 13th May 10.00 - 13.00

At Old West Farm, Little Preston NN11 3TF
Any specific plants such as Cosmos can be ordered now. Also taking orders for cakes.
Coffee and Biscuits; Interesting and unusual plants; Raffle; Cakes; Jams and Marmalade.
Card payment available
caghoare@gmail.com or ring 361263
Raising much needed funds for Preston Capes Church

CHURCHYARD MOWING ROTA

Always looking for new volunteers, please contact Gerard Hoare 361570 or gerardjhoare@gmail.com

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

This month's meeting takes place at the village hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 28th May. Our speaker will be Fay Tennet, who will be giving a talk on wild swimming.

Guests and prospective members are always welcome to attend. We make a charge of £5.00 to cover refreshments and expenses – please let our secretary know if you would like to come along by emailing PennyEves@aol.com or phoning 361656.



DIARY

This diary records the proposed dates of any benefice, parish or village events. We hope that this will help those planning such events to know what else is going on and therefore be able to avoid any unhelpful clashes of dates.

If you know, or become aware, of events which ought to be recorded please let David Pound, or your village Link correspondent, know.

Events known about so far are:

May

- 1 Charwelton PCC
- 5/6 Badby Bluebell teas
- 7 Newnham PCC
- 8 Electrical testing in Badby Church
- 9 Badby & Fawsley WI
- 11 Film Soc. opera
- 11 PC Murder & Mystery evening
- 13 Preston Capes Plant Sale and Coffee Morning
- 15 Charwelton APCM
- 16 Newnham WI
- 18 Newnham Live Music Night
- 19 Badby NGS Open Gardens
- 20 Charwelton Whist
- 24 PC VH Coffee Morning
- 26 Newnham NGS Open Gardens
- 28 Badby PCC and APCM
- 31 Film Soc.

June

- 6 Newnham D-Day 80 Beacon
- 7 Newnham, Daventry Brass Concert
- 15 District bell ringers at Badby
- 24 Badby VH AGM
- 28 PC VH Coffee Morning
- 30 Charwelton Open Gardens

July

- 2 Newnham PCC
- 3 Charwelton PCC
- 13 Newnham Music on the Green
- 26 PC VH Coffee Morning
- 30 Badby PCC

August

- 23 PC VH Coffee Morning

September

- 3 Newnham PCC
- 4 Charwelton PCC
- 8 Badby Scarecrow Festival +
- 21 District bellringers at Newnham
- 21 Charwelton Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 24 Badby PCC
- 27 PC VH Coffee Morning

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Solution No. 90

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Pots & Plans: what to do in your garden this May

Philip Turvil, Garden designer in Badby.

Gardens change quickly in May with new growth and new plants. Below are my go-to priorities for this month.

Tough love

Many indoor-grown plants come outside in May, but need toughening up first.

Plants don't like moving from a warm cosy windowsill, greenhouse, or garden centre. So it's important to acclimatise your plants to outdoor chills. Moving plants too fast is stressful and can stop growth.

Acclimatise your plants by moving them outside during the day and back indoors at night. Ideally for two weeks.

Or if this isn't practical, you can 'harden-off' plants by opening nearby windows during the day. Or by moving plants outside, but then covering and uncovering plants with horticultural fleece, side-opening tunnel cloches, or a 'cold frame'.

This approach works well for summer bedding plants, tomatoes, courgettes, dahlias, and other frost-sensitive plants.

Watch your plants for signs that the change in growing conditions is too sudden and causing damage, such as yellowing leaves, wilting, browning of leaf margins, and slow (if any) growth.

Service containers

There's one... and another. Now's the time to roundup your garden containers to refresh them before new planting.

Many people have a collection of semi-permanent containers made from terracotta, plastic, stone, or wood. All benefit from a reset to keep long-term plants happy and prepare containers for summer bedding flowers.

Start with repairs or replacements. Then check your drainage holes are clear (and you have enough - at least five per square foot). Adding little feet helps drainage.

- For containers with permanent plants -remove weeds and replace the top 1-2 inches of compost with new peat-free multi-purpose compost.
- For containers with no existing plants - if they were filled with 100% compost last year, the refill with a 50:50 blend of topsoil and peat-free multi-purpose compost (or buy a pre-mix from a garden centre). If your containers already have a soil/compost blend, replace the first 1-2 inches and mix in.

Life is better shared

Like us, plants like company. While too much company is unwelcome, from nosy weeds for example, the right company will improve your plant health.

Many pests and diseases find it harder to take over when there's a diversity of plants and their related wildlife (and soil-life). So it's worth mixing up plants to avoid large monocultures.

One easy way to boost biodiversity is to grow annual flowers between fruit and veg. The flowers will tempt beneficial ladybirds, lacewings, and hoverflies, as well as 'parasitoids'. Simple-shaped flowers work the best.

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