Prayer List

Those in Residential and Nursing Home Care: Doreen Purnell, Mim Smith and Mrs Pike.

Those at home or being cared for in hospital or at home

From Hullavington we pray for Mike & Annette Gregory, Jebbie Hewitt, Eileen Fry, Lis Cheshire and Jan Lane.

From Luckington we pray for Lynne Simpkins, Kate Vittle and Rachel Simpkins

From Sherston we pray for Shane Housden, Leanne and Ena.

From Stanton St Quintin we pray for Liz Cullen, Chris Vines, Ruth Plowright and Gwen Hale.

We also pray for Indie with heart issues, Bridgette, Jennifer, Paige, Colby and his family.

Those who have died

We pray for David Cheshire and Madeleine Irvine (Norton), their family and friends and all families as they mourn.

Baptism and Weddings

We pray for those who are preparing for marriage over the next few months that they will be filled with love and joy. Also, those who are preparing for baptism, their family and friends, parents, God parents.

We pray for all those recently baptised and confirmed.

Please pray for our four schools in the Gauzebrook group

Please contact someone from the Ministry team if you would like to be placed on the prayer list.

News

This week's Sunday Services, 16th August

9.30am**, Holy Communion,** Sherston
9.30am**, Morning Praise,** Stanton St Quintin
11.00am, **Holy Communion,** Hullavington
11.00am, **Worship Together,** Luckington

Next week's Sunday Services, 23rd August

9.30am**, Holy Communion,** Sherston
9.30am**, Celtic Holy Communion,** Stanton St Quintin
11.00am, **Morning Praise**, Norton
11.00am, **Worship Together,** Hullavington

The Gauzebrook Group of Churches

LOVING GOD, LOVING NEIGHBOUR

16th August 2026

Welcome to the Gazette!

Joy, thankfulness, rejoicing, celebration, cheering. None of these can be performed in silence! What is your immediate response to good news, is it to clap, cheer, smile? We make a positive physical and emotional response to good news. So as the people of God, let us let rip with *Praise and Thanksgiving for all the good of the world around us*. We profess to have seen the light, to have the light shine upon us, to be shaped by God. As Christians we have been set free to live for the praise of God.

Please take the opportunity to read Psalm 67 - the appointed psalm for this Sunday. It begins with the cry to God that he will be gracious to us and bless us, and "*make his face shine upon us*". What a joyful image, that the face of God, the peace and well being that flow from the face of God can flow through us too.

Many of you will know the beautiful hymn written by John Rutter, "The Lord Bless you and keep you", This text comes directly from the Bible, specifically Numbers 6: 24-26. The passage is known as the Priestly Blessing, used for centuries in religious ceremonies to summon favour and protection. It is this blessing that God gives to the nations, his "saving power". It is an abundant blessing for the whole earth and it brings with it an abundance of joy.

"Let the peoples praise you O God;
Let all the peoples praise you."
(Refrain for Psalm 67)

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Readings

Isaiah 56.1, 6–8

Thus says the Lord:
  Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
  and my deliverance be revealed.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
  to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
  and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
  and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
  and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
  will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
  for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord God,
  who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
  besides those already gathered.

Psalm 67

God be gracious to us and bless us
  and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth,
  your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
  let all the peoples praise you.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
  for you will judge the peoples righteously
    and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
  let all the peoples praise you.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
  and God, our own God, will bless us.
God will bless us, ♦
  and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Romans 11.1–2a, 29–32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15. [10–20] 21–28

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, ‘Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.’ Then the disciples approached and said to him, ‘Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?’ He answered, ‘Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.’ But Peter said to him, ‘Explain this parable to us.’ Then he said, ‘Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.’
Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting,

‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

What’s on this week?

Monday	**2.00-3.30pm**	**Bible Study at the home of Marjorie Morgan, 3 Bouverie Park SSQ; returning on 7th September**
	7.30pm -9pm	**Bible Study in SSQ at the home of Nick and Hilary Greene; being refreshed and returning in the Autumn**
Tuesday	**2.00pm-3.30pm**	**Luckington Bible Study, at the Old Ship Luckington from will resume on 1st September 2026. To join please contact: Helen.m.daviesllm@gmail.com**
	2.00pm-3.30pm	**Sherston Bible Study in the Vestry; meeting every other Tuesday will resume on 1st September To join please contact: Helen.m.daviesllm@gmail.com**
Thursday	**10am – 12noon**	**Holy Cross Café @ Sherston**
	2pm – 4pm	**Coffee Shop @ Stanton St Quintin**
Friday	**10am – 12noon**	**Coffee Shop @ Hullavington**
	9am – 11am	**A new Stay and Play @ Hullavington Church, for preschool children and their carers is launching during term time from September 11th, replacing Little Lights.**
Sunday	**3.00 – 5.00 PM**	**Messy Church is back, first Sundays, @St Mary’s Church, Hullavington from September. If you enjoy crafting, singing, worshipping and eating this is for you whatever your age. Sunday 6th September – New Beginnings Sunday 4th October - Harvest Sunday 1st November - Light Sunday 6th December - Advent. For more information contact Tracey Parsons 07515 751451**