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 Estelle Lacey (Sherston), Les Purvis (Sherston), David Cheshire (Hullavington)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, 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

Next week's Sunday Services, 30th August

10.00 am**, Pilgrim Service,** Luckington
6.00 pm**, Evening Prayers**, Hullavington

The Gauzebrook Group of Churches

LOVING GOD, LOVING NEIGHBOUR

23rd August 2026

Welcome to the Gazette!



The sun has certainly shone for us over the few weeks of the summer holiday time. Whether you have been away or stayed at home, we hope that you have had a really lovely August and managed a time of relaxation, even though at times the sun has been a little too enthusiastic!

As we look forward to the Autumn weeks in the Gauzebrook Group, there are lots of things happening, and this includes opportunities to meet up to explore our faith in friendly house groups. A big welcome to all coming back after the August break and to anyone trying it out.

Please pray about, and support by inviting anyone you may know who would be interested, the return of Messy Church once a month on Sunday afternoons. Our young people are so very important to us.

We look forward to Harvest Services and meals, and of course our weekly Sunday services. It is nice to have a quiet month, but I get excited about a new season and what God will say to us about living our lives in His service, loving and respecting each other, working hard with a heart full of devotion, joy and patience.

May the sun of God's love continue to shine on us as we return refreshed and ready to go, full of energy and love, all through the coming months of autumn.

Marjorie Morgasn – Lay Minister

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Associate Priest Revd Susan Harvey, susan@gauzebrook.org 01666 840696 (rest day: Tuesday)
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Readings

Isaiah 51.1–6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.
In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.
The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

Romans 12.1–8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.
For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in

Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16.13–20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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	**10.00am-11.30am**	**New for September a weekly, morning group for Sherston Bible Study in the church, meeting every Tuesday (from the 1st September). If you are curious about Faith, The Bible, or Spirituality, please join us. To join please contact: Helen.m.daviesllm@gmail.com**
	12.30 pm	**Luckington Bible Study re-launches on 1st September, with lunch at the Old Ship.**
	2.00pm-3.30pm	**Luckington Bible Study resumes on 8th September 2026 at the Old Ship, Luckington. 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**