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Services for May

Sunday 1st May	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Parish Eucharist
	5.30 pm	Spring Festival Evening Service
Wednesday 4th May	8 am	Holy Communion (<i>English Saints & Martyrs</i>)
Thursday 5th May	8 am	Holy Communion
Ascension Day	7.30 pm	Deanery Eucharist (<i>Minchinhampton Parish Church - concelebrated by all the Deanery clergy - Everyone welcome - Bring-and-share finger buffet</i>)
Sunday 8th May	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Parish Eucharist (Methodist led)
Wednesday 11th May	8 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th May Pentecost	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Family Service
Wednesday 18th May	8 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd May Trinity Sunday	8 am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10 am	Parish Eucharist
	5.30 pm	Celtic Service
Wednesday 25th May	8 am	Holy Communion (<i>Augustine of Canterbury</i>)
Thursday 26th May	8 am	Holy Communion (<i>Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion - Corpus Christi</i>)
Sunday 29th May	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Parish Eucharist using the Liturgy of the Church of South India. Revd Graham Osborne, vicar of St Catherine's, Gloucester will be preaching on his visit to our link dioceses of Dornakal and Karnataka Central)
Tuesday 31st May	8 am	Holy Communion (<i>Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</i>)
Wednesday 1st June	8 am	Holy Communion

*Julian Group (Silent Prayer) from Friday, 9.30 am - 10 am
in the Littleworth New Room – Everyone welcome*

*'Common Worship' Morning Prayer every weekday at 8 am.
'Common Worship' Evening Prayer every Thursday 5.30 pm.
Both in Holy Trinity Church – Everyone welcome*

The Curate's Letter

Dear Friends,

This year we will be celebrating Ascension Day on 5th May. Wonderful for us because we know the disciples have only 10 days left to wait until Pentecost, when the gift of the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus, will come and transform their lives. But at the time, the disciples must have experienced Jesus' departing from their lives as painful and very sad. They had let him go once on the cross, only to be filled with joy at his return on Easter Day – and now they had to go through the process of loss all over again.

Letting go is never easy – even when there is a bright future to be looked forward to. I'm writing this as I struggle to go through the bookshelves yet again, to make up a bag of books for the Parish Rooms Book Sale. Even though I know that I will never read them again, I want to hold onto them, keep them safely in my possession. But I also know that there is a double benefit in letting them go: others will be able to enjoy them – and I will have a little more room to add a few new treasures to the shelves.

Spring cleaning is a mixed blessing – it's wonderful to clear out accumulated rubbish from house and garden, but painful to let go of old treasures, even when outgrown. Holding on to the past, can be a real stumbling block to accepting the future. We are often so fearful of who we will be without our things. Our identity is so closely entwined with what we have and the roles we take on through life. Yet we can't have a fresh start, without letting go – we burden ourselves with the things we love.

Like the disciples letting Jesus go on Ascension Day, there may be the promise of a future, but there is no guarantee. Each letting go becomes an act of faith.

We move through life letting go – school and friends for adult responsibilities; children so that they can become independent adults; beloved pets; jobs – and as age creeps on perhaps homes, health and hobbies. The worst loss must be memory, because while we remember with love, we still possess all we treasure. Life is a series of acquisitions and relinquishings. And it is so hard. Often it seems impossible to see anything positive ahead, but each stage does offer new opportunities if our eyes are willing to look ahead, and not remain fixedly behind us. One of the greatest gifts we have to offer in later life is graciously allowing others the opportunity to help us – be at the receiving end of care. And when action is difficult, there is more time for prayer, the luxury of spending time with God.

Most of us are not like the rich young man who asked Jesus what he should do to attain eternal life. "Sell all your possessions and follow me!" Jesus challenged. Few of us are called to give up everything all at once – but little by little, so there will be space in our lives for new experiences, new challenges, and new priorities.

During May, Pam will be spending her last month carrying out her responsibilities as a Reader in our Parish – and in June we will have to let her go. We will

miss her, especially her preaching and prayers, which have enriched our worshipping life together. We would like to hold on to her, but instead of dwelling on the past, we look to the future and the double benefit that can only happen if we let her go: her new parish in Leominster will have the benefit of Pam's ministry, a ministry that you have all encouraged and shaped as she trained first as a Reader and then as an Ordinand. She is, in this sense, our gift to the people she will go out to serve for the rest of her life.

The second benefit seems a mixed blessing. Just like my cleared out bookshelves, we have room for the new. If lay and ordained ministers remained indefinitely, there would be no impetus for others to hear and accept God's call. A void always needs filling – and in Amberley volunteers always seem to come forward to fulfil a need. We need one, two, three or more to consider if they might be called to this sort of ministry. As we let Pam go, please consider whether it “could be you”? We have a great need – is the time right?

Have a joyous Ascensiontide and a Spirit filled Pentecost,

Ann Morris

Parish Quiet Day

Saturday 21st May – 10 am to 3 pm

**The Rectory – House and Garden
(The church and common if you wish to walk)**

Led by Roger Bayliss

Bring and Share Lunch

Take the time to renew your spirit in silence, enjoying the beauty of our place.

Please sign the list at the back of the church

'We Remember' Service

On Sunday 26th June at 5.30pm there will be another special 'We Remember' Service at Holy Trinity Church in Amberley. It will be a service for those who have lost loved ones over the years, and there will be an opportunity to remember them and rejoice in their memory.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and we sincerely hope that you will be able to be with us.

(The Rector will be sending a personal invitation to relatives of those who have died in the past three years and in whose funerals either he, Revd Ann Morris or Mrs Anne Seymour has had an involvement.)

Young People's Diary

Quest dates (6.45 - 8 pm): 15th May, 19th June

Youth Group dates:

Junior (6.30 – 8pm): 9th May, 23rd May, 13th June, 27th June,
11th July (joint end of term party)

Senior (7 – 8.30pm): 16th May, 6th June, 20th June, 4th July,
11th July (joint end of term party)

Sunday Club :

1st May	Sue Partridge and Betty Lane
8th May	John and Alice Gilbert
22nd May	Claire Wilkins and Vanessa Owen
29th May	John and Alice Gilbert with Camilla Ballentyne

Westonbirt Classical Concert

Unlike for the last few years, please note that we shall **not** be organising a parish outing to this year's Westonbirt firework concert on Saturday, 30th July. Therefore if you wish to obtain tickets for this event you will need to ring the Forest Tours Box Office on 01842 814612. We apologise for any inconvenience our decision will cause.

The Social Committee

Lifts to Church

And for Doctors' or Hospital Appointments

Do you have difficulty in travelling to Church on a Sunday morning, or travelling to attend doctors' or hospital appointments? If you do, or if you know anyone else in this position, on behalf of the Pastoral Care Team Mrs Gill Millwood has kindly undertaken to act as the person to contact. She will make the necessary arrangements for someone to call for you and give you a lift to the service you would like to attend.

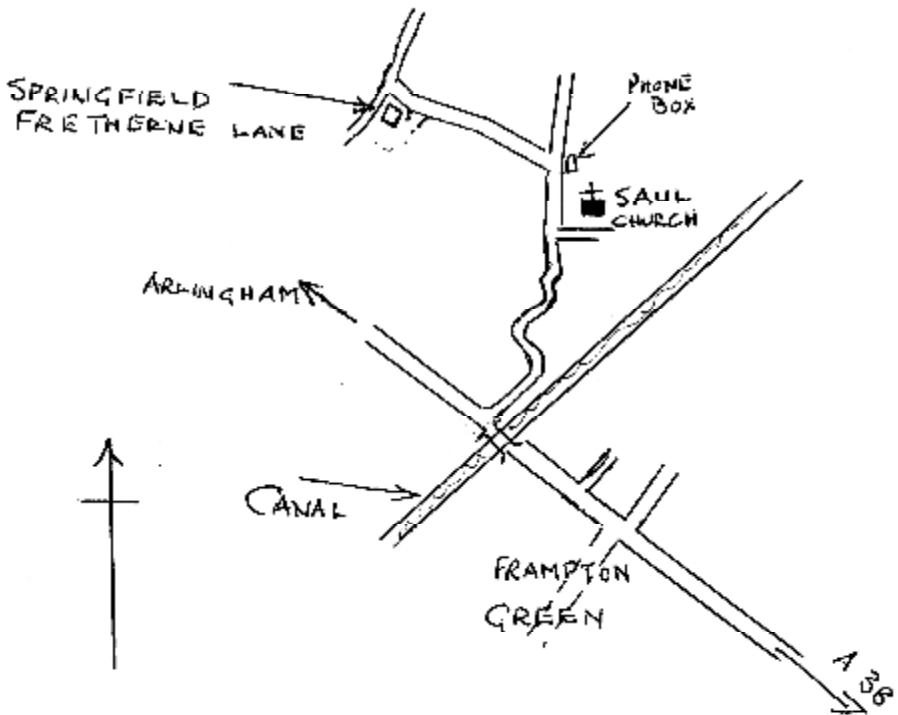
Also, we would greatly appreciate knowing of volunteers willing to help with this service, who would be prepared for Gill to contact them in the event of a request being received.

Gill can be reached on 01453 873546.

Parish Walk

The Church Social Committee has arranged for the Parish Walk to be on Sunday 15th May setting out at 2.00pm. It is a flat walk by the River Severn, though towards the end those who wish may climb a 60 metre hill from which views go from the Severn Bridge to the Malverns, and from the Forest of Dean to the Cotswold escarpment. It is about 7km long without the climb up Barrow Hill, and there are potential short cuts. The start is from the home of the daughter of Ann and Paul Haslam. It is at most half an hours drive from Amberley. If you wish to share transport, we shall be leaving from outside Amberley Church at 1.30 pm sharp. Please put this date in your diary for this pleasant walk.

Grid reference 743098 - A map is given below:



ACC AGM

A copy of the Minutes of this year's ACC AGM has been put on the notice-board at the back of the Church for all to read.

Confirmation 2005

Because of a clash between an Amberley School residential weekend and the date of the Deanery Confirmation Service in May, as advertised in last month's magazine, our candidates will now be confirmed in Gloucester Cathedral on Saturday June 4th at 4.30pm.

Our candidates are:

John Gilbert
Sheryll Goddard
Emily McCollum
Edward McCollum
Harry Saunders
Alistair Sinfield

Please hold these young people in your prayers.

Mike Tucker

150 Club

The following were winners in an extended April 2005 draw

£100 Mrs M Procter
£ 50 Mr D Field
£ 25 Mrs M Hood
£ 25 Mr & Mrs C Partridge

Christian Aid is (Coming Up To) 60!

A date for your diary – Thursday 16th June at 7.30pm in Gloucester Cathedral
- a service to mark the 60th anniversary of the founding of Christian Aid.
Bishop Michael will be preaching.

Parish Outing to Lacock

Our parish outing this year, on Thursday 16th June, is to Lacock Abbey. We shall be meeting in the car park opposite the Abbey entrance at 10.45am. We will spend the time between 11am and 12.45pm in the Fox Talbot Museum, then have lunch together in the George Hotel, and return to the Abbey and its gardens which are open from 1pm till 5.30pm.

The Fox Talbot Photographic Museum commemorates the achievements of a former resident of the Abbey, William Henry Fox Talbot (1800–77), inventor of the negative/positive photographic process and whose descendants gave the Abbey and village to the Trust in 1944. It is fascinating and well worth seeing.

The entrance charge is £7.40 for adults unless you are a member of the National Trust, when of course it is free. So that we know who to expect, and can let the hotel know numbers for lunch, please add your name to the list at the back of the church if you intend to be joining us on this very interesting and enjoyable day.

The Social Committee

Thank You ..

During the quite long convalescence following my operation, my recovery was brightened in the kindness shown by our many friends who visited me, lent me talking books and brought flowers. Also for the many cards and telephone calls, we would like to offer a sincere and heartfelt thanks.

Di and Mike Bullock

Thank You

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Maureen and Terry Finney would like to thank everyone for their very kind wishes, cards and gifts (presents were NOT to be given) during the recent celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your cards, visits and above all your prayers for me during the last few weeks. Thank you also to Rosemary Lea for taking over my magazine round and to Pam Cox for collecting money for me.

I am now on the road to recovery and hope to be home soon.

Ruth Westover.

Forgotten Voices

Two active members of the Amberley branch of the Royal British Legion, Peter Mason and Douglas Drake, are recorded on the recently published audio book *Forgotten Voices of the Second World War*.

This book has been published by Random House Audio and produced and directed by Michael Carrington Wood of Westwood Sound based in Stroud at D.B. Studios. The Project Editor and writer of the continuity script is another local man, Philip Evans of Coopers Hill, Brockworth. In case it may appear that this is just a local book, this record of World War 2 follows *Forgotten Voices of the Great War* that won the coveted Spoken Word Award for the Best Audio of 2004 and produced by the same team.

The price of the complete book is £36 but for those only interested in the local connection may be able to buy Part 2 dealing with War in the Mediterranean from any major book shop or on the internet.

J.V. Smith.

Open Gardens

Important Advance Notice - for your diaries!

Open Gardens in and around Amberley - Sunday, 19th June, 2005.

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Full details in June magazine.

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We shall be working at the following times:-

May 9th 2 pm to 4 pm

May 23rd 2 pm to 4 pm

June 6th 2 pm to 4 pm



MAY

Items in *italics* are covered more fully in other sections of the magazine
PR means the Parish Room and LH means Littleworth Hall

Date		Start	End	Location
5 May	<i>Deanery Eucharist</i>	19.30	-	Minch
7 May	<i>Nearly New Sale</i>	10.00	12.00	PR
9 May	Churchyard	14:00	16:00	Churchyard
9 May	<i>Youth Group</i>	18:30	-	PR
15 May	<i>Parish Walk</i>	14.00	-	Saul
15 May	<i>Quest</i>	18.45	-	Rectory
16 May	<i>Youth Group</i>	19:00	-	PR
17 May	WI Meeting	14.30		PR
21 May	<i>Quiet Day</i>	10.00	15.00	Rectory
23 May	Churchyard	14:00	16:00	Churchyard
23 May	<i>Youth Group</i>	18:30	-	PR

Don't Forget - as explained in an earlier magazine, **YOU** can add items to the events list on the Amberley web site. Contact Steve Goodwin if you can't remember how!

Magazine Team

Is there anyone who would help with the printing of the magazine? Even if you have not used our Duplicator it is not complicated and instruction could be given. It would be a great help if we had an additional helper with this part of the production of the magazine. Please contact me on 872230 if you would be interested.
Margaret Gardner

Woodchester Priory Services

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Mass Sunday, 10.30 a.m.

Sunday 19th June 2005

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Amberley's Farewell to the Sanders

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We shall be presenting Pam with a farewell gift from Holy Trinity Church at the 10am service on the previous Sunday, 26th June. After the service, from 12 noon, we shall be holding a barbecue in the Rectory garden (or in the Parish Room if wet) to which all are invited. If you wish to be with us at the barbecue, to bid farewell to Mark and Pam and their family after many years of service to the village, please add your name to the other list at the back of the church, to give us an indication of the numbers we need to cater for.

Mike Tucker



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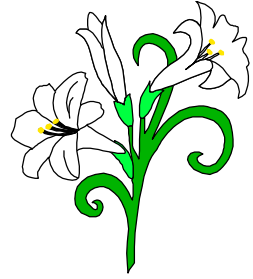
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Flower Rota

May 7	Sue Pugh
May 14	Margaret Gardner
May 21	Barbara Poulton
May 28	Maureen Stewart
June 4	Wedding



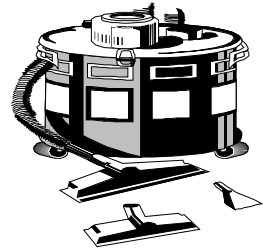
Coffee Rota

May 1	Ken and Peggy Bailey
May 8	Ron and Ivy Corry
May 15	MU
May 22	Joyce Newton and Jill Murray-Smith
May 29	Betty Lane and Margaret Gardner
June 5	Alice Adams and Helen Stillwell



Church Cleaning Teams

May 2	Sue Pugh
May 9	Anne Shepherd
May 16	Alison Bell
May 23	Ann Haslam
May 30	Margaret Gardner
June 6	Mary Meadows



MAGAZINE

All copy and articles for the magazine should be left at the back of the Church by the 16th of the month or emailed to Margaret@msgardner.fsnet.co.uk

The magazine was produced this month by Anne Shepherd, Pat Woods and Jill Murray-Smith

If you would like to help with any duties, please contact Margaret Gardner for magazine (872230) , Ann Haslam for church services (873632) , Ruth West-over for flowers (872218) , Mary Meadows for church cleaning (872347) , and Peggy Bailey for after-service coffee (873709) .

The Parish Church of the Holy Trinity, Amberley

Amberley Churches Together

Rector	Revd Canon Dr Mike Tucker	878515
Methodist Minister	Revd Roger Bayliss	752296
Curate	Revd Ann Morris	872587
Churchwardens	Mrs Sarah Goodwin	873381
	Mr Tim Adkin	762491
Readers	Mrs Anne Seymour	873272
	Mrs Pam Sanders	
Verger	Mrs Cynthia Cooke	872602
Director of Music	Mr Steve Goodwin	873381
Head Server	Mrs Jan Howard	872689
Stewards	Mrs Di Rowe	873497
	Mrs Betty Lane	872416
ACC: Secretary	Mrs Pat Woods	872652
Treasurer	Mr Harry Davie	872787
Chairman	Mr John Gilbert	836275
Vice Chairman	Mrs Sue Pugh	872551
	Mr Danek Piechowiak	882379
	Mrs Sue Lauzier	882379
	Dr Alistair Smith	762513
	Mrs Elizabeth Haughton	872496
	Mrs Deborah Patient	872546
Deanery Synod Reps	Mrs Sandra Tucker	878515
	Mrs Anne Seymour	873272
	Mr Michael Bullock	01452 771282
Planned Giving Secretary	Mrs Sarah Goodwin	873381
Social Committee Secretary	Mrs Jane Peters	762591
Church Grounds Comm Chmn	Mrs Margaret Gardner	872230
Sunday Club	Mrs Clare Wilkins	835864
Youth Group	Mrs Sue Partridge	873141
Quest	Mrs Sue Pugh	872551
Parish Magazine Editor	Mrs Margaret Gardner	872230
Advert Secretary	Mrs Betty Lane	872416
Church Flower Rota	Mrs Ruth Westover	872218
Friday Cuppa	Mrs Ann Haslam	873632
MU Secretary	Mrs Pat Woods	872652

Village Organisations

Amberley Parochial School	873349
Head Teacher - Jo Woolley	
Amberley Playgroup - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9.30-12.15	
Play Leader - Fiona Ellen	832379
Toddlers Group - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.45-11.45 am	
Leader - Fiona Ellen	832379
Royal British Legion - Joint Men & Women's Branch	
Second Tuesday of even months at 7.30 pm at the Old Lodge	
Chairman - Brian Preston	833360
Women's Institute	
Third Tuesday in each month at 2.30 pm in the Parish Rooms	
Mrs Joyce Newton	885324
Littleworth Hall	
Booking Secretary - Mrs Di Rowe	873497
Parish Room Management Committee	
Letting Secretary - Mrs Cynthia Cooke	872602
Highlands Cottage Charity	
Secretary	873272
The Drake Scout HQ - Culver Hill	
Group Scout Leader - Mr Bob Lawson	835079
Scouts - Fridays 7-9 pm	
Leader - Mr. Dave Middlemiss	840003
Cub Scouts - Thursdays 6.30-8 pm	
Leader - Mrs Coral Rice	872124
Beaver Scouts - Saturday 5-6 pm	
Leader - Sarah Martin	872573
Venture Scouts	
Leader - Mr Chris Rowley	882166
Guides - Wednesdays 7.30-9 pm	
Mrs Heather Pearson	885477
Brownies - Wednesdays 6.00-7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms	
Miss Joy Hopkins	834767
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Mrs Lisa Haymon-Collins	873796
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