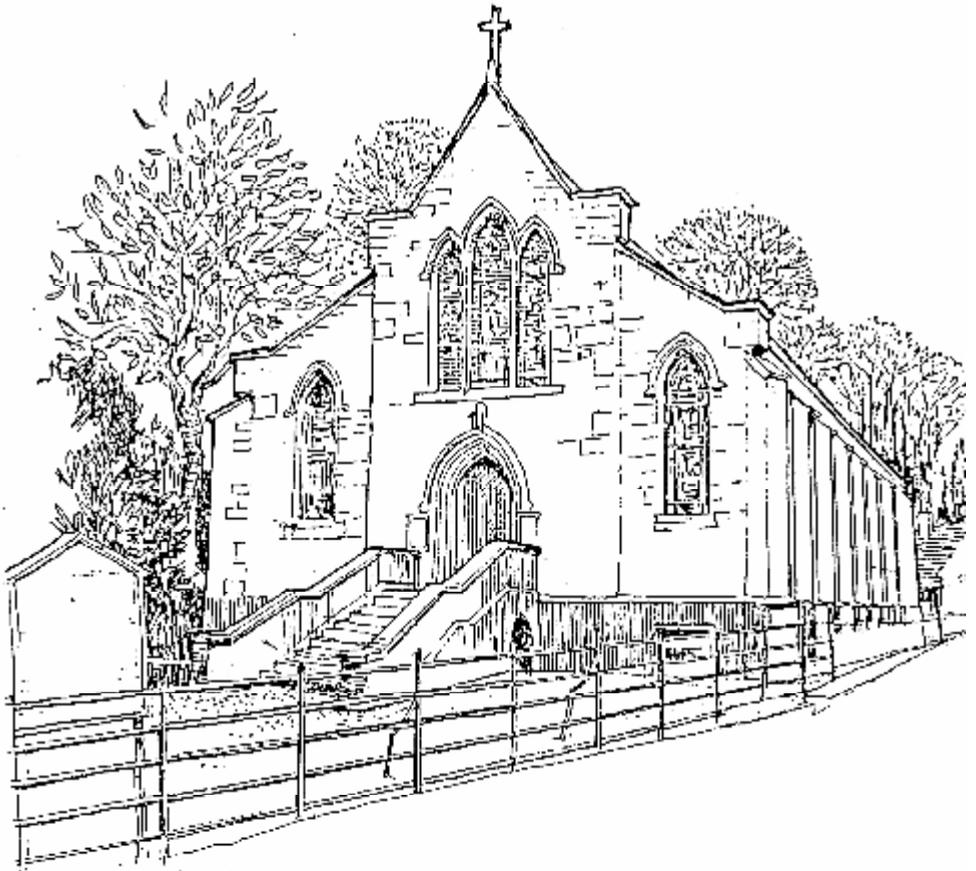


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# Services for September

<b>Sunday 4th Sept</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
Wednesday 7th Sept	8 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 11th Sept</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Covenant Eucharist</b>
Wednesday 14th Sept	8 am	Holy Communion ( <i>Holy Cross Day</i> ) (Reserved Sacrament)
<b>Sunday 18th Sept</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
Wednesday 21st Sept	8 am	Holy Communion ( <i>Matthew, Apostle</i> )
<b>Sunday 25th Sept</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (1662)</b>
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Taizé Service</b>
Wednesday 28th Sept	8 am	Holy Communion (Reserved Sacrament)
<b>Sunday 2nd Oct</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>

*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 Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

The Rt Revd Richard Hare, when he was Bishop of Pontefract, visited a church and talked to a man who had been a churchwarden for forty years. "You must have seen some changes in the church during your forty years," suggested the bishop. "Yes I have," replied the churchwarden, "and I have opposed every single one of them!" We hope we don't encounter too many people of a similar ilk as we propose significant changes to the way Stonehouse Deanery is organised.

By agreement all round, the Deanery is heading towards becoming a single Group of benefices, a move which will enable the parishes in the deanery to have more say in the appointment and deployment of its clergy. This will not impact upon the present pastoral organisation but will be an important factor in ensuring that future decisions on changes necessitated by reducing clergy numbers will be more 'bottom up' rather than 'top down', and not simply dictated to us by the diocesan powers that be.

Once we have become a Group, the Deanery Synod will also serve as the Group Council. As such it will not assume any of the powers of the individual PCCs, or in our case the ACC, but its responsibility will include exploring ways in which individual parishes and benefices can benefit by working together rather than striving simply to 'do their own thing'. To this end seven advisory groups have been set up, comprising all Synod representatives lay and ordained, together with anyone else in the deanery wishing to join, to look at ways of profitably collaborating across parish boundaries.

Three of the advisory groups have already been operating, though their briefs have been widened. Amongst its tasks the *Pastoral Advisory Group* will oversee the development of the Group organisation and clergy and Reader deployment, and the evolution of appropriate support structures for those undertaking any sort of ministry, including lay teams. The *Youth Advisory Group* will seek ways of providing church-based activities for all young people across the Group, including those in parishes where there is no such provision at present. For the new appointment at Rodborough we are seeking a priest who will devote one day a week to supporting this work, and future appointments as they arise will take into account other such needs. The occasional meetings of parish treasurers in the past will be transformed into the *Finance & Stewardship Advisory Group*, who will deal with the allocation of the Parish Share (what was the 'Quota') between the parishes, and also encourage fund-raising initiatives.

Of the four new groups, the *Children's Advisory Group* will seek to promote parish-based children's work, through sharing good practice and leader training and arranging Group-wide events. It will also encourage ministry to primary schools. The *Social Responsibility Advisory Group* will identify, publicise and encourage support for local community projects, and co-ordinate responses to needs both na-

tional and international. Promoting and encouraging the development of ministry of all members of our congregations will be the remit of the *Ministry Development Advisory Group*, while the Fellowship Advisory Group will disseminate good and imaginative practice in worship, communication and outreach, and develop the social side of our Group life.

In introducing this advisory group structure we are trying to allow and encourage individuals to participate in developing the vision for future ministry in our deanery area. Up to now Deanery Synods have tended to be dominated by clergy (surprise! surprise!) except on those occasions when they have split up for small group discussions, when all representatives have the opportunity to have their say. The setting up of the advisory groups is aimed at ensuring that this good practice is on-going. The fact that the structure resembles our own successful Mission Group structure here in Amberley is perhaps not entirely fortuitous!

Obviously it will take time for all these changes to be accepted and to operate effectively. We could try the approach of the vicar who wanted to move the church piano from the left-hand side to the right-hand side of his church. He knew that his congregation was violently opposed to change, so he worked out a plan. He moved the piano one inch every week for three years. Our plan is not surreptitious like his, but the timescale could well be very similar!

With every blessing,

*Mike Tucker*

**Amberley Parish Room Management Committee**

wish to thank all those who have kindly contributed  
in any way to the fundraising for the new oak floor  
and to invite them to come to the Parish Room

**at 12 noon on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

to join us for a glass of wine  
and the chance to inspect the work  
that has been completed over the summer holidays.

## Young People's Diary

**Quest dates (6.45 - 8 pm):** Sept 18<sup>th</sup>; Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>; Nov 20<sup>th</sup>; Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Youth Group dates:**

**Junior (6.30 – 8pm):** Sept 12, 26<sup>th</sup>; Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>; Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>; Dec 12<sup>th</sup> (joint end of term party)

**Senior (7 – 8.30pm):** Sept 19<sup>th</sup>; Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>; Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>; Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> (joint end of term party)

## Harvest

This year Harvest will be celebrated on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October and there will be a Harvest Supper following Choral Evensong which starts at 5.30pm. Tickets, on sale from 25<sup>th</sup> September, will cost £5 (£2 for primary school children) and can be obtained from Elizabeth Houghton (872496) or Pat Woods (872652). They will also be available after the 8am and 10am Services.

If anyone would like to help **decorate the church** on the 15<sup>th</sup> October, please come along for about 9.30 a.m. and bring any greenery or flowers or berries you may have to decorate the church.



## Gloucester Choral Society concerts:

**Verdi Requiem – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September, in aid of Tsunami Relief Fund**

This promises to be a fantastic concert, with over 200 singers drawn from many choirs. Ticket from Sarah Goodwin - 873381.

## Autumn Course - "Getting Down to Basics"

This autumn we are planning to run a course on 'Christian Basics' put together by Ann Morris and myself, in consultation with Adrian Slade, for those wishing to gain a grasp of the fundamentals of our Christian belief. The style of the course is such that no prior knowledge on the part of those attending will be assumed. All discussion will be in small groups and is designed so that everyone feels able to contribute and is not put off by those of us who appear 'in the know'.

The course will involve ten sessions and will take place in the Littleworth Hall from 7.30pm till 9pm on the following Tuesday evenings:

**11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> November**

**6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Unlike most other courses of this type, whilst covering all areas of our faith, "Getting Down to Basics" follows the shape of the Eucharist. So while it is not a course on the Eucharist as such, it will be valuable in making connections between what we believe and how we worship.

We do hope that many of you will feel able to join us on the course. Realising it might not be possible for all of you to attend every one of these weeks, though this is very desirable, we have designed each session to be reasonably 'stand-alone', and also the paperwork given out each week to be possible to follow by those not present on that occasion.

Please add your name to the list at the back of the Church, or let me know (878515) if you would like to take part in the course.

Mike Tucker

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## Pastoral Care Group Open Meeting

There will be an open meeting arranged by the Pastoral Care Group on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October from 7.30pm in Amberley Church (and not in the Littleworth Hall as on previous occasions). Sheila Rowley will be leading us in a discussion on the importance of reminiscence, particularly as a form of therapy. Please put the date in your diaries.

## Amberley Village Events - New Season

Amberley Village Events is delighted to announce the details of the new season. We think there is something for everyone and we hope you will take the opportunity to come and enjoy some great entertainment at reasonable prices, and all here in the Parish Room, on your own doorstep!

We will continue to support local, and mainly small, charities. Last year after holding four events, namely a French evening, a ceilidh, a one man theatre performance and a Jazz Evening, we were able to make donations totalling £460 which included a contribution towards the Parish Room floor.

### **Film night**

**Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.**

#### **The Cotswolds through the Seasons & Stroud before the Traffic Lights**

Local film maker, Geoff King, is coming to Amberley to show two of his films. The first features scenes of the Cotswolds throughout the year and is accompanied by music and poetry.

The second, also accompanied by music, is a fascinating compilation of photographs of Stroud and all its facets, as it used to be 'before the traffic lights'.

This film was shown twice at this year's Stroud Festival and was a sell-out on both occasions so take this opportunity to come and see it here in Amberley.

Tickets are £3

This year, for the first time, Amberley Village Events has been extremely fortunate to be able to book two touring events from the **Air in G Rural Arts programme**. We shall be hosting two professional performances at **subsidised ticket prices**, here in Amberley – don't miss them!

### **Hilary James and Simon Mayer**

**Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

#### **Mandolin and Guitar**

Hilary and Simon are widely acclaimed musicians who play a witty and captivating mix of folk, blues and classics on mandolin and guitar. This promises to be a lovely, varied evening pleasing all tastes and ages.

**Tickets are £7 to include a small supper (pizza, bread and cheese).**

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## **The Snow Queen Friday January 20<sup>th</sup>**

This family show, presented by Stroud theatre company Taurus Voice, is **pure magic**. Its songs, choruses, mimes, stunning images and fast flowing action are guaranteed to capture the imagination of children and adults alike.

**Amberley School** is planning to invite Taurus Voice to present a workshop for the children during the week before the performance.

**Tickets for the show are £6 for adults and £3 for children.**

Jazz evening – This popular annual event will take place in late March / early April. Details to follow.

**All events include a bar, serving wines, beer and a selection of soft drinks.**

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## An Adventure in the Arctic.

In April 2005 four students and two teachers from Cirencester Deer Park School went on one of the biggest adventures of their lives, they visited the most northerly communities in the world, Resolute Bay. Resolute Bay is in the high Canadian Arctic circle and is a very small and remote community, home to only 170 people.

As many of you know, I was one of these very lucky students selected to go on this exchange trip and I was over the moon. I had never been abroad before and this was, to say the very least, a bit of an adventurous place to start! I never really knew what to expect, what Resolute Bay was like and how I would cope with the literally freezing temperatures, but I was soon to find out!

After a very long journey on two different planes (which was a very exciting experience in itself as I had never flown before) we arrived in the Arctic. I was speechless; everything was so clear, so beautiful, so white, so cold. You could see for miles and there was nothing, just very white crisp snow.

We were in Resolute for ten days and we made the most of it, taking every opportunity possible and trying to learn as much about this place, which is so different from our homes, as we could.

It was very surreal to be in a place where there is no rush, no noise and no colour (other than white). There seemed to be no concept of time and there was no worry or stress.

Some of the most memorable experiences I have are:

- Building and sleeping in an Igloo
- Skiing
- Skidoo riding and driving
- Seal hunting – although we didn't catch anything!
- Going to a traditional Inuit church (Anglican)
- Learning to do some Inuit cookery (including Polar Bear Spare Ribs!)
- Climbing mountains and looking down at this tiny town
- Going to an Inuit school (which is optional for locals, as was working when there!)
- Journey over Resolute in a twin otter (Ski) plane
- Eating polar bear, whale, arctic char and caribou

And we did much more but there isn't enough paper or ink to write it all down!

One thing I will never forget was waking up in an igloo and walking outside to even more snow and ice. The beauty of Resolute was, and hopefully always will

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be, breathtaking- something nobody could ever capture on camera.

The thing I learned most about on this trip was myself. I realised how much I'm capable of and how small the world is, all I now want to do is go on more adventures and learn more about the world! I made friends and learned a lot from the Inuit's and my fellow travellers. I'm so grateful that I was given this opportunity and it is something I will never ever forget!

Thank you to all of you who supported my Fund Raising for this exciting trip.

Charlie Adkin

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## Out of the ARK...ives

In 1940 St George's School was evacuated from Eltham, S.E. London to Theescombe House, where it flourished and stayed on after the War.

In 1952 plans were in hand for a new chapel to be built in the grounds – a small, simple building – and fund raising was started. A site was cleared and foundations laid and Mr Edward Payne, whose son attended the school for a time, donated a “Circular Stained Glass Panel of his own workmanship depicting St George and The Dragon and including the Royal Arms”. It is not known how far the building was advanced when about 1956 the school closed soon after the popular headmaster retired due to ill health.

Has anyone any knowledge of the chapel and/or what became of Edward Payne's stained glass panel?

Please contact any member of the archives group or ring Bob Sharpe (872463).

P.S. Can you help? The Archives Group have often been asked about the Sunday School Banner which used to hang in the Church near the organ. It was pale blue with a 1930s looking child on it, possibly holding a Bible. Have you seen it anywhere? Do you have any idea where it went? It disappeared during the incumbency of John Simmons. If it could be found, that would be wonderful as it should be carefully put away and protected from moth attack like all the other old banners.

Please ring Anne Seymour (873272) with any news of the banner.

Joseph Lauzier  
Lakeside  
Toadsmoor  
Brimacombe  
Stroud  
GL5 2UL

11<sup>th</sup> August, 2005

Dear All,

I am happy to announce that I will be leaving for Uganda on the 11<sup>th</sup> September to take up a voluntary teaching position at the Ibanda Integrated Primary School. I leave Heathrow in the early evening and arrive 9 hours later at Entebbe Airport just outside the Capitol City, Kampala. I am both nervous and excited about the trip and am now planning what I need to take in my own bag!

You will be pleased to hear that all the tools, both those collected and those brought from monies collected, are to be sent to the school by DHL free of charge. After the complete lack of response from most of the other businesses I approached, I was very pleasantly surprised when I got the news. I am to start packing all the tools into boxes this weekend with the hopes that the shipment should leave in a week or two.

I know this project would still be a long way off had it not been for the generosity of those who have contacted me. I would like to take this opportunity to <sup>THANK</sup> you all from the bottom of my heart. I will of course keep you posted by email via Mum and Danek. I'll take my digital camera and send word of how things are progressing.

Thank you once again, I will contact you again in the near future from a different continent.

Yours sincerely,



Joseph Lauzier

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## Niger Appeal

Following the appeal on behalf of the peoples of Niger and neighbouring West African countries we were able to send a cheque for £1786.04 to Christian Aid in support of their relief work through the Disasters Emergency Committee. Our deep thanks to all who contributed.



# Nearly New Sale

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2005**

**10am to 12 noon**

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# Childhood Days at Amberley Rectory

What I am recalling is well over half a century away. For my father, Henry Summerhayes, became Rector of Amberley in 1891.

My mother used to tell us that when offered the living, they took the journey from Lincolnshire to see Amberley before making their decision. The long drive up from Stroud, with horses stumbling on a dark winter's night, to Highlands (now Beaudesert) the home of Mrs. Blackwell—patroness of the living— was discouraging. They wondered to what outlandish village they were being bidden. However, next morning, when they drew the curtains and looked out over a frost-covered landscape, brilliant in sunshine, my father drew a deep breath and said: "This will do!"

And so to Amberley they came, a newly married couple. And to Amberley came, in turn during the next sixteen years their seven children, all born in Amberley Rectory. This was the old Rectory, elegant in its way; cold maybe, dark, damp and inconvenient for my mother and the servants. But to us it was a very secure, lovable home, with a spacious nursery and a garden suited to children. There was the big lime tree buzzing with bees; the large tree peony with its heady scent; the wild cherry from which hung the swing—each tree now only living in memory.

The Church, being so near, was part of the background of our childhood. In fact my mother used to say that I was born as the church bell was ringing for the 8 a.m. service, and my father — relieved of anxiety (for in common with most fathers he suffered torments on these occasions) was in time to run up the vestry steps to take the service!

As children we liked going to church. It was considered a treat! The church always seemed full and special services drew the whole village. There had been a marked rift in the village between Church and Chapel, but my father started a monthly men's service which was for the whole village: and he preached on occasion at the Chapel. And, of course, the cricket and football teams were no respecter of finer doctrinal distinctions — so the differences were gradually healed.

## **A keen sportsman**

My father was a keen sportsman. Though once he had the distinction of playing cricket at Lords, he threw himself into the village games with endless enthusiasm and real pleasure, captaining the Eleven and making Amberley to be feared in the district! On Monday mornings, instead of going to his study, there was a rattle of golf clubs as my father ran up the path and away over the common to the Golf House for his weekly game. He was instrumental in founding the Artisan's Club, which made it possible for the lower wage earners to play golf which, till then, had been the preserve of the better off.

Meanwhile we children in the summer spent happy hours on the common above the Rectory just playing around, whilst our kind nurse sat sewing on the wooden

bench. Or in winter we went tobogganing; in springtime primrosing; or in 'hoop season' we went panting after our hoops as they led us a chase along the dusty white road past the Reservoir (no tarmac then!)

### **My mother's part**

Meanwhile my mother was occupied, not only with her own seven children, but with much of the sick and suffering of the village. I can remember how she would sit up with a family with whooping cough, or bring a recuperating child home to share with us. Later on she helped to inaugurate a Nursing Association and to welcome Amberley's first village nurse.

She very truly shared my father's parish work and visiting. She had a large and popular Young Men's Bible Class of her own. She started the Mothers' Meeting, which was to become a launch of the Mothers' Union soon after.

### **Highlights of village life**

Village life was quiet and serene; I suspect the few tragedies that occurred were kept from us as children. But there were highlights, all the more thrilling for the general atmosphere of serenity. There was, for instance, the Queen's Jubilee which I can just remember. There was great jubilation, and a water trough with lamp was erected opposite the school for the refreshment of exhausted horses dragging loads of timber or coal from the valley. There was, on the other hand, Queen Victoria's funeral which made a sad, almost morbid, impact on a child's mind.

But how looked-forward-to, how splen-did, the arrival of Whit Monday! Then would assemble the entire village, first for a service in the Church, led by the brass band; then a splendid tea in the Church Room, decorated with lilac. After this, led by my father and the brass band, a grand procession to Highlands for sports. It is difficult to convey the happy pleasure of that day and its united friendliness, but those few who can still remember it will know what I mean.

The annual Missionary Sale was another good event, originating with my mother and my grandmother - Mrs. Blenkin - who had built Whitemoor and come to live near us.

There was a lusty village Choral too, meeting on winter's nights in the Church Room; and a Choir Supper at the Rectory and Maypole Dancing on the green on May day. But already I have gone on too long.

As I look back to an Amberley of another century before cars, electricity, tele-phones or buses, I realise that the village had, even so, all the ingredients for hap-piness: lovely scenery, a sense of the heavenly, centring round the church (plain, though it may be), and a truly family spirit.

*(The author of this piece, Dr. Grace MacCrae was born and brought up in Amberley and lived and worked for many years in Africa. This article is taken from the February 1969 Parish Magazine)*

## From the registers ...

### Baptism

We welcome you...

31 July Mitchell Oliver White

### Marriage

They whom God hath joined...

23 July Caroline Shepherd and  
William Stirling

30 July Jack and Naoko Hankins

The Littleworth Hall is open every  
Friday morning

for a

## Friday Cuppa

from 10.30 am till 12 noon

Why not drop in for elevenses and a  
chat? Tea, coffee and biscuits avail-  
able

If you need transport or would like to  
help in any way please contact  
Ann Haslam (873632)

## Churchyard

We shall be working at the following times:-

Sept 12th 2 pm to 4 pm

Oct 3rd 2 pm to 4 pm



# SEPTEMBER

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
6 Sept	<i>WI Walk</i>	10:30	-	Amberley Inn
11 Sept	<i>Verdi Requiem</i>	19:30	-	Cathedral
12 Sept	Churchyard	14:00	16:00	Churchyard
12 Sept	<i>Youth Group</i>	18:30	20:00	PR
14 Sept	<i>Gardening Club</i>	20:00	-	PR
15 Sept	<i>Scottish Dancing starts</i>	20:00	-	PR
18 Sept	<i>Quest</i>	18:45	20:00	Rectory
19 Sept	<i>Youth Group</i>	19:00	20:30	PR
20 Sept	<i>WI Meeting</i>	14:30	-	PR
24 Sept	<i>Nearly New Sale</i>	10:00	12:00	PR
26 Sept	<i>Youth Group</i>	18:30	20:00	PR
27 Sept	<i>Film Night</i>	19:30	-	PR
28 Sept	<i>NSPCC Talk</i>	11:00	-	Amberley Court

**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!

## Woodchester Priory Services

Vigil Mass    Saturday, 6 pm  
Mass            Sunday, 10.30 a.m.

## Amberley Gardening Club

### Visit to Moor Wood Garden, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

I am writing this little report in the middle of a thunderstorm, heavy rain and flashes of lightning, how lucky that we visited Moor Wood yesterday afternoon in glorious sunshine. The National Collection of rambler roses was at its best and I am afraid that today they are looking rather battered. It was a very hot day but we had hats and there was plenty of shade.

Henry Robinson gave us a most interesting introduction to the garden and the Robinson philosophy for managing it, for example spending available money on having all telephone lines buried and having a magnificent Cedar of Lebanon made safe and healthy. This tree, well over 200 hundred years old, provided welcome shade and a splendid picture from the other side of the valley. Following our talk the Robinsons gave us tea and delicious cucumber sandwiches on the terrace and then came round the garden with us, a leisurely tour to admire all the roses and the setting of the main house and the pretty cottage where the Robinsons started their married life before moving into the main house some years ago.

Mr and Mrs Robinson give all the proceeds of our visit to Macmillan Nurses and to the Cobalt Appeal.

Twenty of us repaired to the Bathurst Arms where we had a very pleasant meal. Our next visit is in April 2006 when we see The Courts, near Trowbridge and Hazelbury Manor.

Our next meeting in the Parish Rooms is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm., when Roger Turner is coming to talk to us about Gertrude Jekyll and the classic English garden style. Do come and join us for a glass of wine and some inspiring ideas.

## Gravestones

We have started doing a survey of all our Gravestones in the Graveyard and already have a small team of people who are willing to help with this work - but as you can imagine it will be quite a task - is there anyone else who would be prepared to volunteer for this very worthwhile task?

Please contact either Maureen Anderson or Margaret Gardner if you be prepared to help.

## VE/VJ Day - 10<sup>th</sup> July 2005 Luncheon in the Gardens of Buckingham Palace

*The Master of the Household has received Her Majesty's command to invite.....*

...so ran my invitation, the exciting culmination of my application via the British Legion, to attend this once in a lifetime commemorative event limited to 2000 Veterans of WW11. My seven years service with the colours - The Royal Gloucestershire Hussars (Desert Rats) and The Royal Engineers - were to give me that qualification.

Arriving at the Palace that Sunday morning in glorious sunshine we were submitted to a close security check, - two forms of identification besides the formal invitation which included my partner, Elizabeth. With relief we were waved through and felt that first thrill of crunching across that wide gravelled Palace forecourt, past the Guards, through the Palace, and out into the extensive gardens beyond, there to be welcomed with a refreshing and cooling aperitif.

In due time we were summoned to take our allocated tables in the huge marquee elegantly and impressively laid out with over 200 round tables each seating ten. There to my utter astonishment I found myself seated next to a long lost Old Comrade from our Squadron, last seen in the Libyan Desert in 1943.!

On arrival of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh together with other members of the Royal Family, Politicians and VIP's, anticipation ran high as they dispersed to seat themselves around different tables with the Veterans.

We felt very privileged to have none other than General Sir Michael Walker, Chief of Defence Staff, and his charming wife, Victoria, come to sit with us at our table, - giving me an unexpected opportunity to lobby for the survival of our County Regiments - The Glorious 'Glosters' with their Back Badge and our County Yeomanry Regiment, The RGH !!

A glass - or two! - of a Special Cuve'e Champagne, was followed by Lunch comprising:

*Ballotine of Salmon with Herb Mayonaise Salad with Peas, Tomatoes and Asparagus and New Potatoes \* Gooseberry Shortbread \* Coffee \* Wines - Tenet Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot  
Music by the Band of The Royal Marines*

Altogether a memorable, never to be forgotten day, a day when taxi drivers refused the fare tendered by a Veteran; when the Police, in the hot afternoon sun, courteously distributed chilled Perrier water to us as we viewed the monitor at the Palace relaying proceedings on Horseguards; when barmen said, "It's on the House"; when sixty years seemed to have fallen away, back to those days of warmth and common purpose we now so sadly miss. .

On a lighter and amusing note, - After lunch I was in earshot of Baroness Thatcher who, on leaving, was dutifully shaking hands with a colourful 'OldSweat' in his Chelsea Pensioner uniform. - " And who might you be Madam? !" he inquired. "My man, I AM MARGARET THATCHER " came the emphatic and shrill reply !!!

Doug Drake MM

## Scottish Country Dancing

As the Parish room floor may not be ready for 1st September, the first Scottish Country Dancing session will be on Thursday 15th September, when George and Stephen will play for us. For the remainder of the season dancing will be on the first and third Thursdays, starting at 8.00pm. New dancers are welcome, and you are reminded to wear soft shoes.

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Bids for grants, in letter form, should be made to the Clerk (see below) as soon as possible, and certainly before the end of September. The Clerk will also help with queries, eg. as to eligibility.

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Award-winning novel, CORAM BOY, based in 18th Century Gloucester, is to be staged by the National Theatre at Christmas.

Jamila has travelled widely and recently visited Iran.

# Duty Roster

	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Prayers</b>	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Sidesmen</b>
<b>4th September</b>	<b>15th Sunday after Trinity</b>			
8am	M Finney	S Pugh	A Wallis	J Peters
Holy Communion	T Finney			S Pugh
10am	A Gilbert	S Lauzier	A Seymour	P Herbert
Parish Eucharist	J Gilbert		C Cooke	B Lane

<b>11th September</b>	<b>16th Sunday after Trinity</b>			
8am	P Hankins	A Seymour	A Haslam	A Shepherd
Holy Communion	A Haslam			R Westover
10am	K Bailey	D Rowe	A Aldridge	B Preston
Covenant Eucharist	P Bailey		D Rowe	A Smith

<b>18th September</b>	<b>17th Sunday after Trinity</b>			
8am	M Latham	S Lauzier	S Lauzier	D Rowe
Holy Communion	S Lauzier			R Rowe
10am				M Meadows
Family Service				S Pugh

<b>25th September</b>	<b>18th Sunday after Trinity</b>			
8am	S Page		J Howard	M Page
Holy Communion	A Seymour			S Page
10am	T Goddard	J V Smith	A Haslam	I Corry
Parish Eucharist	A Haslam		M Gardner	R Corry

## 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](mailto:Margaret@msgardner.fsnet.co.uk)

The magazine was produced this month by Heather Pearson, Pat Woods, Joyce Newton, Laurie & Jean Needham and Margaret Gardner.

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

## W.I. Dates in September

**Tuesday, 6th September.** A walk starting from the Amberley Inn at 10.30 a.m.

**Tuesday, 20th September.** 2.30 pm in the Parish Rooms. Monthly meeting with talk on "A different kind of shopping" by David Stevens. Everyone welcome. The competition is for an advertising tea towel.

**Tuesday, 27th September.** The Autumn County Meeting for this part of Gloucestershire is taking place at Tetbury.

### **Lifts to Church and for Doctors' or Hospital Appointments**

If you have difficulty in travelling to Church on a Sunday morning, or travelling to attend doctors' or hospital appointments, or if you know anyone else in this position, please get in touch with Mrs Gill Millwood (01453 873546), who will make the necessary arrangements for someone to call for you and give you a lift.

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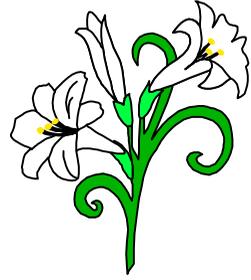
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## Flower Rota

Sept 3	Di Rowe
Sept 10	Jackie Mitchell
Sept 17	Mary Meadows
Sept 21	Sheila Rowley
Oct 1	Sue Pugh



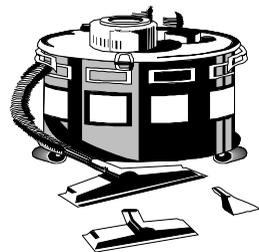
## Coffee Rota

Sept 4	Alice Adams and Helen Stillwell
Sept 11	Margaret Gardner and Deborah Patients
Sept 18	MU
Sept 25	Ruth Westover and Joyce Newton
Oct 2	Laurie and Jean Needham
Oct 9	Peggy and Ken Bailey



## Church Cleaning Teams

Sept 5	Sue Pugh
Sept 12	Anne Shepherd
Sept 19	Alison Bell
Sept 26	Ann Haslam
Oct 3	Margaret Gardner



# 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
Reader	Mrs Anne Seymour	873272
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

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