



OUTLOOK



Mellor Well Dressing 2026

August
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2026

2 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
9th Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion
after Trinity	12.30 pm	Baptism
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)

2 Mon - Sun 9th		Mellor choir in Southwell Minster
5 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)

9 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
10th Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion
after Trinity	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (Mellor Centre)

12 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
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15 Sat	1.30 pm	Wedding of Stephen Holmes & Kathryn Hollingsworth
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15 Sat	7.30 pm	Organ Recital in Church
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16 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
11th Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion
after Trinit	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (Mellor Centre)

19 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
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23 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
12th Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion
after Trinity	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (Mellor Centre)

26 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Mellor Centre)
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30 Sun	8.30 am	Holy Communion
13th Sunday	10.00 am	Parish Communion
after Trinity	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer (Mellor Centre)

Prayer Group meets every Monday from 10.30am to 11am (Mellor Centre)
 Women's Evening Fellowship meets on the second Wednesday at 7.30pm (Mellor Centre)
 Toddler Group meets in term time on Thursday each week 10am-11.30am (Mellor Centre)
 Knit and Natter meets on Thursday each week 10.30am –12 noon

Vicar's Viewpoint



Prayers for Clare

In June's edition of *Outlook* I wrote about the exciting prospect of Clare's ordination and ministry in her new parishes. Even as July's edition was going to print, all these plans were put on hold as Clare was rushed to hospital with a serious heart condition. She is now home but faces a long period of recovery with all her dearest plans disrupted.

How do we make sense of this? Some churches might describe this as a spiritual attack - the devil sending illness to sabotage God's purposes. Others again might say that this is all part of God's plan. He has a purpose behind all this - we just can't see it at the moment. I am inclined to believe that an illness like Clare's is not part of a plan, either by the devil or by God, but is just random. Her medical condition is described as 'spontaneous'. Which means it is not linked to any cause. It is not the result of disease, or stress, or fitness. It is just something that can happen out of the blue. It is hard for us to believe this, because we are hard-wired to look for meaning and purpose in all things. That's why so many people are taken in by conspiracy theories. Because they find it easier to believe in a pattern, especially a sensational one, than the dull and perhaps frightening truth that some things happen for no reason. It is true that sometimes you can look back on a time of suffering and see that good has come out of it. That does not mean suffering is ever God's will. God's purpose is redemption; and therefore where there is suffering, that is where God will always be found.

In a recent sermon I spoke about resurrection as the journey through suffering and death to new life on the other side - a journey from which we emerge with a new understanding yet bearing the scars of what we've been through. Clare is going through a kind of death at the moment. She has had to let go of all her plans - the special farewells here and the ordination day she had been working towards for years.

By now she should have been settling into her new parishes. All of that is taken away from her.

But I believe God is with her in a special way. Already working to bring some good out of this random illness. I pray that all these things will happen. When she is ready, we will have a farewell to her here. And she will be ordained - though maybe not in Chester Cathedral. And she will move to her new parishes. But it will be different. Not just a delayed ministry but a transformed ministry. Clare will be a different person because of what she is going through. She will carry the scars of this experience. In some subtle way, people will know that her faith is all the more authentic, that her compassion is real, that she understands their suffering. Her priesthood will be deeper, wiser and holier for what she is going through now. This illness is not God's purpose or plan, but there is nothing so bad that God cannot bring good out of it.

Another brilliant Church Fête

We were blessed with fine weather for the church Fête - sunny but not quite so hot as the preceding days. It was wonderful to see such a happy community gathering, drawn together by the church and in support of the church. We don't yet have final figures but it looks as though we have made over £11,000 after expenses - a great result! The list of people to thank is enormous but special mention must be given to the Fête committee for all they have done during the months of preparation.

God bless you,

Andrew

2026 Mellor Well Dressing

When Three Became One



'It takes three years for something to become a tradition,' one of the young volunteers said, as she pressed leaves into clay. By her reckoning, Mellor Well Dressing is a well-established one, beginning in 2012, though Tissington boasts the earliest recorded, in 1348, while any pagan origins before that are lost to us. A way of giving thanks for water and with record-breaking temperatures raging outside, I felt added appreciation for it. This year, 2026 celebrates 100 years of the church bell, Old Paddy, named after the longest serving bell ringer Patrick Whitham. It was made from melting down the three former bells in 1926, which date back to the early 1600s, after they were deemed unsafe. The trinity becoming unity. This year's design was by Helena Jackson, a games art graduate, who took onboard 15 or so volunteers' opinions, including the inscription on the bell, JHESVS BEE OVR SPEDE (Jesus be our spede), spede meaning prosperity, good fortune, or success. Helena, an artist experienced with pixels, was perfect for a medium involving thousands of petals, leaves, seeds, beans, moss, bits of bark, cork, gravel and wool. The 2026 Mellor Well Dressing has been given back to the earth now. The empty boards, though full of potential, await next year's masterpiece. The image may, however, live on, in limited edition t-towels, which we hope will be available later in the year.

Emma Goude



Some of the well dressers this year



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Mellor Birds



I was delighted to get an email (28/7/26) from Liz across the road from the Mellor War Memorial Garden:-

"Hello, We were treated to a beautiful view of a barn owl on Sunday evening flying low over the field behind us (Longhurst Lane). We were able to watch it for several minutes as it occasionally came to rest on a fence post. It finally disappeared into the woods. It felt very special. Kind regards, Liz"

Wow, I have never seen or heard a barn owl, which shrieks, near the Memorial Garden. Someone told me that the 'Merlin' app had identified a Barn Owl up by Rush Lane. Then it put a red dot next to it, which means it is highly unlikely to be there!! In fact there are several up there!! 'Merlin' is not always right?

Another email arrived (9/7/26)

"Good morning, Have you noticed the swifts? They have been going crazy above our garden this last week or so. We would normally see an average of three swifts in a screaming party here. But recently, we've been seeing up to ten - many more than previous years. It's a spectacular sight and my favourite part of summer. I always feel so sad when they leave us. There's at least one swift nest in next door's roof. We've had a swift box for a number of years but the swifts ignore it. Various tits occasionally pop in to it. I've mapped the location on the SwiftMapper. Kind regards, Liz"

Catherine messaged (28/6/26)

"Midsummer Murder in Parkside Lane! The magpies are really upset. So am I, and I'm not even very keen on magpies." The buzzard did a very good job of taking it out."

Then Ian D, emailed, "Raven hanging around Longhurst Lane" - cronking!

Thank you for all your messages. it's always lovely to hear from you all.

Maggie Williams

A wonderful year for Retiring Rose Queen Thea and her Retinue

Thea Rees-John was crowned in 2025 as the Mellor Rose Queen. She embarked on a year of fund raising supported by her retinue: Cara Rees-John, Bea Rees-John, Eloise Beard, Flo Beard, Libby Henderson and Olivia Wilde. The year of fundraising began with a wreath making evening at the Mellor community centre, quickly followed by a cake sale at church and the most magical evening of carol singing with the St Thomas' church choir. After a busy start the girls went on to organise a games evening for families from around the area, serving fresh pizza and drinks. Then it was the turn of the Dad's, organising a fantastic Golf day supported by Mellor Golf Club. This event alone raised £500 thanks to the generosity of the Club and players. In April, Thea's mum, Charlotte and cousin, Matthew, ran the Manchester Marathon raising money for the Rose Queen charity, The Christie. Due to the success of the games night earlier in the year, Thea hosted a re-match as her final event. Supported by friends and family this proved to be another fun and enjoyable night to complete their fundraising activities.



Thea and her retinue are very proud to have raised so much money for such an important charity. So many members of our community have been supported by the Christie including Thea's own grandparents. However they couldn't have achieved the success they had without the support of all their friends, the church and family.

Thea handed over the crown to the new Rose Queen, Beatrice at the opening of the Mellor Fete on the 27 May 2026, Have a great year Beatrice!



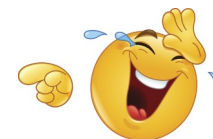
Some of Rose Queen Thea's events this year



Laughs with Lynda

I don't trust atoms.
They make up everything.

Trying to write with a broken pen is pointless.



A mother went to wake her son for church.
He said "I am not going.
They don't like me and I don't like them."
So the mother said I will give you two good reasons why you will go to church.
One, you're forty seven years old.
Two, you're the vicar.

Women's Evening Fellowship

Our Summer Day Out

We went to Cromford Mill in Derbyshire with the ladies from WEF and other friends. The buildings and The Arkwright Experience were really good, plenty to see with shops there also. The church there just a few yards away was so beautiful and full of history its worth seeing. So many areas to have food which was very good and the weather was perfect.

Our next meeting will be on September 9th at 7.30pm at the Mellor Centre. The talk will be "Planting Manchester's First Vineyard" by Tim and Kat. Visitors welcome.

Margaret Smith
Chairman

MIKE WALLACE – A BIG ‘THANK YOU’



Our caretaker, Mike Wallace, is retiring at the end of the month. He has been a great caretaker for a number of years, and all users of the Centre will have appreciated his time here. Nothing has been too much trouble for him, and he has constantly ‘gone the extra mile’ to set up rooms, clear away, maintain and repair, and generally make the Centre a welcoming building. There will be a short ‘leaving ceremony’ – a chance to say ‘thank you’ and wish him well – on Thursday July 30th at 10.30am in the Freeman Room. All are welcome. If you would like to donate to a leaving present, call in at the office

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We are a self-help group of amateur artists who meet every Wednesday from **7pm to 9 pm** at St Martin's Church Hall, Brabyns Brow, Marple Bridge. We also have speakers and workshops in many diverse and inspirational techniques.



If you would like to join us please contact our membership secretary on 07754775194 or membership membershipmellorart@gmail.com

Another Happy Fête!



There were two big question marks hanging over this year's Fête - the weather forecast (thunder and lightning predicted at one stage) and the World Cup, with an England match scheduled for the evening, though not till 10pm. But the show must go on - and it did! So after much hard work setting everything up in the previous few days the day went as follows: A bedecked trailer with two Rose Queens and their attendants duly arrived at the Mellor Centre in time for the crowning ceremony at 1pm. Our new MC Alex Eggerman announced the Rose Queens and retinues on to the field where retiring Rose Queen Thea gave a lovely speech before placing the crown on new Rose Queen Beatrix's head. Vicar Rev'd Andrew gave a blessing and Beatrix pronounced the Fête OPEN. Then followed the usual sequence for the new Rose Queen - teddy parachuting followed by maypole dancing and unveiling of the amazing Well Dressing. Everything then swung into action. The annual dog show was a little quieter than usual, due to the heat, but Greg did a great job. Punch and Judy shows were enthusiastically enjoyed by crowds of



small children who had been engrossed in the hook-a-duck, this year with the exciting addition of duck-racing! The chill-out tent was a welcome refuge with activities and face-painting on offer while football and golf competitions were as competitive as ever. Many stalls and tombolas lined the field, with books, bric-a-brac and the art exhibition down at the Centre. If you were hungry, burgers sandwiches and cakes were on offer on the field while the team serving refreshments in the Centre were kept busy. The beer tent did a roaring trade—the warm

weather perfect for Pimms, beer and wine. All this to the background of the sound of the drums. Late in the afternoon the races were run, the girls triumphed in the tug-of-war, the raffle was drawn and helpers could relax for a while. Well, not all of them, Pete Lowe and grandson were busy erecting the stage for the evening Band on the Hill. Would the football keep people away? No! Folk arrived early and stayed to enjoy the perfect setting of a lovely Mellor evening, keeping the beer tent team busy and enjoying the music before departing by 9.45pm for the kick-off. It would be impossible to name and thank every individual who contributed in any way to the fete's success. You know who you are and we hope you know that your time, effort and goodwill are much appreciated. However, it would be wrong not to name and thank the following: Sponsors C&C insurance and Key Holidays Travel Agency. All raffle prize donors. John Hodgson for use of the field and Charlie Boden for preparing it and allowing car parking on the top field. Special thanks to the Prestons, with Dave ever willing to drive his pickup truck to and fro as the field was set up, and the whole family tirelessly assisting in all the dismantling on the Sunday after.

A huge concerted effort by everyone, leading yet again to a successful event both financially (over £11,000 so far) and as a very happy community occasion.



Chloe takes Peter to the Dog Show



The evening Band on the Hill

An Easy Local Summer Walk

Judy Cooper

The 'Cut thru's and Lesser Known Paths of Marple

Approx 1 ½ miles 1 ¼ hours

This walk is good for families to do in the Summer Holidays when the weather is changeable. It is ideal for walking with a pushchair and for those people who enjoy walking along with a 'Take Away' coffee. All you need are comfy shoes.

Parking The walk starts at Marple Lime Kilns, Strines Road. There is plenty of free parking on Arkwright Road.

Walking Route and Points of Interest.

From the Lime Kilns entrance on Strines Road walk through the site (*info to read*) and head right up the path. Keep right and follow the path to the Canal. Cross the canal at Lock 16. Turn right and cross the road .

Head towards the main road. Just before the main road at Lock 13 turn left down a 'cut thru'. This brings you to the back of the Navigation Pub. Cross the car park (*there was once a row of houses here*) tucked amongst the bushes is a 'cut thru' to Marple Precinct. *At this point you may like to turn left and then right to get a coffee from The Locks wine bar on Derby Way.*

Head back to Stockport Road and cross the road. Use the crossing that is opposite Ridings Opticians. Continue straight ahead up Hollins Lane.

Just after the row of shops turn left down Fern Avenue. At the bottom on the right hand side is a 'cut thru', follow this to Hollins Green Road. Turn left and walk down to the bottom. On the right hand side you will see a Cycle sign. This cuts through to Station Road.

Cross over Station Road and turn left by the cycle sign (just by number 19) . This takes you to Culcheth Avenue. Turn right and you will get to Norbury Drive.

Cross over Norbury Drive, turn right then left into Fairview Drive. Approx 100 yards down is a 'cut thru' (*A white board is fixed to the hedge*) to Marple Cricket Club. Head across the car Park until you reach Bowden Lane.

At Bowden lane turn right. Continue ahead until you come to Seven Stiles Drive. Turn right then immediately right. You are now on the Seven Stiles Path.

The path leads across a small Cul de Sac. Follow the path to the left. There is a yellow way marker at this point. Follow the path which takes you up a short incline. Cross over the road to rejoin the path. The Allotments will be on your right.

Cross over Manor Road and head down Grosvenor Road. Cross over Winnington Road and go straight ahead down an unmarked road.

You should now be at Lock Seven. Go over the canal and turn right. Follow the tow path until you get to Station Road. Cross the road using the new crossing. After crossing the road join the tow path.

On your left just passed the 18 Warehouse building at Lock 10 there is a short 'cut thru' which takes you to St Martin's Road. You will go round the side of a 18 century Toll House.

Turn Right on to St Martin's Road and in approx 50 yards just past a high hedge there is a footpath sign. Turn Left. Follow this to emerge on Arkwright Road. *This path follows the line of Brick Row. This is where Samuel Oldknow built a row of cottages for his workers at Mellor Mill.*

Cross over Arkwright Road and straight ahead down an unmade road is Stone Row. Follow the road round. *This was another place that had mill workers housing. There are now bungalows on the land where the houses once stood.*

Turn right and you will be on Faywood Drive. Straight ahead is Arkwright Road.

The Return of the Three Bidets to Lyme Hall

A year ago I took my brother Phillip and sister Helen to see Lyme Hall. In the entrance hall was a grand piano that wasn't working. I said they could have our very similar looking, working one; but Lyme staff weren't interested.- because ours hadn't originated from Lyme Hall.

Whereupon Helen said, "Would you like the three bidets returned, that our grandmother, Amy Warburton, bought at auction in 1947, when the Legh family left Lyme Hall. AND Helen also had a piece of paper to prove it?" Then the Lyme staff perked up and said, "Yes please". It took a year for all the paperwork to be done. Helen had to send photos and forms. To my surprise I owned half of them with my sister so I had to sign forms too. Only one had the original ceramic insert, and the other two were converted into sewing boxes.

Two months ago while cleaning Mellor Church with Sue McAllister, I told her the bidet story as she is a volunteer at Lyme Hall in the House. Shortly afterwards she sent a photo of her 'Lyme Volunteer Newsletter' which had a page all about the bidets returning!!!! The National Trust researched the Lyme inventory catalogues and confirmed the Bidets were included in 1879 in the Birch Bedroom, Mrs Legh's, bedroom, West Bedroom, North Bedroom, Yellow State Bedroom. By 1929, they had moved to the servants bedrooms. Mrs Legh's bedroom in 1879 is believed to be the Mahogany rooms, which is now the volunteers' brew room.

The complete bidet is going to be placed in the long gallery behind a screen. (The screen enabled the lady to use the bidet discreetly.) It will be open to see the ceramic insert. The other two will be displayed closed (as tables/stools) in the bedrooms. Potentially, the Oak and Acorn and Knights Bedroom.

Bidets are believed to have started 300 years ago with the French aristocracy. As plumbed in bidets arrived, these items of furniture went out of fashion.

On the 18th of June 2026 we returned the bidets and I am waiting for Sue McAlister who volunteers there, or anyone, to tell me when they reappear at their Lyme home.

So if *you* have an item of furniture, however unusual, that came from Lyme, The National Trust may be happy to have it back!

Maggie Williams



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Comte Tart

Jill Baker

This recipe is from the BBC . A very straight forward and delicious tart which is good served with a crisp salad with a sharp dressing adding some bacon lardons or crisp pancetta to the salad if you do not need to keep it vegetarian.

375g ready rolled puff pastry

2 eggs

175g Comte cheese finely grated

75g parmesan finely grated

300g crème fraîche

1 garlic clove peeled and chopped

1 ½ tsp whole grain mustard

Salt and pepper



Preheat the oven to 210°C/ GM 6. Line a baking tray with baking paper. Unroll the pastry and place on the prepared tray.

Use a small knife to score a 3 cm border around the edge and prick the middle with a fork.

Beat the eggs and egg wash the pastry border.

Bake for 20 mins until starting to puff and pastry has turned a light golden brown. Take out of the oven and flatten down the middle section of the tart if it has risen.

Whilst the tart case bakes, place the cheeses in a bowl. Pour the remaining egg and the crème fraîche, garlic and mustard on top and mix, seasoning with lots of black pepper.

Spread the cheese mixture over the middle leaving the border exposed. Return to the oven for 15-20 minutes until golden and bubbling.

Serve with a salad, I like rocket with some batons of eating apple and the fried bacon or pancetta.

The dressing made of some cider vinegar (or white wine vinegar) 1 tbsp, a little honey 1/2 tbsp some more whole grain mustard (1 tsp) olive oil 3 tbsp. Enjoy eaten straight from the oven.

Ed MW: Thank you again Jill. Lovely to eat. Jane at Knit and Natter said "sometimes All Things Nice sell the Comte cheese and put a notice in their window to say they have it in".



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AS SEEN FROM COW CORNER

The Mellor cricketers would appear to always be away from their home ground, and it was thus when their next fixture took them travelling to Prestbury. Again Mellor's team was much changed from the previous week, so it was no surprise when the home captain invited the visitors to bat first on a track which appeared to have had many uses already this season. As expected not much use of it was going to be made by the visiting batsmen as, one after the other, not one could get established at the crease. The innings finally crumpled to 117 all out in thirty first over, with the highest individual score being 26 not out by a lower order batsman. In reply the home side reached their target in the twenty sixth over for the loss of five wickets, with the opening bat being left not out on 56. On the following week, Mellor were at home and hoping to halt a losing sequence. The visitors were Haslington whom they hadn't met this season. On winning the toss, the home skipper, unusually, decided to bat first. The captain did not have the players to back up his decision and were soon in trouble with the first five batsmen just scoring low single figures resulting in Mellor eventually succumbing to 124 all out in just twenty four overs. This was never going to be a challenging target, but the Mellor bowlers did manage to capture seven wickets before the visitors achieved their goal in the thirty sixth over. There was a much better performance on the following week when Mellor travelled to Macclesfield. On winning the toss the Mellor captain decided to bat first. Whilst not one batsmen scored very heavily, there were some useful individual contributions in the twenties and thirties, resulting in a score of 213 for the loss of nine wickets at the end of the forty overs. In reply the Macclesfield team, which was hardly a true representation from the club, were skittled all out, for 56 in the nineteenth over, leaving Mellor comfortable winners. It was the local derby next for Mellor, when Compstall visited. The Mellor captain, buoyed with the success of the previous



week, decided to bat first. Nearly all the batsmen contributed, but they had hoped to reach a score greater than the 158 all out that they did. In reply, there came a devastating spell of fast bowling by a young bowler. In his second over and with his second delivery, the ball was pushed back over the bowler's head. The bowler leapt up to catch the ball as though he was plucking an apple from a tree. There then followed the bizarre congratulations from team-mates, who mimicked the catch by leaping, as would be seen at Sadlers Wells. The next delivery bowled the new batsman. A four was scored off the fourth ball. The fifth ball bowled the batsman who had just scored the four. Three wickets in one over! Compstall never recovered and were all out in the twenty ninth over for 84. Meanwhile, on the hillside overlooking all these proceedings, a flock of sheep continued to graze nonchalantly. *Silly Point*



Letter to the Editors

I was interested to read the 'Times Past' article in the last edition with its memories of Mellor Church in 1881.

We recently visited All Saints Church in Minstead in the New Forest. This is a thirteenth century church refurbished in the 17th Century. The interior features of the church are remarkably similar to those described in the Times Past article, with a 3 tier pulpit, 2 galleries, gated pews, and a Saxon font. In essence, Mellor Church as was. It is also famously the resting place of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and the headstone has been decorated by Sherlock Holmes fans with appropriate Holmes references...pipe, magnifying glass etc.

Kind regards, Steve Mead

Ed MW. Thank you for your letter Steve, I was delighted to read this as our nephew George Williams was christened there 22years ago. The font at Mellor has horses? whereas at Minstead they look like cows.??



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Jenny Johnson

"There is no single route to happiness, just as there is no single cure for depression, but the daily discipline of thanking God for what we are and what we enjoy is the most ancient form of what is today called "cognitive therapy". Making a blessing over life is the best way of turning life into a blessing".

The late Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks *Celebrating Life*

Thank you Jenny for all your "Thoughts" over the last few years. It has always been a pleasure to read them and an opportunity to stop and take a moment to reflect. Eds.JM and MW

Prayer for the Month

Blessed are the peacemakers

Jesus, peacemakers go into situations of distress and hatred.
They try to bring change.
Often they are at a loss.
You blessed the peacemakers,
you promised to help them,
but you did not talk about success:
You told us to go and work for peace.
Jesus, help all peacemakers to continue in hopeless places;
empower us not to give up hope.
Give us today the courage to walk the long road to peace;
to take small steps in the wilderness of war, torture and injustice
and keep the flame of peace burning.

(from Fifty New Prayers from the Iona Community selected by Neil Paynter)



From the Registers

Weddings

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to:-

6th June	Caleb Scott & Sadie Osborn
11th July	Oliver Dempsey & Abby Shaw

Christenings

We welcomed into God's family

21st June Rudy William Noah Curtis



Stewards Rota

8.30am

Aug 2	J Shiel
Aug 9	J Butterworth
Aug 16	P Cunningham
Aug 23	J Shiel
Aug 30	J Butterworth
Sept 6	P Cunningham

10.00am

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S McAllister and C Starlling
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R and J Elliott

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Flower Rota

Aug 2	Diana Cole	Sept 6	Wedding flowers
Aug 9	Ann Preston	Sept 13	Jill Baker
Aug 16	Wedding Flowers	Sept 20	Karen Greenough
Aug 23	Diana Cole	Sept 27	Helen Tawn
Aug 30	Carol Langford		

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Holy Dusters

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Aug 9	J and D Butterworth
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Aug 30	J and L Futcher
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