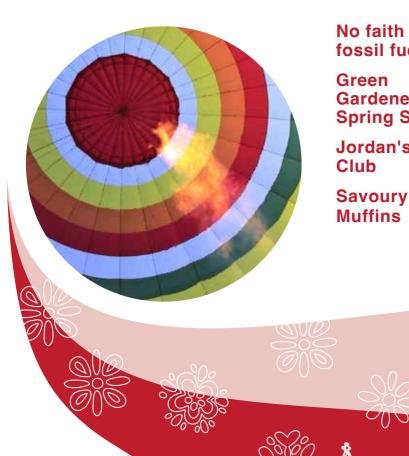
Your Parish MAGAZINE

What's on in Seer Green & Jordans June 2023



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From the Editors

We hope that you will enjoy this edition of the Parish Magazine with its record of wonderful events in May and delightful things to look forward to in June in our two villages. We are very grateful to our regular contributors and to the new contributors this

month who have sent us photos and interesting pieces. If you have an idea about what you would like to see in the magazine or could contribute. we would love to hear from you

Sue Puttergill, Carol Wright and Phil Moody

Next Month's Magazine

Please send all contributions for the July/August double issue to: editorseergreen@gmail.com by 7 June 2023. Diary dates for the next two or three months would be very welcome.

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Thought for the Month



In my mind, I associate June with two things: perfect weather (an association which may be somewhat false), and exams. I don't know how many teachers spoke those dark words, "Come exam time in June..." but it took on almost mythical proportions for me, and was a source of great anxiety regarding my impending failure. (but oh, isn't it beautifully sunny?) The fact that I haven't sat an exam in — oh — 20 years (*ahem*) tells you how this seeped into me.

Exam pressure hasn't lessened for young folk. In fact it is getting worse. The pressure to succeed, and to do so in the eyes of our 'tribe', only intensifies in a world where relationships (and our therefore our sense of self) are increasingly moderated through a social media persona. For anyone who fails, it can be brutal. This is part of the mental health pandemic among young people.

Maybe this is the month when the unconditional love of God needs to be broadcast most widely. I love the image in the bible (at the end of Luke 15), of the prodigal father: he spots his wayward catastrophe of a son on the horizon, hitches up his robes, forgets his dignity, runs and throws his arms round me — uh, I mean, him.

William Temple (archbishop in the 1940s) said: "My worth is what I am worth to God, and that is a marvellous great deal, for Christ died for me." In other words, there's nothing we can do to make God love us more; there's nothing we can do to make God love us less. Is that something you need to hear? Is it something someone you know (especially kids doing exams) needs to hear, or indeed see embodied in you?



Jez Carr - Vicar

Church Events | News

News

The church is, in many ways, entering a period of calm. It's been a busy season of Easter to Pentecost, with a coronation and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (our AGM) thrown in, but the calendar for the coming months is fairly quiet. Come and enjoy precisely that! Our rhythm for services is shown on the following page. Note that we are making the Holy Communion on the third Sunday of every month the more traditional version.

The main storyline in the church remains the potential renovation. I'm delighted to let you know that we seem to have in place an interim heating solution that will see us through the next couple of winters. More of that in due course. Beyond that, our Refurbishment Working Group is focussed on discussions with the various stakeholders and gatekeepers, from architects and surveyors, to the Diocesan Advisory Committee and Environment Programme Leader. We're exploring how to adapt our space in order to:

 create flexibility in the space that allows a greater variety of service styles, with a view to engaging with some of our under-represented demographics;

- improve our welcome, including being more accessible for those in wheelchairs, or indeed buggies; not just at the entrance to the building, but in accessing other areas such as the toilets;
- increase our capacity (with particular respect to our fire limit), so that we are able to host, for example, the entire school;
- create a gathering place for the village, where people who are around during the day can come together in ways that don't suit the pubs.

We continue to explore quite what this should look like, and indeed what is realistic within the realities of historical sensitivity and fundraising. Your thoughts, as always, are very welcome!

Jez Carr - Vicar 07916 559151



Holy Trinity Services in June

4 June Trinity Sunday - 10am Holy Communion

7 June 10.30am Midweek Communion

11 June 8am Book of Common Prayer Communion Service

10am Morning Praise for Environment Sunday

18 June Father's Day - 10am Traditional Holy Communion Service

25 June 8am BCP Communion Service

10am Morning Praise with Baptism

For information about activities for children and families please contact Janna Holder 07764 490960

Donations to Holy Trinity

If you would like to donate to the work and upkeep of Holy Trinity Church there are many quick and easy ways to do so -

Go to our website:

 seergreenandjordanscofe.org and scroll down the homepage to 'Online Giving' and follow the link.

Or go to:

https://tinyurl.com/4hx7cyzx

Or you can activate our Online Giving page by using the QR code opposite.

Donations in cash/cheque may be delivered to our treasurer at 58 Chalfont Road. If you can Gift Aid your donation, please add your name and address.

If you would like to join our planned giving scheme, please speak to our treasurer Audrey Hardy on 07342 652707.



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No Faith in Fossil Fuels

The Church of England has 'No Faith in Fossil Fuels', so on 20 April, Rev Jenny Tebboth and Margaret Dykes of Chalfont St Giles church, with Jane Spoerry and Nora Bennett of Holy Trinity, attended a worship service and demonstration on that theme, to demand oil exploration is stopped. The 'No Faith in Fossil Fuels' service was held at the stately, light-filled St John's church, Waterloo, supported by charities including Christian Aid, Christian Climate Action, Tear Fund and A Rocha. We were delighted to meet up there with the Reverend Gill Lovell of the Oxford Diocese, pictured below with Bishop Olivia Graham of Reading and Bishop Steven Croft of Oxford.

Ahead of the service, Bishop Steven and Baroness Kate Parminter, both members of the Lords Environment and Climate Change Committee, talked about the committee's work. At the worship, a 1400-strong congregation enjoyed music from 'Engage Worship' and a Salvation Army band, and preaching by former Archbishop John Sentamu (patron of Christian Aid), Bishop Olivia, and young Salvation Army cadet Elizabeth Kitchenside.



Lord Sentamu at Shell headquarters



Bishop Olivia, Bishop Steven and Rev Gill at St John's



Nora, Jenny, Margaret and Jane at Parliament

Then the assembly, ranging from great-grandparents through students to babes in pushchairs, followed Lord Sentamu on a prayerful march, stopping at the Shell headquarters where he left a letter asking for oil exploration to be halted. We continued across Westminster Bridge, singing hymns and holding banners aloft, to the Houses of Parliament, and then peacefully dispersed.

As Lord Sentamu said, "If we want to limit climate suffering, we have to leave fossil fuels in the ground. The Church has a proud history of standing up against injustice, and once again we need to see Christians calling on the Government to take decisive action."

Holy Trinity, Chalfont St Giles church and the Oxford Diocese have all achieved Eco Church awards and are actively working towards a lighter carbon footprint.

Nora Bennett

Baptisms, weddings and funerals

Baptisms

23 April Margot Quiney

Hodgemoor Wood



Photo: Phil Moody

Village Events I News

Our Living Village – The Wilder Side (and The Coronation)



One of the benefits of publishing online at ourlivingvillage.org is being able to respond to feedback and new research, updating and adding material accordingly. This is happening constantly, so if you have not visited for a while, look to see what might have changed. If heritage is not your thing, then we have now included a natural history theme, 'The Wilder Side of Seer Green and Jordans,' to help discover your inner David Attenborough on a walk exploring the green spaces in and around our two villages.

We also have some other new themes under development. These include a 'Who was Who' of our rich (and perhaps not so rich) and famous residents. Also, 'Local Myths and Legends,' challenging or verifying a few things you knew or perhaps thought you knew about our two villages.

And, were you there, did you watch it, will you regale your children and grandchildren with tales of Seer Green's ancient royal association? Photo: The glove



I refer of course to May 6 and the presentation of The Glove, the symbol of protection, to King Charles III. Alas, not by the Lord of the Manor of 'Farnham Royal with the hamlet of Seer Green' (the last time that happened was probably 1509) but by Lord Indarjit Singh of Wimbledon, as part of a modern multi-faith coronation. You can read more about the history of this particular act of personal service under 'The Manor of Seer Green.'

Our website has recently been selected by The British Library 'UK Web Archive,' which contains selected websites representing different aspects of UK heritage, for regular archiving as part of preserving the nation's digital memory.

The Our Living Village project has also been nominated for the Bucks Archaeological Society annual heritage prize.

If you would like to be involved, contact us at ourlivingvillage@hotmail.com.

Nigel Rothwell – Seer Green and Jordans Society



Seer Green Lunch club in action



Marion Cox with the freshly made fish pie

I popped into the Baptist Church to use the Post Office and found the hall full of people and a delicious smell wafting from the kitchen. Jez, the vicar, was saying grace and there was a wonderful buzz of conversation. The menu that day was fish pie and queen of puddings - and it all looked delicious.

Nigel Powell took this photos for us and sent us some information about the Lunch Club.

Seer Green Lunch Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except August) at 12.30 in Seer Green Baptist Church. Members enjoy a two-course village lunch. With 3 different teams taking on the cooking, the meal is varied and at £7 it is great value. The lunch club is proud to have been awarded a score of 5 for its food and hygiene safety, the highest level available, following the recent unannounced inspection by Buckinghamshire Council. Feedback from members shows the meals and the company are greatly enjoyed.

The club welcomes new members. For more information or to book, contact Gill Roberts on 01494 677281 or by email Gill-roberts@live.co.uk.

Sue Puttergill



Seer Green Eight O'Clock Club

The Dominican-American Oscar de la Renta said, "Gardening is the work of a lifetime: you never finish". I suspect that rings true for the McHugh family, who dedicated 27 years to restoring Church Gardens in Harefield.

Having bought a Victorian terraced house in 1988, Kay McHugh had already honed her gardening skills by turning a long thin garden into a series of 'rooms', creating space and interest.

The restoration of the 3-acre walled garden and coach house in the grounds of Harefield Place Estate began when Kay expressed to an acquaintance a wish to purchase an industrial building with land. This came to fruition in 1996 when, for £70,000, she and her husband bought Church Gardens: land with dilapidated outbuildings and a listed 17th century Coach House - the country mansion associated with Harefield Place had been demolished in 1813.

The purchase was complex. Planning permission was required to reinstate the Coach House as a domestic dwelling. The only mortgage available was through the Ecology Building Society, there were access issues and a sitting tenant, the land was littered with fly-tipping, and they

experienced vandalism and theft. Without mains services, it took 2½ years to get the Coach House into a habitable state.

Work on the garden was continuous: the garden walls required extensive repair and rebuilding, many raised vegetable beds were built and planted, paths laid, rainwater harvesting and solar panels installed, and herbaceous and central borders created. Fruit trees, a stumpery, alpine area, pond, auricula theatre, mushroom house and a reflective pool were added. A cut-flower garden is next!

Next meetings at Seer Green Baptist Church - £4, including tea/coffee.

The speaker for the **June 1** 8 O'Clock Club meeting has had to cancel her talk on 'Boxford's Roman Past'. The replacement is Gareth Ashington from the estate agents Ashington Page.

Thursday July 6: 'The World of Fungi' - John Tyler, nature conservationist.



Seer Green Gardeners

Spring Show 14 April

The Baptist Church Hall was packed for one of our most popular Spring shows ever. Spring flowers had clearly benefited from cool damp weather, and exhibitors had managed to find plenty of beauties which had escaped the freak hailstorm a few days beforehand!

We were lucky to welcome Alison Pao from Rowan Garden Centre to deliberate over the flower entries. Once again, crafters delivered exquisite professional-standard work, judged by Angie Tuck, while professional domestic judge Jill Mayo faced about a dozen perfect-looking chocolate cakes. No less difficult was Lou's task with children's art, as the hall was decked with countless royal crowns. Congratulations to all the winners!

A record number of people signed up to grow 'spuds in buckets' and/or 'fuchsias in a pot' and, as ever, the ably managed tea and cake stall was constantly busy. Outside, commercial and 'bring and buy' plant stalls attracted lots of custom. Thank you to everyone who visited, exhibited, or donated. Proceeds will again go to One Can Trust.

Our next event is Seer Green Open Gardens - watch out round the village for details.

Fliss Combes and Sally Ash



Prize giving



Gill Mayo judging cakes



Plant sale

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Childrens' Art at the show



Childrens' Art at the show

Seer Green Gardeners visit Seer Green School



We warmly welcomed the Seer Green Gardeners (SGG) into school at the beginning of the Summer Term, to work with the Reception and Key Stage One children on developing their gardening skills.

The SGG kindly provided buckets, compost and the seed potatoes and clearly explained to the children how to plant and successfully grow the potatoes, which they will care for until the middle of July.

The children loved working in groups and planting their own potato, which they will now need to water and add compost to as their plant grows.

The team from SGG shared their gardening tips, including the key things needed to successfully grow and nurture large potatoes. We will be weighing the crop in the last week of the school year, with prizes being awarded for the largest potatoes. We then plan to cook and share the crop, so that the children can enjoy eating the freshly harvested crop that they have produced.

The staff and children would like to extend our thanks to the SGG for their time and patience, ensuring that each child has the opportunity to grow and eat their own potato.

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Baptist Church Lace Panels

Two intricate panels have been made by the Seer Green lacemakers and are on display in the Baptist Church.

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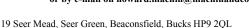
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June is Bustin' Out All Over....

(Rogers and Hammerstein, probably not allotmenteers themselves)

This is a wonderful month for us sowers and growers, we have managed to raise some seedlings, hardened them off, been on the lookout for late frosts, and now our young plants are ready to go into the warmed earth.

Of course, vigilance is still essential: enter (perhaps the allotmenteer's greatest foe) ... SLUGS. Now, I'm not one for poisons, and there are many alternatives, such as: barriers - like a bottomless plastic bottle protecting the base of the plant, copper tape or Vaseline around pots, and the ubiquitous beer trap; alternatively a plank or plastic sack on the ground giving somewhere cool and dark for slugs to shelter under in the heat of the day - which gives you somewhere to find them and dispose of them as you wish.

But recently a new method was mooted up at the site: a night time wine and slug party! This would involve meeting up equipped with a glass of wine and a torch, gardening gloves if you're squeamish, and picking the slugs off your precious plants as they go about their 'midnight' feasting. The wine? It's for the hunters, of course! If you prefer and you are an early riser, then a 6am visit to your plot will find the dirty stop-outs as they make their way home - however, they will have eaten! Once dispatched, slugs can be safely added to the compost heap.

Midsummer full moon is called the rose moon or the strawberry moon. Enjoy the long days and the wonders of everything growing around you!

Charlotte Baggins for the allotmenteers



Village Sew and Sews strike again!

Following on from their success with the Christmas and Easter post box toppers, now there is more. The Village Sew and Sews hope you are all enjoying their Coronation post box decoration - the 'right royal celebration' promised in the April issue!

Penny Brooks



Jordans Picture House

Our films for next season

Jordans Picture House held its AGM on May 9 and announced the films selected by our Members for our next season, as listed below. The full programme with screening dates will be advised in July and our website and online ticketing system will then be open to take your bookings.

We are now taking our usual summer break and will re-open on Friday **September 8**, and will look forward to seeing all our supporters back with us for this next great run of community cinema screenings!

Benediction (12A) 23 Walks (PG13)

Oppenheimer (PG13) Where the Crawdads Sing (15)

A Bunch of Amateurs (12A) Tar (15)

Living (12A) The Banshees of Inisherin (15)

Elvis (12A) The Imitation Game (12)

She Said (15) The Lost King (12A)

What's Love Got to do Till (12A)

With It (12A)

Emily (15)

Empire of Light (15)

Screening dates to be advised

How to buy tickets

(Adults £8.00, U15s £5)

Online: Go to www.jordanspicturehouse.co.uk

See "Programme and Buying Tickets"

Jordans Box Office: Alan Sealy

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Seer Green Box Office: Gill Pettman gillyp4@btinternet.com 01494 678050

Jordans Picture House Committee









News from over the Fields in Jordans

We herald June and summer time in Jordans with an abundance of activities. How lucky we are to have a village full of enthusiastic villagers keen to take part in our Community events.

First the celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III.



Ali Cork with Sally Wilson's delicious coronation cake

On Sunday 7 May villagers turned out to celebrate this clutching tables, chairs and the most wonderful array of fare to put on the village BBQs as well as lots to drink! The shop stayed open all afternoon - how many ice creams did we sell! - the loud speaker system sounded out the best music and as for the celebration cake! One great big thank you to our amazing village baker Sally Wilson for creating this and to all villagers who came and enjoyed the occasion. Jordans Village Green was full of fun and laughter!

Ahead we have our wonderful 'Village Fair' on **Saturday 10 June** and **Sunday 9 July** heralds our always amazing 'Music on the Green' with live bands for all to enjoy listening to. Guaranteed by the end of the event all will be dancing the night away! All from Seer Green so welcome to come over the fields and join in both - and bring your families and friends

Ali Cork



Jordans School celebrate the King's coronation!



Jordans School





















Jordans Music Club 80th Summer Festival 2023



The Jordans Music Club is delighted to announce four live concerts this summer in our usual venue of the Jubilee Hall, Seer Green, HP9 2QJ at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy a glass of wine and some fine music from musicians of international calibre without high prices or the need to travel into London. Season tickets covering all four concerts are available at a discounted price.

Sunday 4 June - Heath Quartet (strings) and Garfield Jackson (viola)



Haydn	Quartet in F minor, Op. 20 No. 5	
Fanny Mendelssohn	nn String Quartet in E flat major	
Mozart	String Quintet No. 4 in G minor, K.516	

We start the 2023 season with the return of the charismatic and award-winning Heath Quartet. Formed in 2002 at the Royal Northern College of Music they have performed at prestigious venues throughout Europe and elsewhere.

Sunday 18 June - Timothy Ridout (viola) and Jonathan Ware (piano)



Clara Schumann	Romances
César Franck	Violin Sonata in A major
Wilhelm Killmayer	Die Schönheit des Morgens
Robert Schumann	Marchesbilder
Robert Schumann	Fantasiestücke Op. 73

Timothy Ridout, a BBC New Generation Artist and Borletti-Buitoni Trust fellow, is one of the most sought-after violists of his generation. This season he appears as a soloist with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, Tokyo Metropolitan and San Jose symphony orchestra.

Tickets: Adult £25, student £12.50, Season Ticket £85 (booking fee applies) Full details at www.JordansMusicClub.org.uk

Jordans Music Performs

Concert in Jordans Village Hall Friday 23 June at 7.30pm

Here is a quick notification of our next concert: Classical meets Irish Folk music in an evening of two halves, please book soon since we expect a full house! For full details of the event and to reserve your seat, please visit this link: https://tinyurl.com/azefsdh7

Esther Cavett

Janet's Book Reviews



The Only Suspect – Louise Cavendish

I listened to this on audio and found myself sitting in the car once my journey had ended as I couldn't wait to find out what happened!

There's the obvious story. And then there's the truth.

Alex lives a comfortable life with his wife Beth in the leafy suburb of Silver Vale. He prefers to keep himself to himself, but he's a good husband and an easy-going neighbour.

That's until Beth announces the creation of a nature trail on a local site that's been disused for decades and suddenly Alex is a changed man. As the landscapers get to work, a secret threatens to surface from years ago, back in Alex's twenties when he got entangled with a seductive young woman called Marina, who threw both their lives into turmoil.

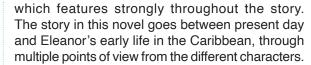
The story is told in dual time lines – Alex in the present and Rick in 1995, the multi-layered plot is skilfully planned and delivered. I thought I know where it was going – how wrong I was! A great psychological thriller



Estranged siblings, Byron and Benny are brought together following the death of their mother, to listen to audiotapes in the presence of their mother's lawyer.

The tapes were made by their mother, Eleanor, in the months leading up to her death, leaving them instructions and revealing secrets and revelations about Eleanor's life which are completely unknown to her children and are quite shocking.

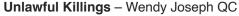
Byron and Benny are also told that their mother has baked and frozen a Caribbean Black Cake,



This is a wonderfully engaging, family saga, spanning several generations and locations

The chapters are short, possibly a nod to the recipe for Black Cake which is printed in the back of the book which I will definitely be making!

Really enjoyed this – would make a great Book Club read.



This was recommended to me by my friend Jane who had thoroughly enjoyed it on audio.

I don't often read non-fiction but I'm so glad I did on this occasion, a page turner as compelling as any fiction!

It presents us with 6 cases of murder and manslaughter and the judicial processes needed to try these. We are often swayed by sensationalist reports of such crimes in the media, but Judge Joseph guides us through a variety of cases with compassion whilst following the law and making difficult decisions.

She explains the roles of each person in the courtroom, far more than I'd been aware of. I was desperate to know what happened to each of these defendants, but of course, they were a conglomeration of many cases giving us an example of the many types of trial she's presided over.

Accompanying each story are the views of the author on some of the topics that run through the book such as gangs or the nature of murder or manslaughter

Janet Stewart





A day as a warden at Windsor Castle

Rene is a warden at Windsor Castle and sent us this piece about his work there. He says that wardens are usually ex police officers, teachers or service personnel as they have experience dealing with people.

He told us 'Our day at the Castle normally starts with a briefing by the Duty Manager telling us how many visitors we had the previous day and what to expect on the day regarding VIPs, people with special needs and large groups. Our prime task is to tell visitors about the history, art and treasures and the functions of the State Rooms. We are also concerned with security and care for our customers. We have to make sure all the visitors feel welcome and have a good time.'

Rene says that his favourite artworks are the Rubens collection.

He feels that we are blessed in this country having a stable monarchy and a Royal Family and hopes that there will be even more visitors to Windsor Castle this year now that Charles is King.

Rene Schurenberger



Savoury Muffins

It's holiday time... so if you have a long journey, day at the beach or a picnic in the park planned these are the perfect food to take and share. Easy and quick to make so you'll have plenty of time to enjoy the sunshine (hopefully!). You can easily change the additional ingredients and toppings to suit your own taste.

Ingredients

- 125g self-raising flour
- · 125g wholemeal flour
- 7.5ml (1½ tsp) baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- · Freshly ground black pepper
- 125g grated cheese
- · 2 eggs
- 200ml milk
- 85ml sunflower oil
- · Additional ingredients:
- 100g grated courgettes
- 100g sun dried tomatoes, chopped
- · 15ml (1 Tbsp) pesto

Toppings

- 12 cherry tomatoes
- 50ml (2 Tbsp) pine nuts



Method

Preheat oven to 200°C fan

In a bowl mix the flours, baking powder, black pepper and salt. Stir in the grated cheese.

In a jug mix the eggs, oil, pesto and milk then stir into the flour.

Fold in the additional ingredients of your choice such as courgettes, sun dried tomatoes and pesto.

Place 12 paper liners in a muffin tray and divide mixture equally.

Add toppings before baking - such as cherry tomatoes and pine nuts. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until well risen and golden.

Serve warm or place on a cooling rack and store in an airtight container once cold.







Free tennis coaching for Juniors

Yes, it's back! Starting from **Saturday 10TH June** for six weeks, our club coach, Nick Wood will be running FREE coaching sessions for our junior members, and if numbers allow, other children from the village too.

The format will be the same as previous years.

1400 -1500 Children under 8 years old 1500- 1600 Children over 8 years Saturday June 10^{th,} 17th, 24th and July 1st, 8th & 15th The exact grouping will depend upon the numbers applying, and ability.

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