

All Saints MILTON

Church at the heart of the community

June 2025 News



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Regular Prayer Meetings and Events

Toddler Group

10.00-11.30am Mondays and Fridays (during term time)

Stitchers Club

2.00-4.00pm Second Monday of the month (not on in August)

Tuesdays Together

3.30-4.45pm Second Tuesday of the month (during term time)

Praise and Play

9.30-10.30am Wednesdays (during term time)

Baby Group

2.00-4.00pm Wednesdays (all year)

Morning Prayer

9.00-9.30am Monday—Thursday

Prayer Meeting

7.00am Fridays

June 2025 Services

Sunday 1st June

8:00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship All Age

Sunday 8th June

8:00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion All Age

Sunday 15th June

8:00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 22nd June

8:00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion Come Together

Sunday 29th June

8:00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship

Dates for your Diary



June

Sunday 8th June

After 10:30am service—Churchyard Tidy Up

Tuesday 10th June

3:30-4:45pm—Tuesdays Together

Sunday 22nd June

7:00pm—Making Sense—St Johns Waterbeach

July

Saturday 5th July

2:00-5:00pm—Milton Primary School Fayre Invitation

We have been invited to host a stall at the MPS Fayre on Saturday 5th July, 2-5pm.

We are looking for a team of volunteers who might be able to run a stall. Any ideas or games are welcome! If you would be happy to help on the day and/or want to share an idea please do contact the office on office@allsaintsmilton.org.uk or our Children's and Schools Worker, Elinor on elinor.everitt@allsaintsmilton.org.uk

Thank you

Tuesday 8th July

3:30-4:45pm—Tuesdays Together

Sunday 13th July

3:00pm—Pet Service

Prayer Diary June 2025

1 st	Sunday	For the staff and patients of EACH and for fund raising at the Open Garden
2 nd	Monday	Pray for good relationships with mums, dads and guardians as they attend Toddlers group.
3 rd	Tuesday	Our office staff and church wardens and others who do work that is largely unseen.
4 th	Wednesday	For the Praise and Play group as they learn about God in a fun and meaningful way.
5 th ¹	Thursday	Praise God for the beauty of the earth! Pray for our eco team and the work they do.
6 th	Friday	Pray for those working to facilitate peace talks between Ukraine and Russia.
7 th	Saturday	Continue to pray for those who were confirmed a month ago – and in the past few years.
8 th	Sunday Pentecost	For the gifts of Holy Spirit to be shared at All Saints – and bound in the love of Christ.
9 th ²	Monday	For unity within the Anglican Communion and the selection of a new Arch-Bishop.
10 th	Tuesday	For all who gather for Tuesday Together, that there might be opportunity to share your love.
11 th ³	Wednesday	Give thanks for all those who encourage us, pray that we might encourage others.
12 th	Thursday	Pray for the ministry team that they might be faithful in listening to you and doing your will.
13 th	Friday	Pray for the vast, war-torn country of Sudan.
14 th ⁴	Saturday	Pray for our pastoral visiting team that they may bring comfort and encouragement.
15 th	Sunday (Trinity & Fathers day)	Let us give thanks for our family life and remember those who have no father with them.
16 th	Monday	For all those who, through illness or life events, find work difficult, and those searching for work.

17 th	Tuesday	For our ongoing relationship with Milton School, Pray for Governors and head teacher
18 th	Wednesday	Pray for those who are first time mums – pray for support and confidence from Baby group
19 th	Thursday	Pray for all our home groups and their leaders; growing trust & fellowship together in Jesus.
20 th ⁵	Friday	For all those who flee war and persecution, who are fearful and crave peace and a home.
21 st	Saturday	Praise God for the unique nature of our earth and the power of the Sun in sustaining life.
22 nd	Sunday	For Elenor and Sarah and all volunteers working with our children and youth.
23 rd ⁶	Monday	For Bishop Dagmar and the diocesan staff
24 th ⁷	Tuesday	For all those whose ministry is to prepare the ground for the good news of Jesus
25 th	Wednesday	Pray that all our youth, who have finished their exams, will have patience, rest and peace.
26 th	Thursday	Pray for all the village groups that use our buildings.
27 th	Friday	Pray for all who work to bring relief to famine, wounds and illness in Gaza; above all – Peace.
28 th	Saturday	For passing on the good news of Jesus to the next generation and for new leaders to arise.
29 th ⁸	Sunday	For those being ordained as deacons and priests – especially Jason and Zoe.
30 th	Monday	For all MP's. Pray for those who Christians that they can maintain their integrity.

1 World Environment Day

2 St Columba – Missionary

3 St Barnabas – the Encourager

4 Richard Baxter – Scholar and Pastor

5 International Refugee Day

6 St. Etheldreda – Patron of Ely

7 St. John the Baptist – who prepared the way for Jesus.

8 St. Peter & St. Paul

Letter from the Priest

Dear friends,

I hope you are aware that All Saints Church seeks to be a 'Church at the Heart of the Community'. This is both the church's tagline and our vision. But what does that mean, especially when the church is located at the end of Church Lane and not really in a central location?

If I could pick up the church and move it, then I'd place it roughly where the One-Stop shop is. That's probably where the center of the village is. However, I'm not strong enough and, in any case, the Bishop of Ely probably wouldn't approve! Joking aside, where the church is placed doesn't really matter because it's about where our heart is. The human heart is not exactly at the center of our bodies either, but its role is to pump blood around the whole of the body. This is what makes it central to the survival of the body.

I have talked a lot in church about our need to move out of the church building and go to the places where people are. This is why we hosted Messy Easter in the dell in the country park on Good Friday and went and served refreshments at the car boot sale on Easter Sunday. This is why we do not charge for any of our children's groups because we want to be part of a welcoming community.

Our church belongs to everyone who lives in Milton, even if you never visit it or use it! I hope, by serving the village, people will see something of God's love for them. Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13: 35)). We cannot love in this way if we are not living intentionally in life-giving community as a church. We must be ready and willing not only to enter into one other's lives but to allow them into ours as well. This takes vulnerability and humility, and it isn't without risk. But it is this kind of love that will witness to the world about the God we serve. It is also the kind of love that can change the world for the better and transform lives. Isn't that something worth getting involved in?

Please do come and see me and find out more about what we are doing to truly become a church at the heart of the community.

With love,

Alex

Friends of Freetown



We continue to be incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of All Saints' that enables us to help people in need in Sierra Leone. Thank you to everyone who has donated to us recently. We are also really grateful for the funds given by the PCC.

Friends of Freetown is a small UK charity which was set up in 2010 and is run by a small team of trustees. We act as a link in the chain between people in need in Sierra Leone and those who are able to give in the UK.

We work with three trusted partners with whom we keep in close personal contact: Mercy Children's Home, Experiential Christian Ministries and Pujehun Development Organisation. Through these partners, we are privileged to support two schools, an orphanage and a rural clinic.

Over the past 12 months, our funds have been used as follows:

- Contributions to the running costs of Mercy Children's Home, currently home to 20 children and young people.
- Contributions to the drug supply and running costs of Gbongay clinic.
- Provision of 20 scholarships for children at Tiyeni International School.
- Installation of a borehole well and water tank at the Kate McGrath School for Girls- providing flushing toilets and running water for the 400 pupils. We invite you to enjoy a clip of the speech by the adorable Head Girl at the official unveiling at [[Thank you from the head girl with subtitles.mp4 - Google Drive](#)]
- Emergency funding for Mercy Children's Home after unprecedented heat early in 2024 caused widespread crop failure and inflation rose to 45%.
- School fees funding for two girls at the Kate McGrath School for girls whose mothers were recently killed in a road accident.
- Shipping of Christmas presents collected by our volunteers to Mercy Children's Home.

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped to make the above gifts possible. We would love to invite you to join our mailing list at [[Friends of Freetown](#)]

Technical Fault or The Holy Spirit?

By Helen Kiddle

In her recent sermon, Kathy talked about the Apostle Paul's second missionary journey, a fascinating piece of history from the Bible (Acts 16:6-15) where we learned that the Holy Spirit of Jesus prevented Paul and Silas from entering the Province of Asia at that time. Instead, without understanding the reason why, they travelled on some 300 miles further before Paul had a dream where he saw a man asking him to go to Macedonia in Northern Greece. The rest as they say, is history. Literally- as once there, he founded all the churches from Philippi to Corinth and then on to Ephesus that we can read about in his Epistles or letters to them, that make up a big chunk of the New Testament.

As Kathy was speaking, I felt the urge to share what had happened to me just the day before, but sensing that it wasn't the right moment, I'm telling you here instead.

A few months ago, I had bought tickets to see the Royal Ballet's Romeo and Juliet at Covent Garden. I had never done anything like this before but it was something I'd always wanted to do. As two of my sisters live in London, I bought them tickets too so we could go together. Also a first for us as sisters. At this point I need to explain that neither of them believe in God -or so they say, but I have been praying for them for years that one day they would know Jesus and that He would turn their lives upside down, in a good way of course! I also prayed on the day that the Lord would give me a good and natural way to share my faith and my stories with my younger sisters.

Finally the day came, and I travelled up to London on the early train. We met at the station and after catching up with all the family news and happenings over coffee and brunch, we made our way to see the

matinee performance of the ballet, full of excitement. We took our seats, and the orchestra began to play. The curtain went up and we were

transfixed by the beauty of the dancing, the story telling and the costumes. It was everything I had dreamed of. After the first act, the curtain came down for the interval and after a considerable wait, a spokesman came out through the thick red velvet curtains to explain that due to a technical fault, one of the curtains would not open. It could only be opened by machinery, he said. It was impossible for a person to do. After another prolonged interval, the spokesman came on again, and told us that sadly, the performance would have to be cancelled.

Strangely enough, I did not feel disappointed. We'd been inside the Opera House, seen part of the ballet and felt the special atmosphere. However, during the interval, the conversation with my sisters had somehow shifted to faith, and even heaven and Jesus' promise of eternal life.

We had more time for chatting as we walked through the heart of London back towards the station, and we didn't stop talking about the personal ways that God has answered so many of my prayers. We talked about His love for us and how Jesus came out of His love, to make the ultimate sacrifice for us on the cross. To forgive us and show us that death could not hold Him. That death is not the end of life! The conversation flowed in such a natural and joyful way, that my sisters asked questions and wanted to know more about my faith. As we said goodbye at the train station, they even responded to my blessing by returning it to me with a God bless you too!

On reflection, and when I heard Kathy's sermon the next day, I had to wonder. Lord, was that theatre curtain glitch really a technical fault, or was it the Holy Spirit making time and space for those important conversations that might never have happened had the ballet gone ahead? In my heart I know what I believe! When God closes one door, He opens another. Or, in this case, a curtain.

News from the Eco Church Team June 2025



The church received an Eco Church Silver Award from AROCHA last December. The team is now considering the next steps in working towards a Gold Award. The award scheme has 5 sections: worship, Buildings, Land, Lifestyle and Community and Global Engagement.

Psalm 24:1-2 “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, The world and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.” is a reminder to us that we need to do what we can to promote “Creation Care” within the church and the wider community.

For the Land section, the churchwardens together with the Eco Church team aim to have a churchyard which is good for wildlife and welcoming for humans. They have developed a management plan with different parts of the churchyard mown at different times: some short for access and others left till later in the year to allow wildflowers to flourish and for spring bulbs including snowdrops, bluebells, daffodils and more to die down and make sure the bulbs can store enough food to grow the next year. The area near the wall in the churchyard and parking area is a riot of colour in early summer with Green alkanet and Greater Celandine both of which attract bees, butterflies and moths and attractive grasses.



Nettles are deliberately left in some areas mainly to the east of the church as they are good for invertebrates especially butterfly and moth caterpillars.

Each Year we take part in a national survey “Churches Count on Nature” between 7th and 18th June when everyone is invited to help find out what is living in their churchyard. At All Saints you can do this on Sunday 8th June after the 10.30 service when the team will have sweep nets and identification guides on hand or you can join in all week by using i-naturalist on your phone or recording what you see on the record sheet in the church porch.



Last summer the church received a Bronze Churchyard Award from the Wildlife Trust in recognition of the way the churchyard is looked after and the involvement of the congregation in recording the wildlife.



Prayer for the Persecuted Church

June 2025

All Saints Milton continues to support the work of Open Doors financially and in prayer in their support for Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith. You may find additional resources at the Open Doors website and use the daily Prayer Diary (the Nov/Dec one is at <https://media.opendoorsuk.org/document/pdf/Prayer%20Diary.pdf>), the general prayer page is <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/resources/prayer/>

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Updates on three Iranians imprisoned in March; Nasser Navard Gol-Tapeh, Joseph Shahbazian and Amir-Ali Minaei. Pastor Joseph remains in prison but the authorities have freed his wife Lida Alexani, who was detained 6 weeks ago and held without charge to intimidate him. Amir recently received assurances about medical treatment and access to a phone and stopped a hunger strike. Nasser remains without attention for a painful dental condition and is also on a hunger strike. Please pray for their health and families, for relief from the stress of being harassed to inform on their Christian friends and for their lawyers. There are many safeguards and rights in the Iranian legal system but they are also often ignored.

A COUNTRY WE MAY THINK IS FREE

Despite Ethiopia's rich Christian heritage, persecution comes from both the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (EOC) and Islamic extremists. Christians from non-traditional denominations get the harshest treatment from local authorities and the EOC, while new believers and missionaries are hunted by extremists, forcing many to flee their homes. Whilst not as brutal as neighbouring Eritrea, the government follows similar rules that a very few church denominations are authorised and anyone not belonging to those is considered a threat to national security.

MINISTRY IN A TOUGH CLIMATE

Comoros and Mayotte are two nations in the Indian Ocean, the former is a strict Islamic Republic and the latter an overseas department of France. Although there are designated churches in Comoros, sharing your faith and conversion from Islam will get you expelled at best and killed at worst. Converts lose their citizenship as is the case in the not-so-beautiful Maldives. Comoros is a poor country and many people from there migrate to live or work in Mayotte and while there may hear the gospel and be allowed to decide without pressure. Pray for churches in Mayotte and secret believers in Comoros; also for numerous countries for whose citizens the most realistic chance of hearing the gospel is a job as a migrant or as a refugee.



Ely Cathedral

9th May to 29th June

Threads through the Bible

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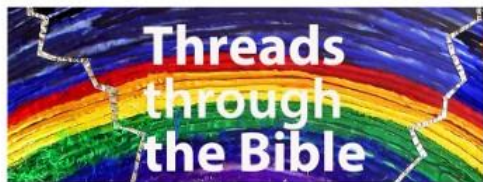
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'breathtaking!' 'stunning!' 'inspiring!'

A vibrant combination of 44 huge panels

Threads through the Bible is an astonishing display of embroidered panels inspired by three parts of the Bible. Textile artist Jacqui Parkinson retells the stories in a vibrant combination of silks, paint, metallic leathers and gold leaf – with 25 million stitches!

Jacqui has a national reputation for spectacular, large scale work. This is one of the largest textile art projects, ever. The 44 panels are nearly 3m high with extraordinary variety. Some panels are startling and dramatic, others complex and dazzling.

Ten years' dedication: three great sequences

Jacqui has been working for ten years to create three great sequences. Two have toured many cathedrals and been seen by over a million visitors. Now for the first time they are joined with *'Threads through the Cross'* to complete this extraordinary and inspiring project in 2025.

'Such artistry and vision. What a privilege to be able to stand and stare.'

Threads through Creation - astonishing colours and patterns. Twelve huge panels bring wonderful imagination to the creation story in the first pages of the Bible, from the book of Genesis.

Threads through the Cross - dramatic and moving. Eighteen huge panels retell moments from the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Threads through Revelation - startling and spectacular. Fourteen huge panels re-imagine the strange visions in Bible's last book.

'we have been 'blown away!' Such amazing creative design and spiritual depth'

Perfect for all ages: you'll find the work breathtaking and inspiring. Children love it. And anyone who stitches will be fascinated to see Jacqui's unique techniques.

Visiting hours (visitor charges apply)

Monday to Saturdays: 10am - 4pm Sundays: 12 Noon - 3pm
Please check website for any changes to visiting hours before you visit.

We kindly request that Visitor Tickets are booked in advance.

Visitor Ticket Prices: Adults: £14 Children Under 16: Free (in family group)

Carers: Free (when accompanying a paying adult with additional needs)

Annual Pass: This is a very large exhibition, and you may well like to make one or two return visits! **You can upgrade your visitor ticket to an annual pass at no extra cost.** Please ask for details from the team on duty during your visit.

Please note: Passes are not transferable and are not valid for concerts or events.

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Cambridge Churches Homeless Project



**Pop-up Exhibition
on Homelessness**

4th-6th June 2025

**St Barnabas Church
Cambridge**

Cambridge Churches Homeless Project
(CCHP) cordially invites you to an interactive
exhibition exploring the question

What does homelessness mean to you?

The exhibition will include:

- ◊ A range of artwork
- ◊ A preview of a new educational course on homelessness
- ◊ A chance to meet the CCHP team and hear about our vision and plans
- ◊ Times to eat and talk with others passionate about homelessness

At CCHP we aim to walk alongside not only vulnerable people but also service providers, volunteers and churches looking to support people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

We look forward to seeing you at the exhibition and sharing food, thoughts and conversation with you.

Exhibition Programme

Wednesday 4th June

19:00–20:30 Exhibition preview

Thursday 5th June

11:00–15:00 Exhibition open

12:30 Community lunch*

Friday 6th June

11:00–15:00 Exhibition open

12:30 Community lunch*

15:00 Communion service

Entry to the exhibition is free. Please attend whenever suits you best. No RVSP required.

**To sign up for either of the free community lunches, please contact mel@cchp.org.uk*

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Bible verse for 2025

‘Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts
to him, for God is our refuge.’

Psalm 62:8