



### Summer months

It is that time of the year when many of us try and have some holiday time away from the stresses and strains of our ordinary lives. Sometimes people ask me if it is a quiet time in the life of the church, but I have to disillusion them and say it is usually a very busy time, especially if there is a Bible Holiday Club running.

This year we are running a holiday club for the first time in three years because of COVID. It is called 'Jungle Adventure' and features Lemmy the lemur and Terry the tiger, who may or may not bear an uncanny resemblance to the vicar and curate.



Nearly 80 children have signed up for the holiday club, which is a wonderful answer to prayer after a break of several years. This year the teaching will be based on the life of King David and how he points us ahead to Jesus the perfect king and Son of David. Please do pray that everyone will have a safe and fun time and that we will have enough leaders and helpers to go round!

(PS. Anyone willing to lend their gas barbecue for a BBQ at the church on Friday 2 September? Get in touch!)

### Pews go on holiday!

Part of our Inspire re-ordering project is to re-imagine how we use the space inside our wonderful Grade 1 listed building. We are aiming to have a more flexible seating arrangement, suitable for a variety of both traditional and contemporary services, as well as wider community events. The Archdeacon of Cheltenham has given the PCC permission to remove the pews for one month (26 Aug- 26 Sep) to explore seating options and to see how the space can be used during our holiday club and parish mission. The pews will be safely stored and brought back again at the end of the month. We will be hiring individual chairs for the month, which can be placed in many different configurations. These chairs are standard stacking chairs and will *not* be the ones we will eventually have as part of our re-ordering project! A huge thank you to the kind donor who is paying for the pew removal/storage and chair hire.



**'Seeds of Faith'  
Parish Mission**



Preparations are well under way for our Parish Mission 17-25 September.

-Every household in the parish has been delivered a summary brochure of all the different services and events. Postcard invitations will be available for each event of the mission- perfect to give to others!

-A video is also being produced, which features stories from seven local people telling how they came to faith in Christ. We hope this will be shared widely on social media and with friends and neighbours.

-The 'Sunflower Café' will also be running in the church throughout the mission week, a great place to invite people along to.

Please pray that God would move powerfully by His Spirit in this week and people's eyes would be opened to the truth of the Gospel.



We are having a special evening of prayer on Mon 12 Sep (details above) with Roger Simpson, encouraging us as a whole church family, whatever Sunday service you normally attend, to get behind this great opportunity for outreach in our local community. This prayer evening will replace the normal Parish Prayer Meeting for September.



**Seeds of Faith Parish Mission Week Planner  
September 2022**

<b>SAT 17TH</b>	9am - 11am Ladies' Breakfast with Emma Kennedy in St. Lawrence Church	<b>SUN 18TH</b>
<b>TUE 20TH</b>	8am Spoken Holy Communion Service in St. Lawrence Church 10am Guest Service with Roger Simpson in St. Lawrence Church	<b>WED 21ST</b>
<b>THU 22ND</b>	7:30pm Herbs and Healing with Judith Hann & Rachel Bell at Millers Garden Centre 9:30am - 11:30am Little Lights Party in St. Lawrence Church 12:30pm Short Talk with Roger Simpson and Lunch at St. Lawrence Court	<b>FRI 23RD</b>
<b>SAT 24TH</b>	7:30pm Explore Your Spiritual Path with Penny Horseman at the Memorial Hall 7:30pm Live Concert with the Bean Baker Band at St. Lawrence Church	<b>SUN 25TH</b>
	10am Men's Breakfast with Warren Furman at the Memorial Hall 2:30pm - 5pm Family Fun Day with Michael J Tinker at the Memorial Hall 8am Spoken Holy Communion Service in St. Lawrence Church 10am Guest Service with Roger Simpson in St. Lawrence Church 7pm Grill A Vicar with Roger Simpson & Andrew Cinnamon at the Trout Inn	

■ All the events are free but tickets are limited for these three so please book via the website

**Meet our speakers:**

**Roger Simpson**  
A retired vicar, who has been explaining the Christian faith in the UK and around the world for many years. He is the Archbishop of York's Evangelism Advisor and has great experience in exploring faith with all sorts of different people, in all sorts of different places.

**Warren Furman**  
Better known as 'Kof' from 'TV's Gladiators'. A keen fitness and sports instructor, he is also busy in many schools and youth projects around the country, where he speaks about the difference being a Christian makes to the rest of life.

**Penny Horseman**  
A member of the Church Army, having previously worked in the Diocese of Chelmsford. She has a huge range of experience as a teacher and an artist, with a special interest in alternative spiritualities and body, mind and spirit fairs.

**Emma Kennedy**  
She is involved with community and outreach work at St. Mary's Church in Chipping Norton. Emma has a passion for seeing the practical outworking of the Christian faith in local communities.

**Bean Baker Band**  
The Bean Baker Band are a bunch of friends and musicians who have been playing and touring together since 2012. They embrace the weird and wonderful world of gigs from small café style events to playing at big national events and everywhere in between. Definitely worth a listen!

**Judith Hann**  
Judith studied zoology at Durham before becoming a successful presenter and broadcaster, best known for hosting BBC's 'Tomorrow's World' between 1974 & 1994. In 2017 she published a book - 'Herbs: Delicious Recipes and Growing Tips to Transform Your Food'. Her herb garden has been featured on 'Gardeners' World'.

**Michael J Tinker**  
Michael is a singer-songwriter with a background in folk music, who tours the country with his shows for children. His latest adventure show, 'Mission to Dendros', is packed with puppets, silly voices, wonderfully bad jokes, sing-along songs, and amazing good news about God. Don't miss it coming to Lechade for our Family Fun Day!



## SO, THINKING ABOUT...

Who could I invite?

What sort of event or service would most suit them?

Who can I be praying for during this mission week?

### **And finally...**

As members of St. Lawrence Church, we are all part of the body of Christ, each playing our part. No part is better or more important than any other – we are all in this together! Let's continue to pray for unity in our church family as we make our holiday club and parish mission happen this year. We can do nothing without the grace of our Lord God going before us in everything we do.

So many people have worked so hard behind the scenes, using their God-given gifts and abilities for the Kingdom of God. I thank God for being able to be involved with you all in this adventure of faith.

Yours, in Christ's service and ministry,



**Andrew Cinnamon**

Vicar