

St Olave's Church, Gatcombe

May 2024



As the colours of spring begin to unfurl around us, let us also embrace renewal within our cherished church family of St Olave's. Just as nature blooms anew, so too can our faith grow with each passing day.

In Romans 12:2, we are reminded to not conform to the patterns of this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. This renewal is not merely a seasonal occurrence but a continual journey of growth and grace. Let us open our hearts to this divine renewal, allowing it to strengthen our bonds of fellowship and inspire us to spread love and kindness throughout our village.

As we gather in worship and fellowship, may we be uplifted by the promise of renewal and the eternal hope found in our shared faith. Let us support one another on this journey, rejoicing in the beauty of community and the blessings of each new day.

Together, let us embrace this season of renewal with joy and gratitude, knowing that through our faith and unity, we can overcome any challenge that may come our way. *Leonie Terry*



Annual Vestry Meeting (AVM) & Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

These meetings will be held in the church on Sunday May 5th following the conclusion of the 11am Holy Communion Service. At the AVM nominations for the Official Roles will be heard and voted on.

During the APCM Annual Reports from 2023/2024 (Churchwardens, Treasurer, Deanery Synod Representative, Safeguarding Officer, PCC Secretary, Maintenance and Team Vicar) will be received.

Everybody is welcome to come along. If you would like to be able to vote you must be on the Church Electoral Roll. St Olave's Electoral Roll Officer is Leonie Terry and she can be contacted by email (leonieferry@gmail.com).

Date for your Diary

Friday 31st May from 11am to 4pm

The 'St Olave's Gang' are running the Tea Rooms at Chillerton Village Hall for the Scarecrow Festival. I know that many of you will be helping on other days but if not, and you have time, please volunteer a cake or an hour or so to help.

As Kitchener said (nearly), YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!!!! Do just pop in for a cuppa and a cake anyway as it will be great fun. There will be a village full of scarecrows to enjoy.

Don't miss Daniel In The Lion's Den outside the church !!!!

In Your Prayers...

Following on from Leonie's beautiful opening piece in this news sheet, on renewal, we say in our Morning Worship service every month the lovely prayer, 'The night has passed and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind. As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you.'

A new day, a new opportunity and a fresh start. What a wonderful gift and a blessing from our newly risen Lord for all of us.

Harriet Robinson



**The Funeral of
Canon Graham Drowley Fuller
was held on
Tuesday 23rd April 2024
at Gatcombe Church**



Grateful thanks to St Olave's flower arrangers who made the church look so beautiful as a thank you to Revd Canon Graham Fuller and his kindness to our church, and a gift to his family.

Services at St Olave's in May

Sunday 11am Holy Communion
5 May
AVM & APCM

Sunday 11am Morning Worship
12 May
Ascension Day
(Please stay for coffee and cake.)

Sunday 6.30pm Evensong
19 May
Pentecost

Sunday 11am Holy Communion
26 May
Trinity Sunday

**The Marriage of
George David Hatt &
Rosanna Elizabeth Riddett
was held on
Saturday 6th April 2024
at Gatcombe Church**



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