

# St Olave's Church, Gatcombe

September  
2024



Whether you are a sportsman or not it is impossible not to have been impressed by the amazing talent on show at the 2024 Paris Olympics. The games stand as a beacon of peaceful competition, showcasing how nations can come together to celebrate athletic excellence and human spirit. In a world often divided by political tensions, economic disparities, and conflicts, the Olympics offer a contrasting vision. Athletes from diverse cultures and backgrounds gather to compete within the boundaries of mutual respect. This global congregation underscores the possibility of harmonious coexistence, where national pride is expressed through the pursuit of personal and collective excellence, rather than through the devastation of war.

In stark contrast, conflicts and acts of violence persist, fuelled by misunderstandings, power struggles, and intolerance. The tragedy of these situations lies not only in the loss of life but in the perpetuation of hatred and division. Unlike the temporary harmony seen at the Olympics, these conflicts create deep and lasting wounds, both physical and psychological, that take generations to heal.

The teachings of the Bible offer a timeless message that resonates with the spirit of the Olympics. Matthew 5:9 states, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." This verse encapsulates the ideal of forgiveness and peace, calling for reconciliation and understanding instead of retaliation and violence. The Olympics, in its celebration of peaceful competition, embodies this principle, offering a stage where the world's differences are not only acknowledged but celebrated. It is a living testament to the possibility of a world where nations interact with dignity and grace, even amidst competition.



*Leonie Terry*

## Welcome....

We warmly welcome our new Team Rector, Chris Bradish, along with his family. Chris will be licensed on Sunday September 15th at The Minster in a service starting at 4pm.

Therefore there will be no Evensong Service at Gatcombe on that day.

There will be no fifth Sunday Holy Communion Service at Gatcombe on September 29th. Instead there will be a Holy Communion Service at St Mary's, Carisbrooke, starting at 9.30am and led by new Team Rector, Chris Bradish.

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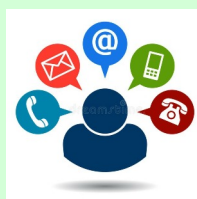
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## In Your Prayers...

What a mess we have made of your beautiful world, Lord. We say we are tolerant and multicultural but, as I write this, there are reports of riots and racist behaviour that should put us all to shame. We should be celebrating all the peoples and cultures on this earth, encouraging tolerance and blessing all that you have created.

This is a beautiful prayer by the Native American Pueblos that can, I think, be said by all peoples. It echoes a quote from Thessalonians in the Bible, and says -

*Hold on to what is good, even if it is a handful of earth.*

*Hold on to what you believe, even if it is a tree which stands by itself.*

*Hold on to what you must do, even if it is a long way from here.*

*Hold on to life, even when it is easier letting go.*

*Hold on to my hand, even when I have gone away from you.*

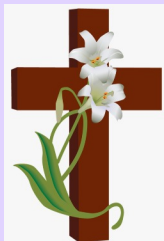
We, as Christians, are lucky to know that even if we are separated from earthly friends, Jesus holds our hand and is always by our side, encouraging and supporting us.  
*Amen*

*Harriet Robinson*



## The Funeral of Elizabeth Shelton

was held on  
Wednesday 14th August 2024  
at Gatcombe Church



The Baptism of  
Oscar Tuckey  
took place on  
Sunday 28th July 2024  
at Gatcombe Church



## Services at St Olave's in September

Sunday 1 September	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8 September	11am	Morning Worship <i>(Please stay for coffee and cake.)</i>
Sunday 15 September	*	<b><i>Please note that there will be no Evensong service at Gatcombe</i></b>
Sunday 22 September	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29 September	*	<b><i>Please note that there will be no service at Gatcombe</i></b>



The Marriage of  
Lance Thomas Hopewell &  
Donna - Marie Fay  
took place on  
Saturday 20th July 2024  
at Gatcombe Church

The Marriage of  
Justin Frederick Buckle &  
Dawn Yvonne Dillon  
took place on  
Saturday 17th August 2024  
at Gatcombe Church

The Marriage of  
Matthew Gifford &  
Emily Eccot  
took place on  
Saturday August 31st 2024  
at Gatcombe Church

## Chillerton Village Show 2024

How many times did I hear the remark 'this is such a lovely traditional village show', which indeed it is. It was also a perfect summer's afternoon, not too hot, not too cold, sunny and light winds.

St Olave's played its part with the miracle of changing water into wine. Well, not really a miracle (unlike those performed by Jesus in the Bible). For their money, punters could select a bottle wrapped in newspaper; some got a bottle of wine, (ELATION!!). Some got a bottle of water, (DISAPPOINTMENT!). However, everyone participated with good humour and anticipation, enjoying the fun.

The organisers kindly allowed the St Olave's to keep the profits of £158.... and very many thanks go to those who donated the wine.

*Hilary Jones*

*Jill Hawkes,  
Hilary Jones,  
Harriet  
Robinson and  
Maggie  
Puckett*



## September 19th 1942

Many thanks to Peter Williams for these photographs of his parents (James, 25 and Phyllis, nee Kelleway, 19) marrying at Gatcombe Church on September 19th 1942.

Their reception was held at the Village Hall in Chillerton.

The Kelleway family home (Heathview) was to the left of the village hall and was demolished to make way for the flats that are now there.



*L to R - George Williams (Groom's brother), Mary Williams (Groom's mother), James Williams (Groom), Phyllis Kelleway (Bride), Albert Kelleway (Bride's father), Charlotte Kelleway (Bride's grandmother), Minnie Kelleway (Bride's mother), Eileen Kelleway (Bridesmaid /Bride's sister) and Hazel Kelleway (Bridesmaid / Bride's sister).*

## Counting Butterflies at St Olave's.

The Big Butterfly Count takes place each year for just over a fortnight at the end of July and into early August. This year I carried out a single 15-minute count in both the new and old churchyard, on a hot afternoon on 29th July. It was probably too warm for the best numbers.

There were: 10 Meadow Browns, 8 Green-Veined Whites, 6 Gatekeepers, 2 Speckled Woods and 2 Small White. Gatekeepers and Meadow Browns are normally the commonest species recorded nationally, and that is likely to be repeated this year. The number of Green-Veined Whites is larger than you might expect. They like damper conditions and so the proximity to the lake is probably an important factor. Speckled Woods like shadier areas in the churchyard.

The numbers of individual butterflies were twice as many as Newport Cemetery, and three times as many as in Carisbrooke St Mary's churchyard but not as good as Ryde Cemetery's conservation area. The edges of St Olave's churchyards are particularly rich in plants and flowers, although it was the bramble that attracted more species than the willow-herb.

Elsewhere in the parish by far the best numbers were often the lanes with lots of marjoram in the verges. It will be interesting to repeat the count annually at St Olave's and see how things fluctuate over the years. This result and others in the parish carried out by a range of volunteers can be seen by looking at the maps available on the Big Butterfly Count website. This is currently available at <https://bigbutterflycount.butterflyconservation.org> or look up Big Butterfly Count 2024 in a search engine.

*Richard Smout*



### **Top to bottom...**

*Meadow Brown*  
*Green Veined White*  
*Gatekeeper*  
*Speckled Wood*

*Small White (immediate right)*



## Dates for your Diary

### **Autumn Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 7th September**

**from 10am till noon at Chillerton Village Hall**

(Raising funds for Gatcombe Church)

Please join us for the usual fun get together and fabulous CAKES!!

### **Harvest Festival**

**Sunday 6th October at 11am**

Please, if you are able, bring items of non-perishable food stuff which will be blessed during the service and then taken to the Food Bank.

*NB. Due to our current circumstances Gatcombe Church will not be holding a Harvest Supper this year.*