

## Growing together in worship ... reaching out with Christian love

This is my first opportunity, as your new rector, to write for Church Link. As you read this we are still in Eastertide in the Church Calendar. It is still a time of new beginnings, a time when nothing will be quite the same ever again. It is almost ascension and then the disciples will be left, still waiting for Pentecost, wondering what next?

It feels a little like this for my family at the moment! A new beginning, a new location, still waiting and learning and wondering what the next new thing is to discover.

Having just moved into the rectory we have spent the last few weeks in that situation where nothing feels quite in the right place. The kitchen cupboards aren't configured quite the same as our old kitchen, so there is that moment when you just can't quite remember where the pans are. There are pieces of furniture that have been moved several times until their permanent spot is found. So many thing things seem out of place or perhaps still missing! And yet even in all the displacement, I feel that one thing is in the right place and that is us as a family, me as your new rector.



I am immensely excited about the time ahead and all we will discover and do together. My prayer is that we will all grow in the knowledge and love of God when, rather than unpacking boxes, we begin to unpack together the good news of a God who loves us, with a love that can never be taken from

us, the love of a God who is for us not against us. At my licensing service I very deliberately chose a passage from Paul's letter to the Romans. "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

We have been very grateful for the warm welcome we have received, and I have enjoyed meeting so many of you over the last few weeks and I look forward to meeting many more of you. And if we haven't met yet, please do stop me, and say hello if you see me out and about. If you would like to meet for a proper chat my contact details are within this leaflet, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With every blessing,



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#### About our website

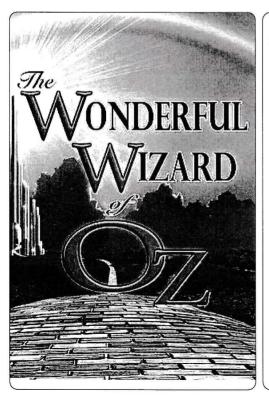


As you may have noticed our Group of churches website has needed updating for a while.

So, while we develop a new website the current one will shortly be shut down.

However, all the information you will need including events and service times will be on **A Church Near You.** To access this, go to www.achurchnearyou.com

and search on either your post code for the nearest church or the name



#### **ELTON**

On the 24th May we are pleased to be welcoming the "My Theatre" group back to All Saints church Elton, where they will be performing their adaptation of the Wizard of Oz.

Based on the original novel by L. Frank Baum, children and adults alike will love this ever-popular story reimagined for the stage.

Running time: approximately 90 minutes.

Tickets are now on sale via their website:

https://www.thisismytheatre.com/elton Or by phone: - 07732 253311

# Save the date and support the Morborne Church roof fund



Nikki and Steve invite you for drinks, savouries and cake at:

Venetian Lodge Morborne Road Folksworth Saturday 22nd June 2024 2pm – 6pm

# Coffee Morning



In the Church Meeting Room,
Stilton.
Home made cake and a raffle.
Saturday 18th May
10.30 Coffee Morning.

# Is a church wedding for me?



# Are you thinking about getting married in 2025/2026?

Our churches, in five stunning locations, are all open for weddings. We love doing weddings and spending time with couples as they prepare for their big day.

Please do contact Rev Diane with any questions or enquires.

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## Services in May ~ All Welcome

#### STILTON

St Mary Magdalene Church St. PE7 3RF



# ELTON

All Saints Overend PEs 6RU



5th May

11.15 am Morning Service

12th May

11.15am Holy Communion

19th May

11.15am Holy Communion 26th May

11.15am Morning Service

5th May

9.30 am Holy Communion

12th May

**6pm Evening Praise** 

19th May

9.30am Holy Communion

26th May

9.30am Mornina Praise

# MORBORNE All Saints The Green PE7 3TG

19th May 3pm Evening Praise



#### HADDON



**6pm Evening Praise** 

12th May 11.15am Family Service

19th May

11.15am Messy Praise

26th May

11.15am Holy Communion

# **FOLKSWORTH**

St Helen's Morborne Road PE7 3SS



5th May

9.45 am All Age Service

12th May

9.45am Holy Communion

19th May

9.45am Morning Praise

26th May

9.45am Morning Praise



# MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

1st Wednesday of the month (1st May) @Stilton

12.30pm with a soup lunch 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month (8th and 22th May) @Elton 10am followed by coffee.