

Church Fire Rota – help required!

We are in need of people to help us by joining the church fire rota – keeping us warm in the colder months! Please contact Jane 670064 if you are interested. Thank you.

Granborough Produce Show – help required!

We successfully celebrated the 50th Granborough Produce and Handicraft Show this year. Both Malcolm Newman and Davina Thorogood who have organised the show for many years are stepping down from their roles and in order to keep this village tradition going we need new people to come forward. It is recommended that a small team of residents form a sub-committee with the village hall Trustees to organise the 2024 show. Full support and training will be given. To find out more and hopefully volunteer to help, please contact Davina on 670596 or davina.thorogood@googlemail.com We want to keep this Granborough tradition going for the next 50 years!

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Thank you

Thank you to all who supported the Macmillan coffee morning held on Saturday 30th September. We raised a magnificent £517 on the day. Emily and her team.

Ian Nicholson – Thank you

I send my sincere thanks to all of you who have sent me and the family their warm wishes and condolences on the passing of Ian. We were overwhelmed by the number of you that attended Ian's funeral on the 28th September. A special thank you to Ian's golfing comrades for being pallbearers, was heartfelt seeing you do this for him. Debbie, Shaun and Kayleigh.

Crown Charity Golf Day – Thank you

8 October saw 17 local golfers set out on a glorious Autumn morning at Weston Turville GC, in search of fame and fortune. Individual Silver went to Paul Butterwith with The Team Trophy narrowly being won by Richard Russell, Mark Heritage and Danny Harwood.

Thank you from Churchwardens

The churchwardens would like to thank everyone for their patience in tolerating the disruption caused by the workmen parking outside the church whilst the tower was being repaired – the works have now been completed.

Granborough Tea Towels

Granborough map tea towels are now available at a cost of £7.50 each. We also have A3 size print copies of the map for sale at £5.00 each. They will be on sale at future village hall events or can be ordered from Philip Oakland tel: 07596 932871

***Granborough Christmas Card 2023 – Deadline 12th November!**

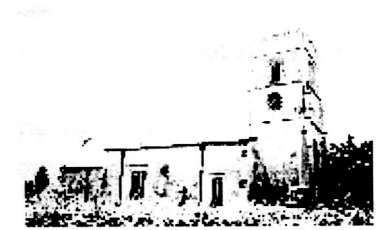
See separate flyer for details!

Contact is Jayne Evans, jaynegranborough@hotmail.com

Pew News material should be submitted by the 15th of the previous month to **Carolyn Scholes (670035) candmscholes@gmail.com** (please put 'Pew News' somewhere in the title of your email so that I don't miss it – thank you!)

St. John the Baptist Church

A worshipping church, welcoming everyone into the Lord's family; proclaiming the Gospel and serving the community.



Pew News – November 2023

5th November	11am	FAMILY SERVICE
12th November	10.45am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE
19th November	11am	FAMILY SERVICE
26th November	11am	HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

You are most welcome to join us for any or all of our services, or to come into our church for private prayer, as the building is open daily.

Church Website

For an update on church events and activities you can always check our website shared with North Marston Church **www.nmgchurches.co.uk**

The Schorne Team Services

> **Whitchurch** continues to live-stream their Holy Communion Service each Sunday at 11am. Log onto **Facebook** and find The Schorne Team of Parishes' page.

> **Messy Church** – on **Sunday 12th November at 4pm at the Wesley Centre in North Marston** with some messy art and craft and also prayerful activity, games and refreshment for young families with children. You are most welcome to join us.

> **Christmas Praise and Worship Service** – on **Sunday 26th November at 6pm in Quanton** There will be an Arts and Crafts Winter Sale after the service to raise money for the feeding programme at a school for underprivileged children in Kakamega, Kenya.

Granborough Church Flower Rota

14th October to 3rd November	Davina Thorogood
4th November to 24th November	May Bradbury

Prayer requests

If you have something for which you would like prayer, please contact Alison Rosser or Jayne Evans on paulandally1979@gmail.com or jaynegranborough@hotmail.com or pop a note through the door of either 3 or 24 Winslow Road. All requests are held in complete confidence.

Requests may also be anonymous if preferred.

If you find yourself in the coming weeks in need of any practical help and support, or if you have any request for prayer, or if you have any enquiries, please contact us:

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Rev Janet Bayly	670245	janet.bayly@gmail.com
Alison Rosser	670504	paulandally1979@gmail.com
Robert Kemp	670204	rookery4@aol.com

Thought for the Month

This edition of Pew News is circulated in the month of November. The month of poppies and of Remembrance, when we pay silent tribute to those who gave their lives fighting for peace in the two World Wars and in conflicts since. Today, in mid-October, as I write, violence is breaking out once more in the Middle East. The killing escalates day-by-day. We long for peace, yet the world seems to be full of hatred, violence and long-standing conflicts that seem beyond reconciliation. How do we make sense of it all? How especially do we make sense of the suffering experienced by young children and the very elderly?

When reason fails to make sense of the brutality we witness through the TV news, then the path open to us is one of faith and prayer. Prayer that those suffering may find comfort and hope. Prayer that those who are consumed by hatred may turn towards reconciliation. Prayer that those who have been hurt may find healing. Prayer that those who have power may work for justice and peace. Petra.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; Amen

Pastoral Work

Gifts and cards are taken by members of the Church to anyone who may be celebrating, in need of support, or are new to the village. If you know anyone to whom this applies, please contact Davina on 670596, thank you.

The Crew

Age 10 and above, Thursdays at 7pm, school term time only at Rookery Farm, Hogshaw Road. Newcomers are very welcome! The Crew are a member of Urban Saints and Granborough Church but encourage all faiths and none to join together for fun. For more details contact Robert 07905 419117

Granborough 101 Club

Richard Russell 'did the honours' of Guest Drawer in October. First out came Diane Clarke (084) and to please the local canine population, Toby Williams (219) came runner-up.

Granborough Pub Lunch

It just gets better! On 1 November in The Crown at 12.15pm, we'll have the choice of Beef Stroganoff or Battered Cod followed by Sticky Toffee Loaf/Ice Cream or Apple Crumble/Custard. Bill 670601.

Coffee, Cake and Chat Mornings

The 3C's coffee mornings will be held in Granborough Village Hall, 10.15am 'til 12.00 noon on Wed 8th and Wed 22nd November. Everyone is welcome, just turn up and enjoy the company of friends old and new.

Café-Club Zest – Keeping Active, Living Well

4th November at 2.30pm at St John's Church Hall, Whitchurch, welcoming and dementia-friendly community sing-a-long & afternoon tea. Jenny Dean 670647.

The Granborough Friendship Club

The Granborough Friendship Club meets alternate Thursdays between 2-4pm. On 2nd November we are looking forward to a specialist firearms officer, Mervyn Edwards, talking about his part as a Silver Commander for the policing of the Newbury Bypass Protests. November 16th is our Christmas Fayre. We are expecting 3/4 stalls of homemade Christmas cakes, puddings, jams and chutneys. Felt goods, glassware and gifts made from wood, will also be for sale. On November 30th we will be going to the Crown for our Christmas lunch. If you fancy coming along to any of our meetings you'll be made very welcome. Any questions please contact Jane 670064.

Make your own Christmas Wreath

Saturday November 25th 13.30 to 15.30 in Granborough Village Hall. You are invited to make your own Christmas wreath, demonstrated by a local professional florist. Cost is £35 per person to include most materials. You would need to bring a pair of secateurs or scissors, any extra evergreen foliage such as holly, tree ivy, conifer, yew, pine etc (some evergreens included but limited varieties). Sundries such as ribbon bows, berries, baubles, orange slices etc will be available costing £1 - £3. Places are limited to 15 so please book early to avoid disappointment. Please bring your own refreshments. To reserve a place please contact Elaine Rigg on elainerigg@hotmail.co.uk

Retro Disco 2023

Let's get ready to party!!! Granborough Village Hall presents the annual Retro Disco on Saturday 25th November. Tickets available from Les Penrice or Karl the Baker 07917 002800 at £10 per head. Doors open 7.30pm. Bring your own refreshments.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Join us for this light up spectacular! (Well, a large Christmas tree with lights on.) This will take place in our Village Hall grounds on Sunday 3rd December from 5.30pm onwards. This free annual event includes warm minced pies, mulled wine & orange juice. Carol singers & a prayer from Petra. Tree lighting just after 6.00pm. Come along & wrap up warm.