

# Church of the Good Shepherd, Low Hill

## Monthly Calendar for July 2026



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### I WILL OFFER UP MY LIFE

How can we make the most of our lives and find the greatest fulfilment? Different generations find different answers to these questions. Generation X, those born in the 1960s and 70s, often lived life to the fullest in terms of prioritising whatever brings pleasure. In contrast, Generation Z, those born in the late 1990s and early 2000s, are more interested in what is right and are often more altruistic. They are a welcome throwback to generations before Generation Z arrived.

But both these generational approaches have their problems. The one finds that short term self centredness brings no lasting joy and the other finds that focusing on 'doing the right thing' can at times be overwhelming. So, can we really enjoy life and at the same time make a valuable fulfilling contribution here on earth?

The answer is simple.... And is found in this wonderful verse, Romans 12: 1. **'Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God- this is your true and proper worship.'** Sounds a little painful, doesn't it? If not fanatical? The singer-songwriter Matt Redman in his song 'I will offer up my life' says that this must be in 'spirit and truth.' He then pens these words **'Pouring out the oil of love as my worship to You. In surrender I must give my every part. Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart.'**

So, the answer to the mystery is?! It is this; that we come to realise the massive love of God for humanity demonstrated in the death of His Son for our brokenness and once we realise this, responding with our love as we live to worship and serve our Maker. With some irony this approach to life, once found, brings huge pleasure and fulfilment. We will also value life's gifts along the way and make a valuable contribution to humanity!

#### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July: 11am Holy Communion**

Reading 1: Matthew 11: 16-19 & 25 - 30

**Reading 2: Romans 7: 15 – 25**

**Theme: Living by our own strength.**

**Preacher Lyn Hyde**

#### **Sunday 19th July: Holy Communion**

Reading 1: Matthew 13: 24- 30 & 36-43

**Reading 2: Romans 8: 12 - 25**

**Theme: Walking in the Spirit.**

**Preacher Lyn Hyde**

Sunday School for young people, upstairs.

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July: 11am Service of the Word**

Reading 1: Matthew 13: 1-9 & 18- 23

**Reading 2: Romans 8: 1-11**

**Theme: Life in the Spirit.**

**Preacher Lyn Hyde**

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July: 11am Service of the Word**

Reading 1: Matthew 13: 31- 33 & 44 - 52

**Reading 2: Romans 8: 26 - 39**

**Theme: Walking in and towards victory!**

**Preacher Rev Vincent**



for July ...

**In church unless stated otherwise**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

6.30pm Life Group meets in church, a welcoming space for prayer, fellowship and studying the bible.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

10am Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning. All are welcome to drop in for a drink, something toasted and a friendly chat.

**7.15pm Parish Youth Group (11–14-year-olds) in the Parish Hall, Bushbury.**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

8am Waking the Dawn prayer – open to anyone to come and pray.

**10:00am Ladies' Breakfast. Free of charge - donations welcome. For details or to book a place please leave your name with the parish office 01902 782226**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

2pm Over 50s Friendship Group with a variety of activities.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

6.30pm Life Group meets in church.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

10am Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning.

**7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11–14-year-olds) in the Parish Hall, Bushbury**

**Note this is the last one before the summer break. Restarts on 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

2pm Over 50s Friendship group with a variety of activities.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

6.30pm Life Group meets in church.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

7 – 8pm City-Wide Prayer. St Mary's Bushbury.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

10am Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer

**10.00am Men's Breakfast at The Parish Hall. The Book of Revelation.**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

2pm Over 50s Friendship Group with a variety of activities.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

6.30pm Life Group meets in church'

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

10am Toastie Pat's coffee morning.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer

**Monthly clean-up from 10am**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

6.30pm Life Group meets in church

**Special Notices**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1 – 3pm Northwood Park.**

Food, games and fun. Bring a picnic and something to sit on. Games will be provided.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2 – 4pm**

**Afternoon Tea at St James' Church.**

All are welcome to attend, Activities and games for the children. To book a place RSVP St James; Church at Bushbury Parish Office 01902 782226.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 6 - 8pm at Church of the Epiphany, Oxley.**

Deanery Prayer, fellowship and food. All welcome to attend.

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