

CHURCH LINK

August
2024

Elton

Haddon

Morborne

Folksworth

Stilton

The Stilton Group of Churches

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By the time you read this holiday season will truly upon us. Perhaps you are holidaying in the UK and have been praying for better weather, perhaps you are hoping to jet off to better climes.

In the church we reduce our service pattern to allow the ministry team that chance to rest and also take a well earned holiday. **The details are included in this edition of Link.**

I've been reflecting on the nature of rest. Rest isn't just that chance to holiday or get away. For many of us there is a much deeper need for rest. We are carrying heavy loads that we don't know what to do with.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

Jesus says "Come to me all you who are heavy laden and I will give you rest ... My yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11: 28-30). When Jesus is talking of the yoke (not that I need to tell a rural community this!) he is using an image of the yoke that was used to pair two oxen together. The yoke would be well made to stop it chafing the oxen's shoulders and when a new ox was being trained it would be paired up

with an experienced ox. It would teach the younger ox how best to pull the heavy load. **Jesus isn't saying we won't have burdens, he also isn't saying they won't feel heavy. He IS saying that he will help us carry them.** He is saying be yoked to me and I will help you learn how to bear your burdens. I will help you find true rest.



As always, should you need anything, please do get in touch. My door is always open for a cuppa and a chat. **If you would like to be added to our weekly e-newsletter for all the up to date new on our events please email stiltongroupofchurches@gmail.com and we would be delighted to add you to our mailing list.**

REV DIANE

Stilton Coffee Morning



In the church meeting room Stilton.

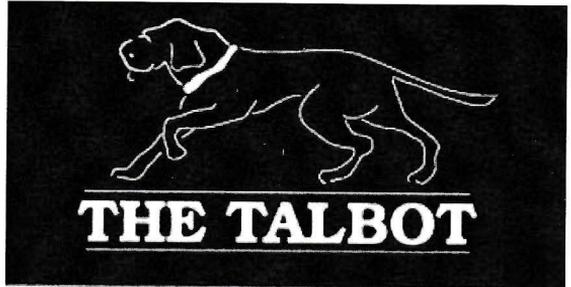
Homemade cake and a raffle. **Saturday 24th August**
10.30am

Event in Stilton

'Afternoon Tea' in the Talbot Garden
on the 10th August.

Venue: The Talbot PE7 3RP

10th August 2024
3.pm to 5.pm



The Bar will be open.

Cakes & Scones will be available *for a donation*
towards the upkeep of St Mary Magdalene Church.

Music to be supplied by : Steve Ambler and his
Musicians



Donate Now

We are looking in the future to resource spaces for children in our churches and hopefully to contribute towards a new toddler group starting.



Good quality, working, non battery powered toys please.

Please give any toys to Revd Diane

Donations accepted at the Rectory in Stilton, any of our churches and at weekly services.

Is a church wedding for me?

YOUR CHURCH
WEDDING

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.

RIDE + STRIDE

for Churches



Ride and Stride is the original mass fund raising event linked to the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust and has a history dating back some 40 years.

Ride and Stride traditionally involves people being sponsored to walk or cycle to as many churches as possible in one day. But there are other ways you can take part, from travelling on horse or by canoe, to holding an event or spending an afternoon exploring the wildlife in a churchyard and donating money.

The trust hopes that as many Cambridgeshire churches as possible will be open, with welcoming, to greet those visiting their church. Why not get sponsorship for them as well?

Money raised from the Ride and Stride event funds a substantial part of the annual grants budget of the Cambridgeshire Historic Trust helping churches of all denominations across the county with essential repairs and improvements.

<https://camhct.uk/ride-and-stride/>

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Services in August ~ All Welcome

STILTON

St Mary Magdalene PE7 3RF



4th August

No Service

11th August

11.15am Holy Communion

18th August

No Service

25th August

11.15am Morning Service
With Baptism

FOLKSWORTH

St Helen's Morborne Road PE7 3SS



4th August

No Service

11th August

9.45am All Age Service

18th August

No Service

25th August

9.45am Holy Communion

ELTON

All Saints Overend PE8 6RU



4th August

9.30am Holy Communion

11th August

No Service

18th August

9.30am Holy Communion

25th August

No Service

HADDON

St Mary's Haddon PE7 3TR



4th August

11.15am Family Service

11th August

No Service

18th August

11.15am Holy Communion

25th August

No Service

MORBORNE All Saints The Green PE7 3TG

18th August 3pm Evening Praise



MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

1st Wednesday of the month (7th August) **Stilton 12.30pm** with a soup lunch 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month (14th August and 28th August) at **Elton 10am** followed by coffee.

