

**Welcome to our Services in Church and streamed**

**MAY**

**SUNDAY 1st**

Third Sunday Of Easter	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist	Lower Swell Stow, streamed
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**SUNDAY 8th**

Fourth Sunday Of Easter	11.00 am 11.00 am	Sung Eucharist Morning Prayer (lay-led)	Stow, streamed Upper Swell
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**SUNDAY 15th**

Fifth Sunday of Easter	11.00 am 9.30 am	Eucharist with hymns Morning Prayer (lay-led)	Stow, streamed Lower Swell
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**SUNDAY 22nd**

Sixth Sunday Of Easter	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Stow, streamed
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THURSDAY 26th  
Ascension Day

**SUNDAY 29th**

Seventh Sunday Of Easter	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist	Condicote Stow, streamed
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Most Thursday mornings on Zoom there will be Parish Prayers at 9.00 am followed by Listening to God at 9.30 am. Please feel free to attend either or both of these by following the link on the website.

Please note that we will continue to use the one-way system for returning to pews via the North Aisle after receiving Communion-in-one-kind. Anyone wishing to continue wearing a mask should feel at liberty to do so and to sit in church in a socially distanced way.

**This Benefice Diary will be published as needed. Please note that any information contained in it is subject to change, if guidelines in relation to Covid-19 require this.**

**THE BENEFICE WEBSITE will always have the latest news!**

**<http://www.scats.org.uk>**



**From the Churchwardens**

May brings us to the end of the seasons in the Christian Year. After several weeks of services celebrating the resurrection of Jesus we mark the end of his earthly appearances on Ascension Day.

The days between Ascension and Pentecost are traditionally a time of Prayer. We are encouraged to take time in each of those days to say 'Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done'. Expect the Spirit to make himself known.

We remain in discussion with the Diocese and Deanery regarding our future incumbent. Please be assured that when we have any further news we will inform everyone.

With best wishes from

*Robert, Desmond, Chris, Adam, Jolyon and Hazel*

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## THE QUEEN'S FORTHCOMING PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



The Queen's forthcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations will mark a significant moment in the life of Her Majesty and for the people of our country and the Commonwealth. To mark the event, Stow Town Council has been working with a range of local community organisations, to put on a range of exciting events around the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.

St Edward's Church has been working with Stow Primary School to produce a beautiful display of

crowns which will be exhibited in the church in the week leading up to the weekend. We are indebted to Mrs Bernice Magson of St Edwards and the Head teacher, staff, children, parents and friends of the school for their magnificent contribution to the festivities.

On Wednesday 25th May, the children will parade up from school in their jubilee fancy dress outfits and wearing their crowns. They will leave school at 1.30pm and arrive at church by 2.00pm. They will sing appropriate songs to entertain anyone present. This should be a fun event and hopefully memorable for them.

The Civic Service on 5th June service will be a blend of the traditional and the contemporary, with music and readings. We are very grateful to the Archdeacon of Cheltenham, the Venerable Philip Andrew, who will be giving the address. Further details will be available in the June newsletter.

### NEW PCC TREASURER

At the Annual Meeting for St Edwards on 26th April, John Parkes presented the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2021. John then stepped down from his role as Treasurer and the churchwardens and the entire meeting thanked John for his excellent contribution over the last two years. He has been handing over his knowledge of the accounts over the last few months to Mrs Valerie Watson who has very kindly agreed to take on the role of Treasurer henceforth, and she was duly elected at the meeting.

### CALLING ANY VOLUNTEERS

We are still keen to recruit a team of bellringers for St Edward's Church and further volunteers to run the audio-visual facilities. Please get in touch with Desmond on 01451 831489. Similarly, if you would like to be a member of the coffee rota team Bernice Magson would be delighted to hear from you on 01451 833840.

### EMAIL UPDATES

We are very keen to keep in close contact with everyone and to send out newsletters and occasional updates via email. If you would like to receive updates please email [secretary@stedwardsstow.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stedwardsstow.org.uk).

### PLANT SALE

On Saturday 28th May, between 10.00 am and noon on Stocks Green, there will be a plant sale to raise funds for the St Edward's Flower Fund. If you have any cuttings or plants to donate please get in touch with Susan Brattin on 832447. Please do come along and support this event.

### MUSIC AT STOW IS BACK

Sunday 29th May 3.00pm Cellissimo *A Quartet of Cellos*, afternoon concert and cake from Music at Stow in St Edward's Church.

Saturday 4th June 6.00—8.00 pm, a concert of local talent, free although tickets will be needed (from Ticketsource). We hope to be able to stream this concert.

### SAVE THE DATES

Sunday 5th June (Whit Sunday) at 11.00 am, Platinum Jubilee Civic Service in St Edward's Church

Sunday 12th June at 11.00 am, Outdoor Benefice Celebration Service in Maugersbury, followed by a "bring your own" picnic lunch.

### ADVANCE NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Swells APCM will take place at 6.00 pm on Thursday 19th May.

The PCC of St Edward's Church will meet on Tuesday 24th May.

### REGULAR GATHERINGS IN CHURCH

MU will meet in the Lady Chapel at 2 pm on Thursday May 5th.

Closely Knit meets Saturday mornings at 10am — noon.

### RIP

During April, the funerals of Susan Pulham, Sally, Lady Neubert and Minny McCormack took place at St Edwards. We send our condolences to their families and friends.

### UKRAINE

We continue to hold all those affected by the war in Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers and are proud to display the Ukrainian flag inside and also outside St Edward's church. On our website there is a moving prayer (for which we thank our Quaker friends) for all parts of the world where conflict reigns.

