

Hello Everyone

At last we have had some sunshine today. How welcome it was after so many days of rain. I hope it continues for this bank holiday weekend and beyond... we could certainly do with the sunshine and warmth.

The restoration work at Chalgrave Church is still underway in the Chancel and thankfully, the diocese have quickly given permission for work to proceed on the recently discovered decaying beam, which means it can be addressed while the scaffolding is still in place. Toddington Youth Group and Ploughman's lunch went well and thank you so much to all who helped for these events. It was wonderful to have Bishop Richard and his wife Helen with us last week for both Chalgrave and Toddington services and especially for the Confirmation service at Toddington, which he kindly offered to lead, despite having another big Confirmation service in Dunstable later that day. Folks very much appreciated their visit and the conversations after the service over a cuppa, and it was lovely to share in the special moment of Confirmation of three members of the congregation at Toddington

This week is a little calmer (I hope!) although Nigel and I are off to London for the Leadership Conference at the Albert Hall which will be rather busy.. but hopefully also fun.

This Sunday's Services:

9.30 am Holy Communion Service, Chalgrave Church

11.00 am Holy Communion Service, Toddington Church

This Week's Events:

Monday 6th May - Bank holiday (no church services or events)

Tuesday 7th May : Knitting Group at 10.30am Wilkinson Hall

Wednesday 8th May: Toddington Church Cleaning - more information from Dee

Thursday 9th May: Afternoon with Friends 2pm Wilkinson Hall

Thursday 9th May: Evening Alpha 6.30pm at the Rectory: This week's topic: How Can I Resist Evil?

Friday 10th May: Painting for Pleasure group 10.30am Wilkinson Hall

Saturday 11th May: Coffee Morning, Wilkinson Hall, Toddington

Saturday 11th May: Alpha Holy Spirit Awareness Day, 10.30 - 3.30pm, The Rectory.

Sunday 12th May:

9.30 am Holy Communion Service, Chalgrave Church, followed by **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

11.00 am Service, Toddington Church

Wednesday 15th May Toddington **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, Toddington Church, 7.00 pm

Please continue to hold young Harrison and his family in your prayers. There is a recent update about his condition on [gofundme uk Harrison Blanchflower](https://www.gofundme.com/uk/Harrison-Blanchflower). Harrison is still extremely poorly. Please pray for his healing.

Have a special weekend
Best wishes

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