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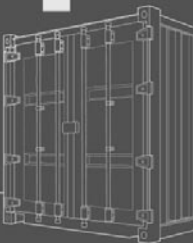
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A LETTER FROM REV RONA

Speaking Out, Speaking Truth

Summer stirs a sense of openness—long evenings, gentle conversations, space to breathe. It's in that spirit that I've been reflecting on the simple yet radical act of speaking the truth.

It isn't always easy. Saying what's honest can be uncomfortable, even costly. But I'm constantly moved by how many people in our community carry a fierce sense of justice. Even if Church isn't part of their weekly rhythm, that flame—the one that seeks what's right—is still burning.

At its heart, that longing for justice is profoundly Christian. Jesus called us to build a world where love and truth shaped our communities, where we cared boldly for one another. Faith isn't a performance—it's a practice. Speaking up. Standing beside. Telling the truth, especially when it's inconvenient.



Bishop Mariann Budde reminds me of this. She's known for speaking clearly and bravely in public spaces, standing not for division but for dignity. On September 14th, she'll be at St Martin-in-the-Fields to give a lecture on justice—you can book now for an online or in person ticket.

Even here we've seen this courage. Notably those who work tirelessly for farmers and their animals, for the environment, and recently those who travelled to London to speak out about the humanitarian crisis in Palestine—all of these are living examples of truth-telling in action.



So, as we enjoy the warmth and community of summer, may we find the courage to speak, even softly, when it matters. Truth doesn't always shout. Sometimes it whispers with grace.

*With love
Rev Rona*

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

13 th July	Henry Oliver Tizzard
27 th July	Savannah Liberty Joan Edmunds



FUNERALS

2 nd July	Jean Smith	Charlton Horethorne
28 th July	Lynne Kathryn Robshaw	

CHURCH HOUSE 100 CLUB

Results of the July Draw

1 st Prize	£30	Mrs E Grundy
2 nd Prize	£20	Mrs M Hughes
3 rd Prize	£10	Mrs K Davis



Congratulations to **Lynn Richards**, who took this month's cover photo.

We are always pleased to receive new photographs for consideration as future covers. Please send your high-res images of scenes in and around the village to

magazine@milborneportchurches.org.uk

“Spring Cleaning” – in August! Can you help?

It's never too late to do a bit of spring cleaning, and on Monday August 11th a happy band of volunteers will be in St John's between 2 and 5 p.m. Could you join us for any of that time to get the church in good shape? Please bring your own rubber gloves and a long-handled duster if you have one. All help very much appreciated!

Exciting News!

New Toddler Group to open in September!

Little Jays will open its doors at Church House on Friday 19th September, 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.

Full details in next month's magazine or for more info contact Louisa on 07980 141821



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The poster features illustrations of a teapot, a teacup, a cake, and a photo of the church exterior.

Milborne Port Needs You!

...or more precisely, St John's churchyard needs you!

The churchyard (like the church) belongs to, and is accessible to everybody, but it does require looking after. As you will know, there is a large area of grass that needs cutting, not to mention the borders and shrubs that need attention on a regular basis. During the summer months, we like to keep some areas uncut for the benefit of insects and other wildlife – the swifts, to mention one species, certainly do enjoy the abundance of insects.

The “Grasshoppers”, as we are known, are a voluntary group who do our best to keep the church grounds in order, but we are mostly retired and in our 70's (and beyond!). Needless to say, we would welcome anybody who is willing to give a couple of hours of their time, once a week, to help with the maintenance, usually on Thursday mornings, but we can be flexible about this.



We also meet on Wednesdays at the Sports and Social Club on North Street at 17.15, for about an hour, for a drink and to discuss what needs doing in the churchyard. Nothing formal, of course, more of a social get-together. If you aren't already a member, you would be welcome as a guest. We also have a WhatsApp group to keep in touch with each other.

If you would like to join this amiable group, please contact:

Tony Thorp: 07857 423143
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St. Peter's Church Goathill



**Saturday 9th August
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News from the Parish Council

More room to manoeuvre on Bathwell Lane! The work to reduce the verge and widen part of Bathwell Lane went very well! Motorists are enjoying having more space to drive and park. Many thanks to Matt Rose and his team for doing such a careful and thorough job.



East Street carpark wall sitting pretty! The second phase of the mending of the wall at the carpark has taken place and it's looking lovely! Many thanks to HM Construction.

“Anyone for tennis?” Any budding Sinners or Swiateks out there? Anyone can use the Springfield courts - there is no fee for using them, there is no booking system and the gate is never locked. However, priority will be given to members of Milborne Port Tennis Club on Mondays and Fridays and to residents of Milborne Port at other times.

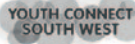
Parish Council Meetings in August

Planning Committee: Tuesday 19th; Management: Tuesday 19th (tbc)

Meetings take place in the Town Hall and start at 7 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can address the meeting with questions or comments from 7-7.15 p.m. If you would like to attend but would experience access difficulties, please let us know in advance and we will relocate to the Community Room downstairs.

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14/8/2025	Unihoc and Basketball Art and Crafts Smoothie making
21/08/2025	Indoor Cricket and Short Tennis Art and Crafts Toasties
28/08/2025	Badminton and Football Art and crafts Pizza wraps
Follow us on  	

Our MP in Parliament *Notes on some of the issues that our local MP, Sarah Dyke, has engaged with recently. Not a party political pitch, but a record of her actions as our constituency representative.*

- SD voted against the Government's welfare reform bill
- SD called on the government to protect children in Somerset who could lose support under proposed reforms to the SEND system.
- SD has raised the issue of the closure of maternity services at YDH several times in Parliament

Contact:sarah.dyke.mp@parliament.uk

Milborne Port Primary School: A Summer to Remember!



As the school year draws to a close, Milborne Port Primary School has been buzzing with excitement, achievements, and unforgettable memories. From dazzling performances to sporting triumphs and community spirit, our pupils have truly shone this term!

★ **Year 6 Leavers Show: *Cinderella Rockerfella* Rocks the Stage!** Our talented Year 6 pupils brought the house down with their spectacular performance of *Cinderella Rockerfella*. With toe-tapping tunes, hilarious moments, and heartfelt acting, the show was a roaring success! The audience was captivated by the energy and enthusiasm of the cast—what a fantastic way to celebrate the end of their primary school journey.

🏠 **Leavers Assembly & Awards** The Year 6 Leavers Assembly was a touching tribute to the children's time at Milborne Port. Families and staff gathered to celebrate their achievements, share memories, and wish them well on their next adventure. Special awards were presented to pupils for their hard work, kindness, and resilience—each one a shining example of our school values.

👕 **Hoodies & Leavers' Books** To mark their transition, each Year 6 pupil received a personalised leavers hoodie and a beautifully crafted leavers' book filled with messages, memories, and photos. These keepsakes will be treasured for years to come as they look back on their time at Milborne Port with pride.

🏡 **Summer Fair Success – Thank You!** A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Summer Fair, organised by our amazing PTFA. With games, stalls, and plenty of fun, the event raised over £1,000 for the school! Your support means the world to us. If

anyone in the community would like to get involved with our PTFA, we would warmly welcome your help—together, we can make a big difference!

🎤 **Singing Stars at ACE in the Musicals** Our Year 6 pupils and school choir took to the stage at *ACE in the Musicals*, performing alongside over 20 other schools in Taunton and at Westlands. Their voices rang out with confidence and joy, and we couldn't be prouder of their musical talents and teamwork.

🏆 **ACE at the Olympics – Sporting Achievements** We're thrilled to share some fantastic results from the ACE Olympics! Congratulations to: Rowan, who came 3rd in the 100m final and 2nd in the long jump final. Irina, who secured 3rd place in the 100m final.

What an incredible achievement—well done to all our athletes for representing our school with such determination and spirit!

As we wave goodbye to our Year 6 leavers and look ahead to a new school year, we want to thank our wonderful pupils, staff, families, and community for making Milborne Port Primary School such a special place to learn and grow.

Have a fantastic summer! ☀️



*Carmen Danyali
Head Teacher*



The Spirit of Milborne Port

'Working together for our Community'

Thank you to everyone who came to this year's Summer Fete, the sun was shining and even though the temperature soared it was great to see so many of you there.

We are delighted to say that early figures show the Fete made approximately £3,500. Full accounts to be published in due course, this money will be going back into the community supporting local projects and groups. Applications for 2025 funding were invited to apply in March, via FB and advertised in the April edition of the Milborne Port Magazine. Three groups have applied so far; should you run a group or a charity in the village or know of a project, please do get in touch or download the funding application form from our website: WWW.SPIRITOFMILBORNEPORT.ORG. To qualify you must be based in Milborne Port and benefit the community.

Well done to all the lucky winners and runners up :-

Clare Hughes and Steve Davis who came 1st & 2nd on the raffle,

Freddie Mercury courtesy of the residents of Evergreens Lodge displayed at 6 Milborne Gardens, and Amy Winehouse from Carly & The Beehive Team, 1st & 2nd for the Scarecrows.

Helen Pinkawa winner of the Cake competition and Lucy who attends King Arthurs School who won the Best Decorated Cup Cake.

As always we would like to say a huge Thank you to all of our sponsors, everyone who supports our events, and to the committee, without you the village fete and Christmas light switch on would not be possible.

We have much to be proud and grateful for, and will continue to do all we can to help the wonderful community we live in.

Dare I mention Christmas?... Milborne Port Light Switch on Friday 28th November @ St John's Church, hope to see you there!

Claire Andrews & Team

Milborne Port Football Club

This month saw the return of the Fred Pearce Trophy, a cricket match between the village football and cricket clubs in memory of Fred, who was a huge supporter of sport in the village.

A beautiful hot summers day with a BBQ, Bar and Raffle saw this year's worthy winners, the cricket club. It was a great day showing the strength of grassroots sport in the village. We were lucky enough to have the trophy presented by the original creators of the event, Graham Pinkawa and Roger Harvey.

Football training has returned to the rec and we are all looking forward to the season kicking off in September.



Picture shows the teams and the trophy presented by Graham and Roger.

#upthemilborne

Ben Tupman

CHURCH SERVICES

(including the Principal Service Readings)

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel at St John's: Weekdays at 9 a.m.

Sunday 3rd August 7th Sunday after Trinity

Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

9:00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Blackford
10:30 a.m.	Family Service	Charlton Horethorne
10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Milborne Port
6:00 p.m.	Evensong	Stowell

Tuesday 5th August

4:00 p.m.	Julian Meeting	Milborne Port
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Wednesday 6th August

10:30 a.m.	Midweek Communion	Milborne Port
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Sunday 10th August 8th Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 11:1-3 & 11:8-16, Luke 12:32-40

9:30 a.m.	Compton Pauncefoot and Blackford	
	Morning Service	Compton Pauncefoot
10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Milborne Port
6:00 p.m.	Evensong	Charlton Horethorne

Tuesday 12th August

4:00 p.m.	Julian Meeting	Milborne Port
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Wednesday 13th August

10:30 a.m.	Midweek Communion	Milborne Port
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Saturday 16th August

4:00 p.m.	Memory Lane	Milborne Port
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FOR AUGUST

Sunday 17th August 9th Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 11:29-end & 12:1-2, Luke 12:49-56

9:00 a.m.	Blackford and Compton Pauncefoot	
	Morning Service	Blackford
9:00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Milborne Wick
10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Maperton
10:30 a.m.	Matins	Milborne Port
6:00 p.m.	Holy Communion	Charlton Horethorne

Tuesday 19th August

4:00 p.m.	Julian Meeting	Milborne Port
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Wednesday 20th August

10:30 a.m.	Midweek Communion	Milborne Port
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Sunday 24th August 10th Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 12:18-end, Luke 13:10-17

9:00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Compton Pauncefoot
10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Milborne Port
6:00 p.m.	Evensong or Holy Communion	Goathill

Tuesday 26th August

4:00 p.m.	Julian Meeting	Milborne Port
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Wednesday 27th August

10:30 a.m.	Midweek Communion	Milborne Port
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Sunday 31st August 11th Sunday after Trinity

Hebrews 13:1-8 & 13:15-16, Luke 14:1 & 14:7-14

10:30 a.m.	Benefice Service	Goathill
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Christian Aid

Very many thanks to all of you who returned envelopes during Christian Aid Week. The sum raised was £854.04 which is approximately £100 more than last year. In addition, Christian Aid will be able to claim a further £199.00 through gift aid, which takes the total to just above one thousand pounds - an excellent result! You may have made a gift by telephone or online which is not included, and if you did, we are most grateful. Thank you all very much for your generous support.

Our next fund raiser is our Harvest Supper. This is in Church House on Saturday 27th September. We are looking forward to a delicious meal together and there will be a raffle and a short quiz. Tickets at £8 will be available nearer the time.

David Johnson, Treasurer

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ReBorne Community Church

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I am writing this as the schools and colleges are breaking for the summer holidays. Some of the activities at ReBorne are also having a break. One of which is our Life Groups, sometimes called House Groups in many Churches.



People who attended ReBorne Church are encouraged to belong to these groups within the church, meeting on a weekly basis usually in a member's home, to connect with God and each other, through friendship, encouragement, accountability and fellowship. We aim to creating a safe environment for everyone, for teaching, learning and questioning, so that our faith is healthy, strong and growing.

Over the last few weeks, we have been reading through the parables of Jesus in the New Testament, these are simple stories Jesus used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson. We then watched a short video which retold the same story in a modern setting, followed by a discussion about how this related to our own lives. Sometimes it was quite challenging and certainly gave us something to think about.

We are looking forward to what we will be sharing in our Life Groups in September. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact: office@rebornechurch.org

May God bless you all *Ginny Bignell*

The Heron

Undoubtedly our largest bird in Milborne Port is the beautiful Grey Heron, standing about a metre tall and with a wingspan of up to 2 metres. Its long neck (retracted in flight) and monochrome feather colouring adds to its elegant appearance. A solitary bird can occasionally be seen standing fishing or hunched in fields alongside the river, particularly towards Milborne Wick.



Unlike our Little Egret which will flush out prey by disturbing the river bed with its feet, the Grey Heron is a stealth predator moving slowly or standing motionless before striking with its powerful dagger-like bill. Although small fish such as minnow form the main part of its diet, Grey Heron will also prey on frogs, toads, small birds or even mammals such as rats and water voles given the opportunity.

An iconic and ubiquitous water bird, the Grey Heron is wonderful to watch whether in flight with its slow, heavy wing beat, or fishing with its patient 'stand-and-wait' tactics.

Jane Hewitt

Milborne Port Gardening Club

It's a bit like the story of the Goldilocks and the Three Bears ... it's either too much rain, not enough rain or just the right amount of rain (rarely). Sadly Farmers, wildlife, waterways and gardeners are all shaking their heads, especially in our corner of England. All crossed that we get some good quality rain soon and see our pastures and gardens return to life.

August will see the last of our Club's outdoor programme. We will be back at the Village Hall in September.

What a wonderful visit we enjoyed a few weeks ago to Batcombe House in Somerset. A private garden, which over the last number of years has undergone a beautiful transformation, with many different areas to enjoy. It was very much a garden of two halves, with much to see and enjoy.

Our 12th August visit will be to Bennetts Water Gardens near Weymouth. Home to the National Plant Collection of Water Lilies and set in 8 acres with a Claude Monet style Japanese Bridge, Tropical House, Woodland Walks and Museum. There is also Café Monet at the Gardens, either for a pre visit lunch, snack or tea thereafter.

Bennetts Water Gardens, Putton Lane, Chickerell, Weymouth, DT3 4AF (Open from 10am - 4pm Sun – Fri).

Meet at 2 p.m.; Cost: £11.00 p.p.

Café Monet tea room on site - extra cost

RSVP: to Judith Lazell jmlazell@gmail.com; before 11th August.

Members welcome to bring guests.

16th September, 7.30pm we are back at the Village Hall. Our talk will be "Somerset – Glorious Gardens, by Abigail Willis.

Should you wish to know more about the Club, or join us in 2025, please do come to any meeting or contact the Secretary (Samantha at samgraham2009@gmail.com). We happily welcome guests to our meetings for a fee £4.00.

Samantha Dean



I'm very pleased to report that it was almost 'standing room only' at our July meeting when Maureen Wright gave us a talk on the Suffragist Movement. She talked at length about Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy, who was significant in the campaign for women's suffrage, showing us slides of the lady and others involved, ending with photos of Emmeline Pankhurst and her daughters, who were more familiar to most of us. Maureen has a wealth of knowledge on this subject and it was so good to hear her enthusiasm. I think it made us all realise how important it is that we should use our vote as these ladies fought so hard for it over one hundred years ago. After the talk, Millie, our secretary, made some announcements then we had refreshments and chatted. It was one of the very warm evenings so we had both doors open and were blessed with quite a few visitors as well as most of our members turning up for the occasion. In fact, we now have four new members who signed up that evening making our total membership almost 30.

By the time you read this, some of us will have gone to Wincanton Garden Centre for coffee (and probably cake) on Monday 21st and I expect the keen gardeners among us will be going home with plants.

Our next meeting is a Cheese & Wine Social and will be taking place at Church House, instead of our usual meeting place at the community room, on Thursday, 14th August - 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Members are welcome to bring a friend and the charge will be £5 for everyone to cover costs. As we have had such a fine summer so far, it will be good to enjoy the garden.

In the meantime, please join us for very reasonably priced coffee and cakes in the community room/library on Friday mornings from 10.30 a.m.

Christine Porter

Friends of Milborne Port Library

Thank you to everyone who came by the Friends of Milborne Port Library stall at the Spirit of Milborne Port Fete in June, and purchased some books from us. We raised £160.

The children's Summer Reading Challenge has begun and this year the theme is Story Garden.

Over the summer we have the following events on.

Village Trail – from the 25th July

Butterfly Suncatchers – Tuesday 2nd August 10 – 11 a.m.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Story and Craft session – Tuesday 12th August 10 – 11 a.m.

Board Games Morning – Saturday 16th August 9.30 – 12 noon

Bug Houses – Saturday 23rd August 10 – 11am

Lego Club – Tuesday 26th August 10 – 12 noon

Nature Art Session – Saturday August 30th 10 – 12 noon

All our sessions are FREE. Drop in and have some fun.

Book Club

The book club which meets once a month on a Tuesday afternoon has recently enjoyed books by Lisa Jewell. We highly recommend books by her if you enjoy thrillers, which are gripping, twisty and full of intrigue.

If you would like to join our book club, we will be meeting on 9th September at 2pm in the library. Or pop in and borrow one of Lisa Jewell's books from the library.

Mary Clothier marydmc38@gmail.com



Milborne Port History & Heritage Group

Our talk on Monday 18th August will be given by Ric Weeks, Archaeologist and Exhibition Manager at The Newt in Somerset.

Villa Ventorum - A Roman Villa Reimagined at the Newt in Somerset. The talk will cover the wider historic context of the region as well as the extensive archaeological investigation of the site, examining the wealth of finds and evidence that has enabled the leading experts to reconstruct Villa Ventorum.



We are a charity and ask for a suggested donation of £2 per member or £5 per non-member to cover costs (please Gift Aid your donation if you can). If you are parking in Bathwell Lane, please do so considerately as it is a bit of a squeeze along there, although less so following the verge clearance than it was! If you wish to become a member of our group, and we very much hope that you do, please email us: mphhgroup@gmail.com

The Summer opening period of our fabulous small-but-beautifully-formed Chapel Museum ends on Sunday 31st August. Come and see our extensive range of artefacts! We are open every Sunday, 2.30-4 p.m., at the cemetery on Wheathill Lane.

Remember that you can follow us on Facebook for updates on talks and events, and for signposts to articles that are new to our ever-evolving website: <http://milborneporthistory.org.uk>. We have many people now posting brilliant material onto our Facebook pages, so if you are a Facebooker, it is well worth checking out these contributions. You can also get in touch by e-mail: mphhgroup@gmail.com

Nathalie Hetherington, MPH&H Group Secretary

The August Night Sky

"To me you are stardust sprinkled across a night sky, forever in my dreams, but out of my reach." – Teresa Medeiros

This month the new moon is a "seasonal black moon" as it's the third new moon in a season that has four new moons. This occurs because a season, defined as three months, usually has three new moons, but sometimes, due to the difference between the lunar cycle and the calendar, a season can have four. The term is analogous to a "seasonal blue moon," which is the third full moon in a season with four.

Besides seasonal black/blue moons you can also get monthly black/blue moons where you get two new/full moons in the same calendar month. It is called black because it's a time when the moon is not illuminated and appears dark or black.



Planets

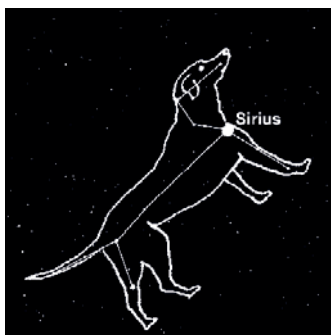
Evening Sky: Mars (west) Saturn (east) Neptune (east)

Midnight: Saturn (east) Uranus (east) Neptune (east)

Morning Sky: Mercury (east) Venus (east) Jupiter (east) Saturn (southwest) Uranus (east) Neptune (southwest)

1st: Venus at highest altitude in morning sky. Moon at First Quarter

9th: Full Moon. In the Anglo-Saxon calendar it was called the 'Barley Moon,' 'Fruit Moon,' or 'Grain Moon' as it coincides with the first harvest of the year. The phrase "dog days" which refers to the hottest days of the year in July and August originated with the ancient Greeks and Romans, who noticed that the bright dog star, Sirius, appears near the Sun at this time of the year. The rising of Sirius and the Sun together in the early morning sky was blamed for the heat and humidity of the season.



11th: Venus near Jupiter

12th: Close approach of Moon, Saturn and Neptune. Perseid meteor shower. Active from mid-July to late August, peaking tonight. The bright moon may hinder viewing, so waiting until after midnight may improve visibility.

15th: Moon at Last Quarter

19th: Mercury at greatest elongation West

21st: Mercury at highest altitude in morning sky

23rd: New Moon

26th: Moon near Mars

30th: Moon at First Quarter

Sunrise and Sunset

1st: Sunrise 5.37 am Sunset: 8.59 p.m.

31st: Sunrise 6.23 am Sunset: 7.59 p.m.

In Milborne Port, the first day of the month is 15 hours, 22 minutes long. The last day of August is 13 hours, 36 minutes, so the length of the days gets 01 hours, 46 minutes shorter in August 2025.

*Good Viewing.
Ganymede*

Diocesan Safeguarding Audit report published

The results of the independent review into safeguarding in the Diocese of Bath and Wells and Wells Cathedral were published on 16th July.

The report states: "Bath and Wells has developed a strong and positive safeguarding culture driven by committed leadership, engaged safeguarding personnel and effective strategies that personalise safeguarding and empower local communities."

Responding to the report, Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells, says "I have been deeply heartened to see the positive feedback from the auditors across all the areas they reviewed, which recognises the extensive work that has taken place over many years to make our churches safer for all.

"As good as it is to read the positive comments in the report, it is the recommendations that we will be paying closer attention to as we know that there is no place for complacency when it comes to safeguarding. Survivors' response to the audit is also something we will be reviewing carefully. It is vital that we continue to listen to them as we look to improve. We are highly conscious that our good practice now and our

aspirations for the future come out of a history which has often seen victims of abuse let down in the past.

“I was particularly struck that the report took into account the role our churches play in our wider communities. As such, some of the recommendations reflect issues facing us all - mental health, County Lines drug trafficking and domestic violence. Our churches are viewed as places of safety, sanctuary and support for many facing these challenges. We need to be in a position to offer appropriate support safely, considering both the needs of those we want to help but also those of our clergy, staff and volunteers.

“This report is a positive step on our safeguarding journey. I would like to thank everyone for all for all that they have done and continue to do to.”

Source: bathandwells.org.uk/news

MAGAZINE DEADLINES

All entries for the September issue of the magazine to the editor please by Saturday 23rd August at 12 noon latest.

Distributors at the church on Friday 29th August at 2 p.m.

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All email contributions will be acknowledged. If you do not receive a reply, or if you are unable to use email, please ring 01963 250382.



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