



Monthly Update

September 2026

(All services at **St Agatha's** unless otherwise stated)

Day and Date	Time / Event	Theme / Readings	Prayers are asked for...
Sunday 6 th September Trinity 14	9.30am Family Service followed by a welcome reception for Fr Andreas	Matthew 18.15-20	Our new team vicar, Fr Andreas, his family and his ministry amongst us; The Free Church, Brightwell cum Sotwell; residents of West End, Old Nursery Lane; Wallingford Community Hospital, Medical Practices & staff; our PCC and Churchwardens.
Sunday 13 th September Trinity 15 Holy Cross Day	9.30am Parish Communion	Genesis 50.15-21 Romans 14.1-12 Matthew 18.21-35	St Agatha's & St James', Brightwell cum Sotwell; residents of Didcot Road & Old Didcot Road; AA, The Samaritans; The Village Hall Committee; Deanery Synod and Team Council Members.
Sunday 20 th September Trinity 16	9.30am Parish Communion	Jonah 3.10 - 4.11 Philippians 1.21-30 Matthew 20.1-16	St Mary's Church, Cholsey; residents of Greenmere the Volunteer Centre, Centre 70 & Day Care Centres; our Flower Arrangers.
Sunday 27 th September Trinity 17	11.00am Team All Age Harvest Festival and lunch at St Mary le More, Wallingford	 Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32 Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32	St Mary Magdalene, Crowmarsh Gifford; residents of Kings Orchard; Brightwell and Wallingford Schools; our church cleaners and those who maintain the churchyards.
Sunday 4 th October Trinity 18 Harvest Festival	9.30am Family Service	 Matthew 21.33-46	St John's RC Church, Wallingford; residents of The Street, Brightwell; Sotwell Hill House, Westgate House Nursing Home and Mariot Court; our congregation.

Mid-week activities:

Tuesdays: 7.30pm Bellringing Practice
 Wednesdays: 9.00am Morning Prayer (in the Parish Room)
 10am-noon Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room, **all are welcome!**

Our new Team Vicar, Fr Andreas Wenzel, will be licensed by Bishop Gavin of Dorchester and Archdeacon David Tyler in a service in St Mary's, Wallingford. The service begins at 19:30 on Thursday 03 September, and will be followed by light refreshments. All are welcome to attend. To help us plan, please let us know if you would like to attend. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of St Agatha's. The service will also be live-streamed for those who would prefer to join from home:

<https://www.youtube.com/@wallingfordchurchofengland2772/streams>

September 6th: Welcoming Father Adreas

Please join us for an opportunity to meet Father Andreas and welcome him and his family to Brightwell at a reception to be held at St Agatha's after the family service on 6th September.

Please do

arrive at 10.45 if you are unable to attend the service. All are welcome.

Ride and Stride on Saturday 12th September:

A quick reminder about the upcoming **Ride and Stride**. This is an opportunity to provide some much needed support for church buildings. The annual sponsored **Ride & Stride** is an important fundraiser for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust which makes grants for the upkeep of churches and chapels of all denominations, including our own. People can cycle or walk to a number of churches in the area. Anyone can participate; it is a family friendly event or it can be done with friends or on your own. A walk into Wallingford to visit the eight churches there, plus our own and Brightwell Free Church in the village would make eleven! OHCT will pay 50% of the sponsorship money to your selected church. Donations can be made online, as OHCT is registered with Virgin Money Giving, or in cash. Register here: <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/take-part/>

Week of Prayer for World Peace 11th – 18th October 2026:

During this week there will be a Day of Prayer on Saturday 17th October in St Agatha's Church, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell. We start at 8am with Morning Prayer and finish at 6pm with Evening Prayer. Other set prayer times are 12 noon and 4pm.

The church will be open all day and you can sit quietly and pray or use one of the prayer stations in the church. There will be activities for children and refreshments will be available in the church room from 10am until 4pm. <https://weekofprayerforworldpeace.co.uk/>

Giving:

All donations to the mission and ministry of our church are very welcome: the majority of our members use the Parish Giving Scheme as it is the most efficient way of reclaiming Gift Aid – please speak to our Treasurer, Stuart Homann, for further information.

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