

NOTICES & NEWS

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Worship in Church and Online Preachers and readings for Sunday 3rd May 2026

Acts 7: 55-60;

Psalm 31; 1-5, 15-16;

1Peter 2: 2-10;

John 14: 1-14

Worship in Church: 10.30am

(Sunday Fun sessions are on the 2nd & 4th

Sunday each month at 10.30am)

3rd May Rev John McNeill

10th May Rev John McNeill

(Holy Communion)

17th May United Service at
 StPhilip&St James

24th May Rev Carrie Seaton

**Flowers in Church for this Sunday
 have been provided by**

Mr & Mrs K Long

Weekly Programme

Monday:

Badminton Club 9.30-11.30am

Carers Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30am
 (3rd Mon)

Friendship Club (2ndMon) 2.30pm

BB&GA Anchors/Juniors 5.30-8.00pm
 (termtime)

Welcome Cafe (termtime) 5.30-8.00pm

Monday Makers 7.30-9.30pm

Tuesday:

JellyTotz 10-11.30am

Parents & Toddlers (termtime)

Men's Social (2nd Tue) 10-12noon

Step"n"Style (termtime) 4-8.30pm

Wednesday:

Welcome Cafe 10-12noon

Welcome Garden 10-12noon

Tech Support 10.30-12noon

(in Welcome 1st&3rd)

Thursday:

Welcome Cafe 10 - 12noon

Craft Group 10 - 12noon

BB&GA Company 7-10.00pm
 (termtime)

Friday:

Friday Lunch Club 2nd&4th Fri

Saturday:

Welcome Cafe 10-12noon

(1st & 3rd of month)

Foodbank – The collection crate is
 available in the church entrance.

Church & PFA Events 2026

May 16th

Plant Sale – 10.30am

May 30th

Jumble Sale (PFA) – 2pm

June 27th

PFA Strawberry Fayre

June 13th

Model Railway Show - 10am-5pm

Bring and Share Lunch

There will be a bring and share lunch on Sunday 10th May immediately after the service. This will be followed by the Church Annual General Meeting for those wishing to attend. All are welcome to both.

Annual General Meeting – Sunday 10th May

The Annual General Meeting will take place after the shared lunch on 10th May.

All the reports for the meeting will be available on the website, alongside the Notices.

Amongst other things, it is at this meeting where various important posts within the church are made, or renewed. This year, we have one Church Steward retiring and therefore we will be looking to appoint at least two new Stewards.

These are a few of the duties taken from the job description listed below:

- To communicate with the minister or preacher taking the service
- Prepare the church and lock up afterwards
- Attend steward meetings for decision making and help plan the church year

If you would like to know more about this important role, please speak to Rev John or any of the existing Stewards. Nominations need to be handed to Lynne Cooke on or before 10th May. You will need to write your name on a piece of paper and have two people to vote you in.

The appointment of new Stewards is made at the Annual Meeting, where interested candidates need to be present.

Recycling Reminder from Elaine

Some of you may know that I have taken to "bin diving" over recent months. It all started last summer when I noticed that one of the black bins at the back of church was overflowing so I decided to investigate and found a lot of recyclable materials.

With the help of Jane and Andrew we eventually discovered that most of this was due to a misunderstanding by the cleaner about which bins to empty. It turns out that the vast majority of people who use our premises *do* use the green recycling bins in the corridor by the back door. So thank you to all of you who do the right thing and many, many thanks to Pete, who deals with it all.

There is still room for improvement, however. On Wednesday mornings I continue to check the contents of the black bin and often find milk bottles (washed and squashed 🍷), empty coffee jars, plastic food trays, fruit juice cartons, paper and cardboard that could be recycled.

We can all get distracted and forget which bin to use but few of us work alone in the kitchens. So, if you are a member of either a church group or an outside group that meets here, please remind one another that we are an Eco Church and we aim to recycle all the usual materials **in the green bins in the corridor by the back door**. There are notices on all our bins to this effect. (We do not use green recycling boxes).

Being vertically challenged I can't reach to the bottom of the outside black bins so, if you happen to be around on a Wednesday morning and see a pair of feet sticking out of a bin.....

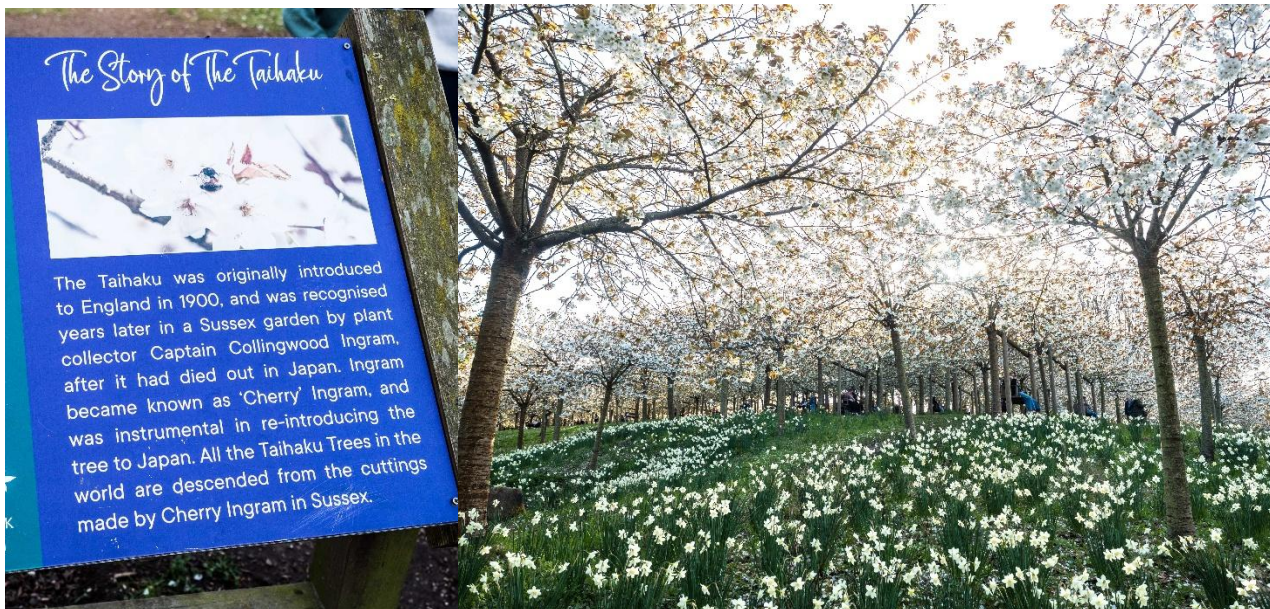
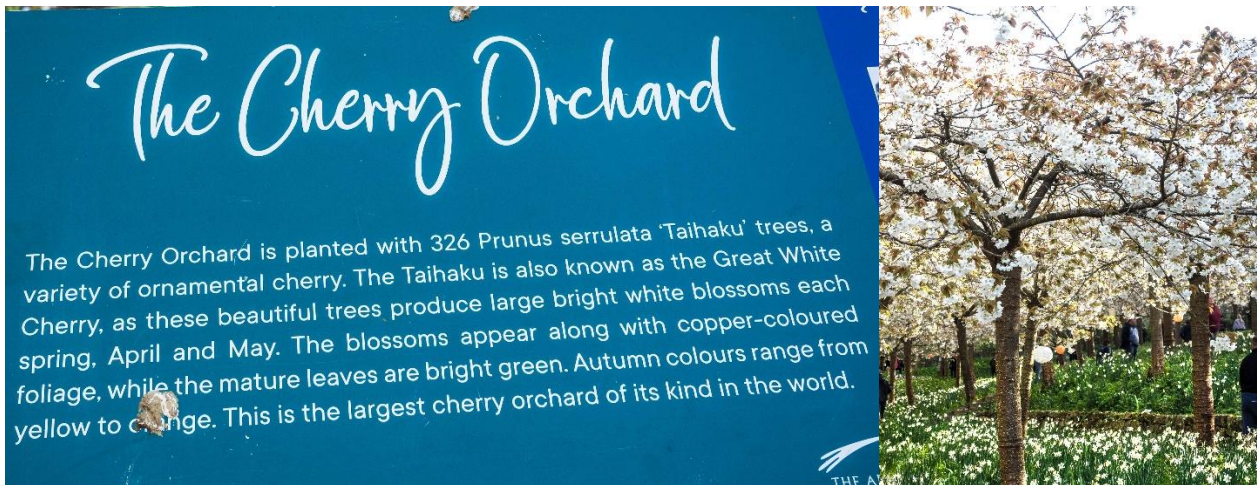


please help!

Elaine

Alnwick Gardens Cherry Blossom

We have been featuring photos showing God's creations, and especially those WOW moments. We were lucky enough to see Alnwick Gardens Cherry Blossom towards the end of their bloom.





Christian Aid Week – 10-16th May

Come and celebrate the work of Christian Aid



**St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate Street
Friday 8 May 2026**

1.00pm – 30 minute service preceded by a “Bring and Buy” stall, coffee and cake in the church; all donations for Christian Aid

**St Swithun’s Church, Hempsted
Sunday 10 May 2026**

10.00am – a family service followed by coffee, cake and a Bring and Buy stall in the Lysons Hall. Monies and donations for Christian Aid

Let us pray, act and fundraise to help our global neighbours as they struggle to feed their children.

Christian Aid and its partner “Beacon of Hope” are working with women to develop tiny urban farms which can offer food, security and hope in their overcrowded settlements.

Plant Sale – Sat 16th May 10.30am

We will soon be asking for volunteers to help at the Plant Sale, so if no-one asks you and you would like to help, then please speak to **Elaine or Ron about selling plants** and **Sue Woodward about selling garden tools/equipment and pots**.

We rely on generous gardeners to donate plants for the sale – perennials, annuals, vegetable plants, herbs, wildflowers, shrubs etc. We will be setting up on Friday 15th so please bring plants on Friday 15th between 2pm and 5pm. If that time isn't convenient then speak to Elaine or Ron or phone us on 533480.

We will need lots of newspapers to protect the tables and we will recycle them afterwards. Please leave any you can spare in the library.

If you have garden tools to donate – lawnmowers, spades, forks, strimmers or outdoor or indoor pots etc. – please see Sue or Andy.

There will be our usual plastic pot recycling facility on the green during the sale.
