



Bisham Church of England Academy
Newsletter 1 - 14th September 2026

Reflection

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The new academic year has seen the children enthused and ready to access their learning! I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with our youngest children over the last week. It has been wonderful getting to know them, reading the end of the day story and participating in their learning activities. I am always impressed with how confident and independent such young children quickly become. As we move on through this first half of the term, I am looking forward to sharing more about how wonderful our school is and the events that we have planned for both our children, families, church, sports centre and village as we come together as a connected community.

Mrs Brookman

Head of School

Parent Agreement

At Bisham, we believe that the parent school partnership can have a positive impact on the outcomes for the children. Our parent agreement provides parents and carers with a list of ways we would like you to support us.

Building positive parental relationships is an aspect of school life that we, at Bisham, feel is incredibly important. Working in partnership with the school will enable your child to achieve their full potential. We hope that you will find the Parental Agreement useful in supporting this relationship.

Parent Agreement:

- As a parent/s of a pupil at Bisham Church of England Primary School , I/we will:
- Make sure that my child arrives at school by 8.50am, properly dressed and equipped.
- Make sure my child attends every day and notify the school of the reasons for any absence through ill-health.
- Not take my child out of school for family holidays during term time.
- Make arrangements for my child's safe return home at the appropriate time.
- Support my child's learning, ensuring completion of homework set and their participation in any school trips and visits.
- Support the school's policies and guidelines for learning, attendance, equality, discipline and good behaviour.

- Let the school know about any concerns that might affect my child's work or behaviour.
- Read all the information sent home as this gives me important details of meetings, workshops, activities and other school information.
- Attend parents' evenings as well as other meetings about my child's progress.

Important dates for your diary



- Thursday 17th September 2026 - Year 3 and 4 trip to St.Albans Verulamium
- Friday 18th September 2026 - Year 4 Collective Worship supporting Jeans for Genes Day, in church, at 9am. Children may wear their own clothes for a voluntary contribution of £1. Complimentary tea and coffee will be served by the PTA for parents and carers.
- Monday 21st -Wednesday 23rd September 2026 - Year 5 residential trip to Hooke Court.
- Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th September 2026 - Year 6 residential trip to Hooke Court.
- Wednesday 7th October 2026 - AHMAT Curriculum Presentation 6pm at White Waltham CofE Academy. All parents and carers are welcome.
- Monday 12th October 2026 - Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm. Appointments available to book through Arbor.
- Tuesday 13th October 2026 - Open Morning at 11am for prospective parents.
- Monday 19th October 2026 - Flu Vaccine.

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- Friday 23rd October 2026 - Harvest Festival Collective Worship presented by the Green Team, in church, at 9am. Children are invited to bring a non-perishable item of food which will be donated to Foodshare. Complimentary tea and coffee will be served by the PTA for parents and carers.
- Friday 23rd October 2026 - End of term.
- Monday 2nd November 2026 - Back to school. Term Starts.
- Tuesday 3rd November 2026 - Year 5 and 6 trip to Blenheim Palace.
- Wednesday 11th November 2026 - Year 5 Remembrance Service at 10.45am, in church. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.
- Tuesday 17th November 2026 - Heights and Weights check.
- Wednesday 18th November 2026 - Open Morning at 11am for prospective parents.
- Thursday 26th November 2026 - Open Afternoon at 1.30pm for prospective parents.
- Thursday 17th December 2026 - Christmas lunch and own clothes day. Children are invited to wear their own clothes and a Christmas jumper.
- Friday 18th December 2026 - Year 1 and 2 Christingle Collective Worship, in church, at 9am. Complimentary tea and coffee will be served by the PTA for parents and carers.
- Friday 18th December 2026 - End of Term. School closes at 1pm.
- Monday 4th January 2027 - INSET day.
- Tuesday 5th January 2027 - Back to school. Term starts.

Awards



11th September 2026

Stars of the Week:

Foundation -

Year 1 - All of the class

Year 2 - All of the class

Year 3 - Eisa and Jesse

Year 4 - Theo and Lottie

Year 5 - Tommy and Joe

Year 6 - Alice and Bethan

Dojo winners :

Foundation - Jia

Year 3 - Eisa

Year 4 - Alana, Pera and Albie

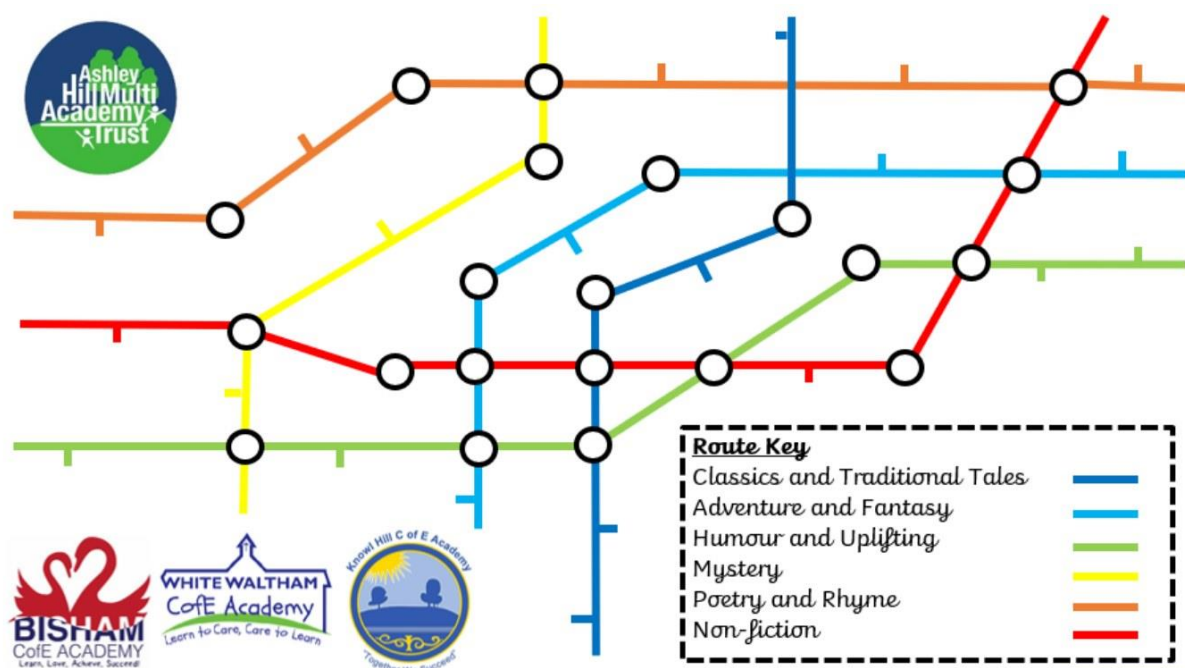
Year 5 - Ethan

Year 6 - Naiyana

Playtime Award - Jesse

Headteachers Award - Olive

Reading Routes Awards



Our 'reading routes' challenge is inspired by the underground and making journeys to read books across a range of genres.

Each coloured line on the reading routes map corresponds to a different genre.

At school, we have shelves stocked with specially selected books for pupils to loan out and begin reading.

When each pupil has read a book, this must be written in their reading record and they will have their reading routes ticket 'punched' when the book is completed, just like a real train ticket!

If a pupil has a book they would particularly like to read from outside of school, this can also be matched up to a genre and will contribute towards the challenge.

Multiplication Square

X	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

Times tables are a fundamental building block of mathematics, acting as the foundation for both primary and secondary education. Mastering them is crucial for developing "number sense" enabling faster mental arithmetic, and fostering confidence in solving complex mathematical problems. They are essential for advanced topics such as algebra, fractions, long multiplication, and division.

Key Strategies for Learning

- Little and Often: Daily, short practice sessions are more effective than long, infrequent ones.
- Understand, Don't Just Memorize: It is essential for children to understand what multiplication *means* (e.g., repeated addition, arrays) before committing the facts to memory.
- Use Tools: Games, apps, and songs (like Times Tables Rockstars or Hit the Button) are effective tools for practice.
- Learn in Order: Starting with easier tables (2,5,10) and use patterns to learn harder ones (4 is double 2 and 6 is double 3).

The competition will resume next week.

Courageous Advocacy



Children and Young People are integral to building a fairer and more sustainable world for everyone. Courageous Advocacy equips them with the skills, tools, confidence, and opportunity to speak up and take action on issues of justice. Courageous Advocacy is an integral part of the Church of England Education Office's vision for education.

We are keen to hear from our community about anyone who has taken action on issues that are important to them.

Attendance



There is a strong link between attendance and educational outcomes.

Reminders:

- Children are expected to be in school, every day and on time, during term time.
- Registration closes at 8.50am.
- If your child is unable to attend school, please call the office before 8.50am. You must call every day if your child is unable to attend school.
- If you arrive late or leave early, you must sign at the office stating the reason for this.
- Term time holidays require a form to be completed. A fixed penalty notice for term time absence may be incurred.

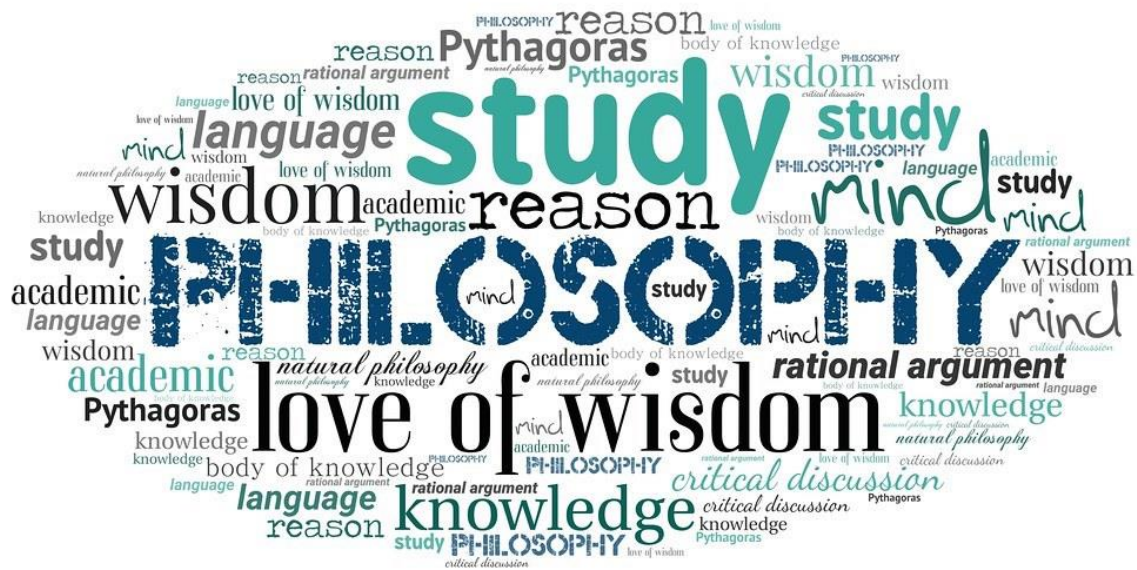
Something of interest



Are you interested in learning more about parenting? The government have funded free parenting courses with a variety of topics. Please see the link below for more information:

<https://freecoursesinengland.co.uk/parents>

Talk for Learning



Each week there will a question for you to discuss at home. This is an excellent way for children to develop their ideas, articulate them and appreciate other points of view.

What does generosity mean? How can we give generously?

Reminders



- **Parking at the end of the day**

We have a number of parents, children and residents that need to use the pathway at the entrance to Church Lane. Please remember not to park on the pathway.

PTA



Our PTA raise important funds for the school whilst holding fun and creative events for all families to participate in.

If you have any questions about forthcoming events or how you could support the PTA , please email PTA@bisham.org.

To keep up to date with PTA events, please follow us on Facebook: Bisham C of E Academy Parents/Carers Group.

A message from the PTA:

Hope everyone had lots of fun over the summer and the routine of school is well underway.

We just wanted to say a quick hello to all parents new and returning this term.

We are starting to plan the events for the year and are hopeful that we can give the children some really fun moments, whilst raising some money for our school. We have so many great ideas but we need help to pull them off.

The end of last term said goodbye to 3 active PTA members and we are looking to fill those shoes.

★ Could you give an hour or so of your time each term? ★ Are you good with a spreadsheet and can help get us organised? ★ Do you enjoy getting creative and would like to make a flier for an event? ★ Would you like to help run events like a cake sale or help run the school disco? ★ Do you work for a company that would sponsor or donate items for our events? ★ Do you have a skill or occupation that you think is helpful for us to raise money?

We need help and with many hands it's fun, light work.

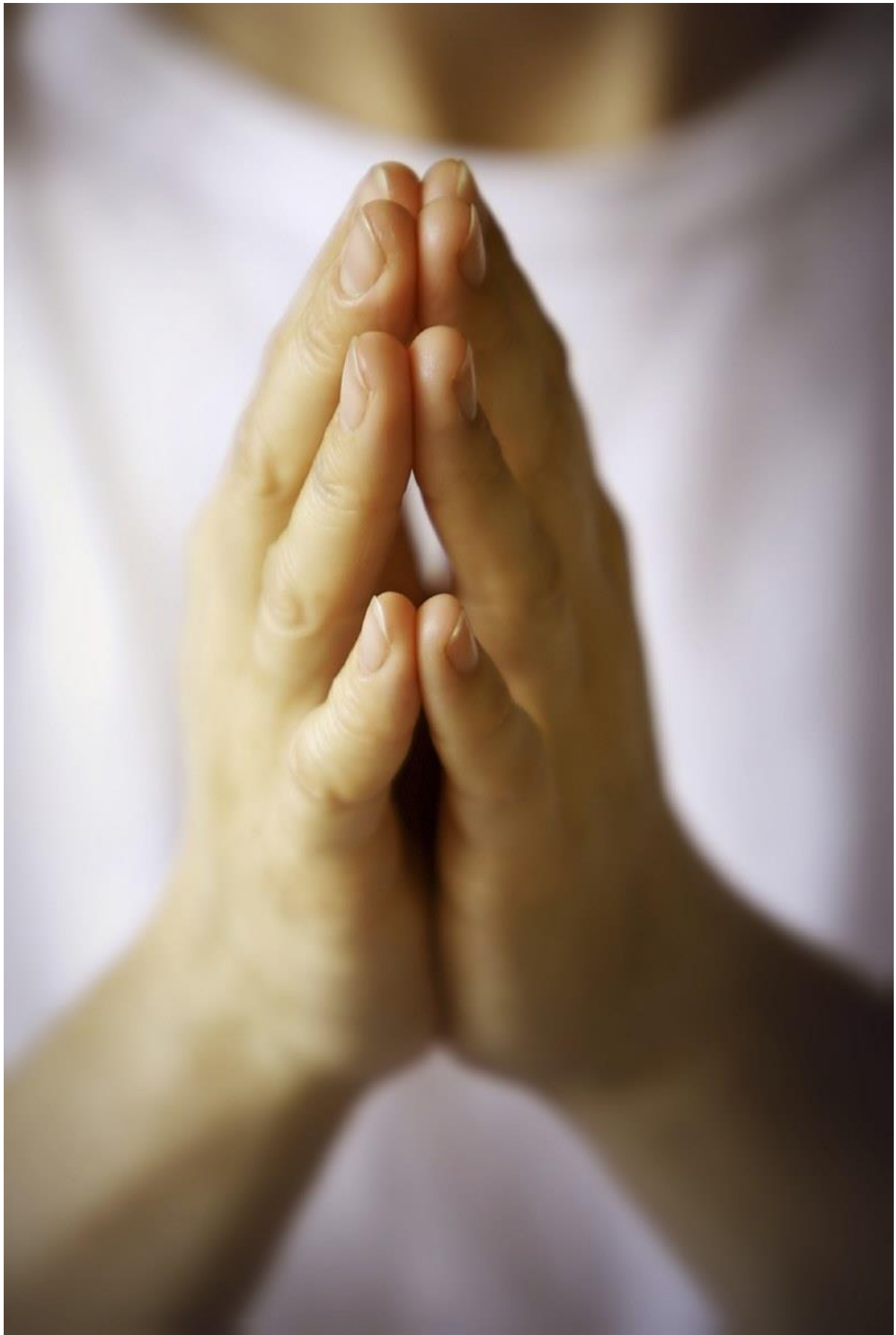
We are currently looking for a Treasurer and Secretary to join the Committee. These can be shared roles (we all muddle along together anyway) - more info via the Class Whatsapp.

We are in need of large plastic boxes with lids to keep the 2nd hand uniform in and a set of shelves suitable for the outside storage container.

Please contact the school office if you'd like try a committee role this year and need more information.

Here's to another great year x

A prayer for the children



Dear God

Thank you God for your generous gift of creation.

Sorry for the times we have not cared for it properly.

Please give us eyes to notice the amazing beauty in all of life

and to be faithful stewards.

Amen

All Saints Church, Bisham

Pews News

Sunday 13 September: 15th Sunday after Trinity

Our 9.30am service will be led by Revd Carol Cooper

Grow together in faith

How often do we hear the phrase "life is a journey"? Well, in this sermon series, we continue our own shared journey. Growing together in faith and listening to where God may be leading us next.

Reading and Gospel

Our first reading is from Deuteronomy 8:2-10 which you will find on page 178 of the Old Testament in our pew bibles.

Moses guided the Israelites on their escape from Egypt, but God then led them all on the "long way" through the wilderness for forty years. Their journey was deliberately drawn out:

"in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments." (Deuteronomy 8:2)

The promise of a good land, where we will lack nothing, is just over the next hill. But in the meantime, it is important that we all follow the path that the Lord has commanded, listening for our next step and not turning "to the right or the left".

The Gospel reading is from Luke 24:13-35 and can be found on page 96 of the New Testament in our pew bibles.

We meet two close followers of Jesus travelling on the road to Emmaus and talking about the crucifixion and apparent resurrection of Jesus. Jesus himself – unrecognised by his fellow travellers - joins them on their journey:

"Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them all the things about himself in the scriptures" (Luke 24:27)

Only after they have broken bread together does Jesus open their eyes so that they recognize him – at which point, he quite suddenly vanishes. He leaves them with their hearts burning, inspired both by his words on the road and his appearance before them.

Their own journey in faith is still only just beginning and, following God's lead, they immediately return to Jerusalem to share the good news with Jesus' disciples and their companions.

Notices

1. Fortnightly Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus

Our Bible Study group meets at All Saints Bisham from 10.00–11.30am, with coffee, cake and time to explore the Parables of Jesus together.

Our final Parable, in what has been a thoroughly enjoyable series of get-togethers, will be The Parable of the Rich Fool.

The last meeting of this series will be Thursday 24 September.

2. School of Theology

SOT is back! This autumn we bring you a four-week course with teachings from guest theologians and the 4U Team in Marlow. Join us at All Saints Marlow on Wednesdays from 7:30pm - 9.00pm, with refreshments from 7:15pm. Come and explore the Good News of Christ in the four gospels through prayer, worship, teaching and sharing. Each session will include an overview of the gospel with an in-depth focus on the main message and characters, and the target audience of that gospel.

September 23 – John

September 30 – Matthew

October 7 – Luke

October 14 - Mark

For more details and to register for the course please visit <http://marlow.link/sot26>

3. Harvest Lunch – Sunday 27 September following 10.30am Service

Our Harvest Service will take place on Sunday 27th September 2026, and we hope you'll be able to join us. Please note that the service will begin at the slightly later time of 10.30 a.m. rather than our usual 9.30 a.m.

After the service, everyone is warmly invited to stay for our traditional Bring and Share Harvest Lunch. It is always a lovely opportunity to enjoy good food and good company together.

If you are planning to join us for lunch, please add your name to the sheet at the back of the church and indicate which dish from the list you would like to bring.

And if you are unable to get to church beforehand to sign up, please don't let that stop you from coming along. You will still be very welcome - there is always plenty of food to share! We look forward to celebrating Harvest together.

4. Come and join our first Alpha course at All Saints Bisham

Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone is welcome. Perhaps you have questions about your faith or maybe you are simply curious to find out more.

Following on from our wonderful Thursday Bible Study Group meetings, we plan to get together every other Thursday morning from 10.00am to 11.30am. Our first discussion will be 8 October – followed by 22 Oct, 5 Nov, 19 Nov, 3 Dec and finally 17 Dec.

Please speak to Carol if you are interested, just want to find out a little more about what we shall be talking about or how it all works. You will be with friends and there is no pressure on anyone to say anything. Just coffee, cake and shared conversations.

5. Autumn Recitals at All Saints Marlow

You are all warmly invited to join the Sunday Afternoon Recitals this autumn, beginning this Sunday 13 September with cellist Hannah Lewis and pianist Neil Crossland. You can see what's coming up via the link below. The concerts start at 3:30pm. Entry is free, but a donation will help to support music at All Saints Marlow.

[Autumn Recitals at All Saints Marlow](#)

6. Celebrity Organ Concert

All Saints' Marlow Music Trust is delighted to announce a Celebrity Organ Concert by internationally - renowned organist David Hill at All Saints' Church, Marlow on Saturday 16th October at 7.30pm.

The programme will include works by Bach, Vierne, Coleridge-Taylor, Howells and Mendelssohn. Tickets are £20 and available from <https://www.ticketsource.com/all-saints-marlow-music-trust/t-aazjddy>, tel: 0333 6663366, or on the door. Proceeds will be shared between All Saints' Marlow Music Trust and the church.

7. Bisham Church & Village Annual Quiz Night at Bisham Abbey

– 18th November 6.30pm – 10.00pm

Ticket booking is now open! Ticket price (£28.75) includes drink on arrival, supper and entry into the Quiz. Raffle tickets available to buy on the night. There are only a few tickets left!

<https://buytickets.at/bishamchurchfriends/2291644>

8. Car Parking

The Abbey-owned car park, used by both the church and the school, is still closed while the football pitches are replaced. Parking at the school is also limited as work is under way to repair the flood damage.

We will let you know when things change and thank you for your patience and understanding.

Services and Events

Sunday 13 September 9.30am at All Saints Bisham

Holy Communion Service

Sunday 20 September 9.30am at All Saints Bisham

Holy Communion Service

Thursday 24 September 10.00am – 11.30am at All Saints Bisham

Bible Study Group: The Parables of Jesus

Sunday 27 September 10.30am at All Saints Bisham

Holy Communion Service followed by Harvest Lunch

Sunday 4 October 8.00am at All Saints Bisham

Holy Communion Service – Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 4 October 9.30am at All Saints Bisham

Holy Communion Service

Thursday 8 October 10.00am – 11.30am at All Saints Bisham

Alpha Course

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