



PARISH MAGAZINE & COMMUNITY NEWS

Burton - Puddington - Shotwick



St Nicholas' Church, Burton



St Michael's Church, Shotwick

October - November 2026

Harvest, Thanksgiving, Remembrance & Hope

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."

Psalm 24:1

News • Worship • Community • Reflection

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Welcome

Welcome to our October–November issue, shared by the congregations and communities of St Nicholas' Church, Burton and St Michael's Church, Shotwick.

These autumn months invite us to pause. At Harvest, we give thanks for the gifts of the earth, for those who grow and prepare our food, and for the generosity that sustains neighbours in need. As November approaches, we remember those who served and died in war, those whose lives have shaped our own, and all who carry the cost of conflict today.

Gratitude and remembrance are not backward-looking acts. Both call us to live differently: to share more freely, to seek peace more faithfully, and to carry hope into our homes, churches and villages.

Harvest and Thanksgiving

Gratitude in action

Harvest thanksgiving begins with praise: for seed and soil, rain and sunshine, skill and labour, kitchens and shared tables. Yet Christian gratitude is more than a feeling. It becomes generosity.

This season, consider making a simple harvest promise: waste less food, choose one locally grown item each week, support a food bank or community pantry, and pray for farmers, seasonal workers, shop staff and everyone facing food insecurity.

God of creation, teach us to receive with gratitude, to share with gladness, and to care for the earth with wisdom. Amen.

Five ways to practise thanksgiving

1. Write down three gifts from each day.
2. Thank someone whose work is easily overlooked.
3. Share a meal with a neighbour or friend.
4. Donate an item or an hour of your time.
5. Pray for places where harvests have failed or food is scarce.

Remembrance and Hope

We will remember them

Remembrance gives us space to honour those who served, those who died, and those who returned bearing wounds seen and unseen. It also asks us to remember civilians caught in conflict, families separated from loved ones, and all who work for reconciliation.



Silence can hold what words cannot. In the two-minute silence, we bring before God names, stories and griefs, and we renew our commitment to the things that make for peace.

A prayer for peace

God of mercy, receive our remembrance. Comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who work for peace, and guide the nations in the paths of justice. Where there is hatred, sow compassion; where there is fear, kindle hope; and where there is division, make us instruments of reconciliation. Amen.

Remembering at home

- Place a poppy or simple cross beside a candle.
- Read the name of someone you wish to remember.
- Keep two minutes of silence.
- Pray for peace in one place affected by conflict.
- Choose one practical act of kindness or reconciliation.

Remembrance services:

Sunday 8 November

- 10.15am at St Nicholas', Burton
- 10.50am at St Michael's, Shotwick

St Nicholas' Church, Burton & St Michael's Church, Shotwick

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Services at St Nicholas' Church

www.burtonchurch.org.uk



Services at St Michael's Church

www.shotwick.org.uk



Weekly—Sundays

10:00am Morning Worship

Weekly—Wednesdays

10:15am Holy Communion BCP

1st Sunday of Month

8:45am Holy Communion BCP

3rd Sunday of Month

10:00am Holy Communion CW

6:30pm Evensong (October)

4:00pm Evensong (November)

1st Sunday of Month

11.30am Morning Praise

2nd Sunday of Month

11.30am Holy Communion CW

3rd Sunday of Month

11.30am Morning Prayer BCP

4th Sunday of Month

11.30am Holy Communion BCP

5th Sunday of Month

11.30am Holy Communion BCP

Worship and Parish diary

CHURCH SERVICES

ST NICHOLAS', BURTON

OCTOBER

4th	
8:45am	Holy Communion
10:00am	Harvest Worship
6th	
2:30pm	Bishop Wilson Harvest Service
7th	
10:15am	Holy Communion
11th	
10:00am	Morning Worship
14th	
10:15am	Holy Communion
18th	
10:00am	Communion for all
6:30pm	Evensong
21st	
10:15am	Holy Communion
25th	
10:00am	Morning Worship
28th	
10:15am	Holy Communion

NOVEMBER

1st	
8:45am	Holy Communion
10:00am	Morning Worship with MU Enrolment
3:00pm	Time to Remember
4th	
10:15am	Holy Communion
8th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
10:15	Morning Worship
11th	
10:15	Holy Communion
15th	
10:00am	Communion for All
4:00pm	Evensong
18th	
10:15am	Holy Communion
22nd	
10:00am	Morning Worship with Baptism
25th	
10:15am	Holy Communion
29th	
10:00am	Morning Worship

Fellowship Group

A Fellowship Group focusing on developing relationships with Christ and one another involving both prayer and discussion

For more information contact Lindsey Hatton – linzandrob@hotmail.co.uk

6 October at 7:30pm

3 November at 7:30pm

1 December at 7:30pm

CHURCH SERVICES ST MICHAEL'S, SHOTWICK

OCTOBER

4 th	
11:30am	Morning Praise
11 th	
3:00pm	Harvest Festival Service
18 th	
11:30am	Morning Prayer
25 th	
11:30am	Holy Communion

NOVEMBER

1 st	
11:30am	Morning Praise Time to Remember
8 th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
10:50am	Remembrance with Holy Communion
15 th	
11:30am	Morning Prayer
22 nd	
11:30am	Holy Communion
29 th	
11:30am	Holy Communion

KEEPING UP WITH THE BURTONS!



It was decided that Shotwick's loo needed more than a lick of paint if it were to come anywhere near the standard of Burton's "Superloo"!

Our go-to maintenance man Arthur Aldcroft set to replacing an over- sized wall mounted paper towel dispenser with a mirror and he complimented this with our Twinned Toilet certificate!

To complete the task he stylishly boxed in the low pipes and the almost none existent skirting board, before a generous coat of white anti-damp paint completed the job.

Top marks Arthur – and thank you!

Vicar Recruitment Update

An update from our Parish Representatives –

Ron Curnow & Janey Griffiths (Burton)

Rosemary Taylor & Chris Berry (Shotwick) :-

“Recruitment is still ongoing and an advert has been placed in the Church Times. There is a review meeting due with the Archdeacon shortly and we are sure you will all join us in praying that a suitable candidate will be found.

Thank you to all involved in this process for all the hard work you have done so far.”

(both Burton and Shotwick PCC's have already approved suitable funding to be available, to cover the cost of the advert)

Junior Church & Children and Families Work

Email sheilad.stnics@gmail.com for more information

St Nic's Nippers

Preschool.

Mondays at 10:30am in Gladstone Village



From the Registers

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, BURTON

Baptism

23rd August 2026

AGATHA BLAIR COOPER

Baptism

20th September 2026

ELLIS THOMAS BAILEY



Church and community news

From St Nicholas', Burton

A Fond 'Au Revoir' to Beth Crossley

On Sunday 13 September, St Nicholas' Church came together to bid farewell to Beth Crossley, a church member and long-standing resident of Burton Village. Beth and her family have farmed at Greenwood Farm for over 50 years. However, in September they all moved to a new farm in the historic village of Belford, a village in Northumberland between Alnwick and Berwick upon Tweed



Throughout Beth Crossley's village life she has been an extremely active member of the local community, not only amongst fellow church members but also across the wider local community and farther afield. She is renowned for her energy and commitment towards helping people, raising money for charitable causes and contributing towards the social life and well-being of Burton Village.

Over a great many years Beth's contribution to society has included:

PCC Member - she was for a number of years a member of the church PCC

Church Cleaner - at a time when church cleaning was undertaken by volunteers

Bridge Player - a member of the local weekly bridge club

Jam & Chutney - a prolific producer of jams and chutneys sold in aid of charity

Baker of Scones & Biscuits - provider of scones and biscuits at Coffee Mornings

Handbell Ringer - a committed bell-ringer at church festivals and other performances

Fund Raiser - a successful fund-raise for the church, and St John's Hospice

Charity Lunch Volunteer - a volunteer at a Wirral lunch club for the elderly

Flowers - always a willing volunteer to help with flowers for the church



With Grateful Thanks

Everyone at St Nicholas' Church wishes Beth well !



ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, BURTON-IN-WIRRAL

Harvest Coffee Morning



Thursday 8 October

The Pavilion

Gladstone Village Hall

Burton

10:00am to 12:30pm

This Autumn's Community Coffee Morning is being held in aid of **Wirral Foodbank**.

Please come along, meet up with friends, enjoy coffee, tea and home-made cakes and support this charity that does so much for people who, through no fault of their own, are forced to rely on the generosity of others; that's you and me!



"We provide emergency food and practical support to people in their hardest moments. We also work with partners and local communities to ensure everyone gets the right help long before they need a foodbank."



St Nicholas's Church has a long tradition of supporting foodbanks including coffee mornings, charity walks and events. Initially, local people were also able to donate food and other goods by leaving items in the church porch which were taken to Wirral foodbank every month. Whilst this is no longer practicable most supermarkets and charitable organisations offer collection points. However, for many people, making a regular donation direct to the foodbank is a more efficient way of lending support.



Wirral Foodbank is a local charity that has been providing emergency food to local people in crisis since November 2011.

The Foodbank principle is based on giving a small amount of food – in our case just three days worth – to people who suddenly find themselves without any food or money to buy it; this can be for a range of reasons.

We believe that no one should go hungry and that emergency food is not the solution to poverty. Wirral Foodbank Plus, is a food bank funded service, provided by Citizens Advice Wirral – it seeks to address the underlying reasons why people need our support and in doing so remove the need of food banks in our community.

If you would like to support Wirral Foodbank by donating you can do so by bank transfer. Our bank details are:

Sort Code: 40-10-22

Account number: 52391236

Thank you.

Wirral Foodbank

wirralfoodbank.org.uk



Christmas Tree Festival

We are currently in the advanced planning stages for a Christmas tree festival in St Nicholas' Church this year.

It is anticipated that the launch date will be Saturday 5 December – more details will be confirmed nearer the time.

If you are interested in sponsoring a tree please contact Sarah Curnow on sarah.curnow27@gmail.com to register your interest and you will be contacted when we have everything finalised.

Thank you.



On 14 October we will be holding a Treasure Hunt at Shotwick Church, followed by Tea.

The November meeting is our annual lunch outing and this year it is to take place at Ellesmere Port Catering College.

The December Deanery Service is on Wednesday 9 December in Christ Church, Willaston.

We are always happy to welcome visitors.

From St Michael's, Shotwick

St Michael's Church, Shotwick

Harvest Festival Service



Sunday October 11th at 3.00pm



The service will be led by Canon Chris Samuels
and will be followed by



Refreshments



including a glass of wine

Donations for the Food Bank would be welcome

Help with decorating the church on Saturday October 10th would
be appreciated



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWS

On Saturday 12 September we held a very successful Heritage Open Day at St Michael's Church with over 100 visitors – our highest total ever! Unfortunately the tower tours had to be cancelled owing to safety concerns put forward by the team re-pointing the Tower. However, as an alternative, Ann Hinchcliffe kindly stepped in and taught some of the visitors how to play hand bells. In addition there were guided walks around Shotwick village, opportunities to watch the bell ringers demonstrating their skills and the chance to learn about playing the organ. The

historic building itself was, of course, the highlight for many visitors. Also much appreciated were the home made refreshments which were available all day. We received numerous complimentary remarks about the event including one comment that it was “the best place on the Heritage trail”! We were delighted to receive donations totalling £570 for church funds including the tower fund. Thank you to all the volunteers who contributed to making it such a wonderful day.

Picture of Eleanor Harriet Lees aged 9 playing the organ. Permission granted by parents.



 **THE STAINED GLASS MUSEUM**

THE LIFE AND WORK OF TRENA COX (1895 – 1980)

With Aleta Doran

ONLINE AUTUMN TALK: WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER, 7PM

Please book online at www.stainedglassmuseum.com/whatson

Tickets: £6.50 for Friends of the Museum, £8.50 for non-Friends
Book all three talks in the series for £24 / £18

The Altar window in St Michael's Church depicting St Michael was designed and made by Trena Cox in 1938. The stained glass museum in Ely are holding an online talk about Trena Cox and they have used the detail of the window to promote the talk.

Permission has been given to reproduce the information image about the talk

St Michael's Church, Shotwick

Saturday 28th November at 2.00pm

The Faroes – the Land of Maybe

A talk by local photographer Roger Ellison about his recent visit to the Faroe Islands illustrated with amazing photographs of the landscape, birds and other aspects of this fascinating location.



Admission £5 including refreshments

Pay at the door

Proceeds in aid of St Michael's Church

St Michael's Church, Shotwick Lane, Shotwick, CH1 6HX

Car park opposite the church

shotwick.org.uk

Down the Garden Path

SHORT DAYS AND A NIP IN THE AIR

Many tubs and hanging baskets survived the heatwave and annuals provided lots of colour and variety. The now empty pots will be filled with spring flowering bulbs. Iris reticulata J.S. Dijt and tulip “purple eye” are the varieties purchased so far. Snowdrop galanthus woronowii are to be added to the small collection. The Hydrangeas suffered so much, but surprisingly flowers appeared. Strangely the roses were wonderful and are still flowering at the time of writing. Absent Friends (Peach), Mrs Tottering (yellow), Alec’s Red and Ballerina (pink/white) to name but a few.



To start the season the Sweet Peas Misty Mountain, Swan Lake, Nimbus and Robert Uvedale were wonderful. The Dahlias (grown in pots) are still in flower but when the frost threatens the leaves they will be cut down and the pots fleeced for winter.



Our feathered friends continue to visit. Nuthatch, Blue, Great and occasionally Long Tailed tits, plus young Robin and Cedric our Pheasant.

Tasks - Plant bulbs - Clear the greenhouse - Plan next year’s garden - Enjoy the winter hues and berries

Happy Gardening!

Flori Bunda



Burton Mere Wetlands



It is beginning to feel like autumn after all the hot dry days of summer. Migrants are passing through and our winter visitors beginning to arrive.

Among our resident waders visitors have been spotting Common, Green and Wood Sandpipers, Ruff, Snipe, Greenshank and Little Ringed Plover.



Greenshanks
and Godwit.
J. Hewitt

Snipe.
J. Hewitt



Kingfishers, Water Rail and Green Woodpeckers are seen most days and Raptors include Marsh Harriers, Kestrel, Sparrow hawk, Peregrine and Hobby. In particular a group of 3 Kestrels were seen having a disagreement and a lucky visitor caught this on camera.



Kestrels fighting. M. Goodwin

In addition to Little Egrets and Great White Egrets, Spoonbills are seen most days at Parkgate. They also make regular visits to the scrapes at Burton Mere, and Cattle Egrets have also been seen.



Spoonbills R. Styles

Boathouse Flash at Parkgate has also been the place to see up to 50 Greenshank roosting, and also Barn owls hunting.

Several hundred Pink-footed geese have been counted over the saltmarsh in the last couple of weeks and we expect these numbers to increase to 10,000 plus over the next couple of months. Hopefully we will also see the return of the Short-eared Owls and Hen harriers that over winter on the Dee Estuary.

Keep your eyes on our website for regular events happening at BMW, <https://events.rspb.org.uk/deeestuary>. And why not visit our Café and warm up with a hot drink or a bowl of soup while you visit the reserve.

To keep up to date with all news simply look up our public page of <https://www.facebook.com/RSPBBurtonMere>



Bishop Wilson Church of England Primary

"The joy of the Lord is your strength" Nehemiah 8:10

As a new academic year begins, there is once again a wonderful sense of excitement and fresh beginnings around Bishop Wilson. September brings new faces, new opportunities and new adventures; and it has been lovely to welcome our children and families back to school.

As Head of School, I am incredibly excited about the year ahead and all that we hope to achieve together. Our school Bible verse "**the joy of the Lord is your strength**" feels particularly fitting at this time of year. September gives us a fresh opportunity to show strength when facing new challenges, spread joy to those around us and make our school and wider community a happier place to be.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Cody to our team, who will be teaching our Eagles class each afternoon. She has already made a fantastic start and is a wonderful addition to the Bishop Wilson family.

Our new school garden is up and running! The children have loved planting, watering and caring for a variety of plants and watching the garden begin to develop. We are excited to see how it grows alongside them throughout the year.

Our Forest School continues to be transformed into a fantastic outdoor learning environment. Following the improvements already made, we hope to develop this special space even further this year and provide more opportunities for children to learn, explore and enjoy the outdoors.

Finally, we have **reception places available for September 2027** as well as some other year groups for in-year transfers. We warmly invite prospective families to get in touch and come and discover what makes Bishop Wilson such a special place.

Here's to another year of **showing strength and spreading joy!**

Best Wishes from the Bishop Wilson Crew

FRIENDS OF ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH

DESIGN OUR CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD!

THE FRIENDS OF ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH SEND CHRISTMAS CARDS TO THEIR MEMBERS ALL AROUND THE WORLD – AND THIS YEAR WE WANT YOU TO DESIGN OUR CARD!

HOW TO ENTER:

- SIMPLY DRAW YOUR DESIGN ON AN A4 PIECE OF PAPER – REMEMBER THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE REDUCED DOWN TO A SMALLER SIZE – SO MAKE IT AS BIG AND COLOURFUL AS YOU CAN!
- PUT YOUR DESIGN IN AN ENVELOPE AND POST IT IN THE CLEARLY MARKED BOX IN THE CHURCH PORCH, MAKING SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AND AGE AND CONTACT DETAILS ON THE ENVELOPE.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS CARD IS ALL YOUR OWN DESIGN!

ALL ENTRANTS HAVE TO BE IN BY 15 NOVEMBER 2026

THE WINNING DESIGNER WILL BE CONTACTED PRIOR TO THE CARD BEING PUT INTO PRINTING PRODUCTION.

THE CARD WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM CHURCH– ALL PROCEEDS HELPING TOWARDS ONGOING CHURCH RESTORATION.

WE HOPE TO DISPLAY AS MANY ENTRIES AS WE CAN IN CHURCH DURING OUR CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – SO GET DESIGNING!!

Original Work & Ownership: Entrants must guarantee the design is entirely their own original work, does not infringe on any third-party copyrights (no tracing, famous logos, or characters), and is not AI-generated.

Copyright Grant: By entering, participants grant the organizer a worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual license to use, reproduce, publish, and display the winning or submitted designs in print, online, and promotional materials without further compensation.

Liability Limitation: The organizer accepts no responsibility for lost, delayed, damaged, or incomplete entries, and reserves the right to cancel, amend, or suspend the competition if circumstances make it necessary.

Data Protection: Personal data (such as names, ages, and contact details) will be collected and processed in accordance with applicable data protection laws solely for administering the competition and notifying winners.

Decisions Final: All judge decisions are final and binding, and no correspondence or negotiation will be entered into regarding the selection of winners.

Most Popular Hymns According to Public Vote

Songs
of Praise

In a special episode of Songs of Praise, BBC viewers were invited to vote for their favourite hymns. These were hymns sung in churches of various denominations throughout the country.

In the recent 'Parish Profile' for St Nicholas' Church, compiled as part of the recruitment process for a new vicar, the parish gave a commitment to cater for all those who appreciate traditional hymns as well as those who enjoy singing contemporary worship songs. Hymns chosen by many thousands of people up and down the country also reflects this diversity of worship and singing.

The pole of viewers resulted in the following Top 10 UK hymn favourites being chosen:

- Jerusalem (And Did Those Feet)

Words by William Blake, music by Sir Hubert Parry

- How Great Thou Art

A classic traditional hymn of praise

- In Christ Alone

A modern hymn by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

- Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind

Written by John Greenleaf Whittier

- Abide With Me

A traditional hymn often sung at solemn occasions

- I Vow To Thee My Country

A patriotic hymn with spiritual undertones

- Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer

Also known as 'Bread of Heaven'

- Amazing Grace

Iconic hymn of redemption

- Be Still For The Presence Of The Lord

A popular contemporary worship hymn

- I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky (Here I Am Lord)

A modern hymn by Daniel Schutte



The list includes both traditional and more modern hymns - all popular in their own way across different age ranges and genres. Missing from the list of traditional hymns, compared with decades ago, are those hymns that referred to fighting, war and marching etc. While many modern worship songs continue to prove popular and made the list, not all worship songs are deemed to be suitable for congregations. People found that some modern worship songs can be difficult to sing because they are written for professional artists rather than the average churchgoer, often with irregular rhythms and phrasing or difficult pitch.

Whatever your personal preference, it is important that people are able to come together in acts of worship and enjoy singing 'songs of everlasting praise'.

A recent report from ‘Save the Parish’ warns that parish clergy are becoming scarce and parishes need greater support from local dioceses



A recent report on Church of England parish ministry is warning that the British vicar is becoming an endangered species as clergy numbers fall, candidates for ordination decline, and parish priests are spread across larger groups of churches. It also calls for greater diocesan support for local rural parishes.

The report, titled ‘Parish Ministry: Addressing the Crisis in Stipendiary Clergy Numbers in the Church of England,’ was prepared after a consultation organised by Save the Parish and concerned church leaders. It was launched in Parliament on 3 September 2026.

The claim is blunt, but the underlying question is older than the report itself: can a national church still promise local pastoral care when the number of paid parish clergy keeps shrinking?

THE PARISH PROBLEM

The Church of England’s parish system is built around the idea of a Christian presence in every community. In practice, that has traditionally meant priests who know their places, conduct services, preach, visit the sick, baptise, marry, bury, and carry out the ordinary pastoral work in a village, town or neighbourhood.

The new Save the Parish-linked report argues that this model is under strain. The report calls for robust measures to support the Church of England clergy and to ‘halt the collapse of frontline ministry.’ The report cites plummeting numbers of people entering ordination training, stipendiary clergy numbers falling to a historic low of 6295, and there being more resignations than retirements.

WHAT THE REPORT RECOMMENDS

The recommendations reported so far are practical and ecclesial rather than merely managerial. They include action on clergy mental health, mentoring and support, better theological formation, an ‘Anglican basics’ course for candidates, ending job cuts, and clearer teaching on what Anglican priesthood is for.

The report also calls for scrapping the compulsory retirement age of 70 and for a different way of measuring ministry. Instead of judging parish health only by the number of people in pews, it urges attention to the harder-to-count work of a vicar involved in managing funeral, visits, pastoral conversations, and the everyday care that gives parish ministry its character.

That last point is important. A parish priest’s work is often most visible to people who do not appear in ordinary Sunday attendance figures: bereaved families, isolated elderly residents, school communities, and people who turn to the church at moments of crisis.

Following the report there has been much comment in the press and letters from readers commenting on the increasing financial burden being placed on local parishes to maintain church buildings and fully fund local ministry when the Church of England itself holds funds and assets amounting to £17 billion across its institutions, diocese and cathedrals. Most of this wealth is tied up in long-term property, investments, stocks and land, rather than liquid cash but what cannot be denied is that the Church of England is wealthy.

The Times quoted the *Bishop of Chester, the Rt. Rev. Mark Tanner*, chair of the Church of England’s Ministry Development Board, saying that the number of people starting training for the priesthood increased last year after four years of decline. He also said that the church wants more people to explore vocation and is aware of clergy well-being, with action on stipends, pensions, housing on retirement, and support for ordinands and curates.

Gladstone Village Hall



Join us for a great line up of events!

Winter Wellness Workshop

Friday 9 October, 1pm-3pm

[Buy tickets online](#)

Folk Blues & Beyond

Friday 2 October

Friday 6 November

Friday 4 December, 7:30pm

Pop-Up Curry Night

Friday 9 October, 6:30pm

Barn Dance

Saturday 10 October, 7pm

[Buy tickets online](#)

Quiz Night

Friday 16 October

Friday 20 November, 7:30pm

Craft Fair

Sunday 18 October, 2pm-5pm

Free Admission

Halloween Party

Saturday 31 October, 6:30pm

Free admission

Bonfire Night

Saturday 7 November

Doors open 5pm

Christmas Brocante

Sunday 29 November

10am-3pm

Christmas Wreath Making

Wednesday 2 December

10am-12:30pm

Christmas Party

Saturday 5 December

3pm at St Nicholas' Church

4:30pm at the Hall

Yoga Mini-Retreat

Sunday 6 December, 10am-2pm

Silent Disco

Saturday 12 December, 6:30pm

More information on the GVH

[Event Calendar](#)

[Click here](#) for regular activities
at GVH

gladstonevillagehall.uk - [Facebook](#) - [Instagram](#)

Cheshire West & Chester Libraries

Mobile Library

Puddington from 10:40am to 11:00am

GVH in Burton from 11:10am to 11:50am on the following dates:

Friday 21 August, Friday 11 September

Neston Library

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Community & Local Society Contact Information

The Puddington Society

For information on activities & events
please contact puddingtonsociety@gmail.com

Burton & Neston History Society

Church Hall, Parkgate & Neston United Reformed Church,
More information at: <https://sites.google.com/site/burtonnestonhistory/home>

Burton Bridge Club

Burton Bridge Club meets on Monday evenings at Gladstone Village Hall to play Duplicate Bridge. Play starts at 7pm. Please arrive by 6.50pm.

New members welcome, partners not always required.

For more information, please contact Hazel Huxley
0151 336 2288 or hhuxley336@outlook.com.

Burton Residents' Association

Promoting & protecting the interest of Burton Village. Membership is open to all residents. burtonresidentsassociation.co.uk

Friends of Hampston's Well

Friends of Hampston's Well brings together a community of people who care for and maintain this ancient site. For more information, please contact the Secretary at friendsofhampstonswellburton@gmail.com

Friends of Burton Manor Gardens

For more information please contact 0151 336 6154 or email burtonmanorgardens@gmail.com

Gladstone Village Hall

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BURTON & NESTON HISTORY SOCIETY

8 October 2026 Jerry Williams – Wirral's Few in the Battle of Britain

12 November 2026 David Mottram – Eastham Pleasure Gardens

10 December 2026 Brian Anderson – Seals, Whales, Candles and Soap

The Society meets at Parkgate & Neston United Reform Church Hall on Moorside Lane, Neston (CH64 6UZ). Talks start at 8:00p. Doors open at 7:30pm and visitors are welcome. Free on the first occasion.

Safeguarding

Our churches are committed to being safe and welcoming communities. If you have a safeguarding concern, contact the parish safeguarding officer or diocesan safeguarding team using the current details published by the parish.

Promoting a safer church

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church

House of Bishops
Safeguarding Policy
for children, young
people & adults

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.

Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Name: **Ivor Thomas**
Role: **Parish Safeguarding Officer**
Tel: **07887 895707**
E-mail: **ivor.thomas@talk21.com**

Name: **Emergency / Out-of-Hours**
Role: **Call the Thirtyone:eight helpline**
Tel: **0303 003 1111**
E-mail:

Name: **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser**
Role: **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser**
Tel: **01928 718834 (option 4)**
E-mail: **safeguarding@chester.anglican.org**

Local Authority Social Services:
0300 1237047 **01244 977277**

**IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OR DANGER
PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE ON 999.**

OUR COMMITMENTS

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk.

HELPLINES

- NSPCC: 0800 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Stop It Now: 0800 1000 900
- NAPAC: 0800 801 0331
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Family Lives: 0800 800 2222
- National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0800 2000 247
- Action On Elder Abuse: 080 8808 8141

 **THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**
www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding

Prayers for the season

Autumn prayer

Thank you, God, for apples and leaves, for rain and warm homes, for people who help us, and for food to share. Help us remember with kindness and grow hope wherever we go.

Amen.

For creation

Creator God, bless the land and all who tend it. Give us wisdom in our use of water, soil and energy, and courage to protect the beauty entrusted to us.

For our communities

God of every neighbour, strengthen all who serve Burton, Shotwick and the surrounding area. Bless homes, schools, farms, businesses, carers, volunteers and those who feel alone.

For those who mourn

God of consolation, hold close all who grieve. Let cherished memories be a blessing, and let the hope of your love bring light in days of sadness.

For peace

God of peace, guide leaders, protect civilians, comfort the displaced and sustain all who build reconciliation. Make us patient in listening, brave in truth and generous in mercy.

A closing blessing

May the God of seedtime and harvest fill us with gratitude; may Christ, our peace, keep us in hope; and may the Holy Spirit send us out to serve. Amen.

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