



# The Parish of PAULERSPURY NEWSLETTER

## No 537 September/October/November 2025



### September

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| Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Good Neighbours                          | Pitts -Tuckers 2pm                       |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>    | Crafty Monday Meeting                    | Village Hall, New Room (side door) 2-4pm |
| Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> | Horticultural Society 'Do Plants Listen' | Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm        |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Panto Auditions for Aladdin              | 11am-1:30pm                              |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>   | Panto Auditions for Aladdin              | 7:30pm-9:30pm                            |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Coffee Morning                           | Village Hall, Side Room 10am - 12 noon   |
| Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> | Parish Council Meeting                   | Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm        |

### October

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| Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Good Neighbours, Speaker Paul Howard              | Village Hall, Main Hall 2pm              |
| Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Horticultural Society 'From Barley to Beer'       | Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm        |
| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>   | Crafty Monday Meeting                             | Village Hall, New Room (side door) 2-4pm |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>   | Coffee Morning                                    | Village Hall, Side Room 10am - 12 noon   |
| Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>   | Quiz Night                                        | Doors Open 7pm                           |
| Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>   | Halloween Disco - A Spooktacular Children's Disco | Village Hall 5-7pm                       |
| Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> | Parish Council Meeting                            | Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm        |

### November

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| Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Good Neighbours, Speaker Mic Harvey | Village Hall, Main Hall 2pm              |
| Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>   | Crafty Monday Meeting               | Village Hall, New Room (side door) 2-4pm |
| Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> | Horticultural Society               | Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm        |
| Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>   | PreSchool Christmas Prize Bingo     | Village Hall, Doors open 7pm             |
| Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>   | Coffee Morning                      | Village Hall, Side Room 10am - 12 noon   |
| Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> | Parish Council Meeting              | Paulerspury Village Hall. 7:30 pm        |
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Church Christmas Fair               | St. James Church, Paulerspury from 6pm   |

Paulerspury Short Mat Bowls Club meet every Tuesday Evening, 7pm to 10pm Village Hall

August 8<sup>th</sup> 2026 - Make, Bake & Grow Show

December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Pre-School Wreath Making

**Village Hall Coffee Mornings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

## Good Neighbours Group.

Here we are again. Hope everyone enjoyed all the beautiful weather we have had though I guess some of us have found it a bit too hot at times! Now we look forward to the remaining four months of 2025 and hope the good weather stays for our next meeting on 2nd Sept at the house of Ruth Pitts-Tuckers where we can enjoy her garden. On October 7th photographer Paul Howard is coming to talk to us and share his photos on Towcester and the area in 1980s. November 4th brings our very own Mic Harvey to share his thoughts on DNA and Family History together with some Military Memorabilia. Finally for this year December 2nd is of course our Christmas lunch at Cherry Lane as last year. Details of prices and times will be available from the next meetings.

If anyone has any ideas regarding speakers or would like any particular subject addressed or indeed has any other query please speak to Jan 811771.

Dark Days are looming - why not join us on Crafty Monday to sit and knit - or sew - or crochet with friends in Paulerspury Village Hall (side door)

2.00 pm Cost £1. per session

Monday 8th September 13th October

10th November 8th December



## Services at St James the Great Church and Whittlewood Benefice.

| Parish \ Week | Week 1                         | Week 2                        | Week 3                                                               | Week 4                       | [Week 5]                                                                                              |
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| Abthorpe      |                                |                               | <b>Eucharist 10am</b>                                                |                              | <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Benefice Eucharist Service 10am</b><br><br><b>Moving around the Benefice</b> |
| Paulerspury   | <b>Evening Prayer 5.30pm</b>   | <b>Eucharist 10am</b>         |                                                                      |                              |                                                                                                       |
| Silverstone   | <b>Eucharist 10am</b>          | <b>T@4 4pm in Church Room</b> | United Service with Methodist Church 10am Either in Church or Chapel | <b>Evening Prayer 5.30pm</b> |                                                                                                       |
| Slapton       |                                |                               | <b>Evening Prayer 5.30pm</b>                                         | <b>Eucharist 11am</b>        |                                                                                                       |
| Whittlebury   | <b>Morning Worship at 10am</b> |                               |                                                                      | <b>Eucharist 9.15am</b>      |                                                                                                       |

Unfortunately the Tuesday morning Eucharist and Sunday Evening Prayer have been suspended until further notice. Hopefully these will restart later this year.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Dog Show and Fete in June. Sadly, the numbers were down but we are pleased to advise approximately £2,700 was achieved for church funds.

Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10am. Donations of non-perishable food will be very much appreciated and taken to Towcester Foodbank the following week. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate please email [jsawbridge@btinternet.com](mailto:jsawbridge@btinternet.com)

St James the Great Parish Church has been a prominent feature of Paulerspury's landscape for over 800 years and the Church is now showing its age with numerous areas of the fabric requiring renovation and repair.

So far in 2025 the PCC has arranged for repairs to be carried out to damage to the stained-glass in the West window and two high level clerestory windows, levelled raised flagstones (some weighing more than a ton) in front of the altar steps and replaced the defective surface water drainage system on the south side of the Church which had been causing flooding in the crypt.

The cost of these works has been in excess of £27,000, met by charitable grants, donations and use of reserve funds. There is still much to do and in the short term the PCC is proposing to put the clock back in to working order, replace defective guttering, repair damaged pews and flooring in the central aisles and have the stained-glass windows professionally cleaned.

The Quiz on the 18<sup>th</sup> October is to be held to raise funds towards these works, so please support by purchasing tickets for what is always a friendly and fun evening with an excellent Ploughman's Supper. The Poster gives further details. Raffle prizes will be appreciated as will donations if you are not able to attend – please speak to one of the persons named on the poster.

The annual Christmas Market will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November in the Church. Pitches for Trade stalls are already being booked so if you wish to have a stall please contact Nigel Blackwell on 07885 733100 as soon as possible.

## Paulerspury Players

Paulerspury Players' annual Pantomime in February 2026 will be Aladdin. The auditions will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 11am-1pm and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30pm-9:30pm in Paulerspury Village Hall.

The Players will be presenting a Murder Mystery at Watling Village in Towcester on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 7:00pm. It costs £28.50 and includes a three course meal. More information and tickets from Watling Village.



**St JAMES THE GREAT PAULERSPURY**

**Friday 28<sup>TH</sup> November 2025**

Christmas Gifts, Craft Stalls, Mulled Wine  
and Craft Beers, Hot Dogs,  
Burgers, Cakes, Hot Drinks, Raffle,  
Christmas Tombola

**FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE FROM 6.00PM**  
**STALLS SELLING CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND**  
**CRAFT ITEMS FROM 6.30 TO 8.30PM**

## QUIZ NIGHT

Village Hall, High Street, Paulerspury  
IN AID OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT RESTORATION FUND



**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025**  
**Doors open 7.00pm Quiz starts 7.30pm**

Tickets £12 each to include a Ploughman's Supper.  
Teams of 7 (max) – We can make up teams on the night.  
Prizes and Raffle. Bring your own drinks.  
Tickets from  
Nigel Blackwell 07885 733100 [sebicuscottage@gmail.com](mailto:sebicuscottage@gmail.com)  
Jane Sawbridge 07511 611422 [jsawbridge@btinternet.com](mailto:jsawbridge@btinternet.com)  
Jeff Creek 07523034909 [jeffreycreek@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreycreek@gmail.com)

### Paulerspury Pre-school, fundraising events:

24th October - Halloween Disco  
- A Spooktacular Children's Disco  
Village Hall 5-7pm

Bingo 14th November &  
Christmas Wreath Making 3rd December



Paulerspury Preschool  
Christmas Prize BINGO

**FRIDAY**  
**14 NOVEMBER 2025**

All welcome to an enjoyable evening with  
the chance to win some great prizes  
ahead of the festive season!

Doors Open 7.00pm at Paulerspury Village Hall

Email [info@paulerspurypreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@paulerspurypreschool.co.uk) or follow  
QR code for more information and ticket sales  
coming soon...



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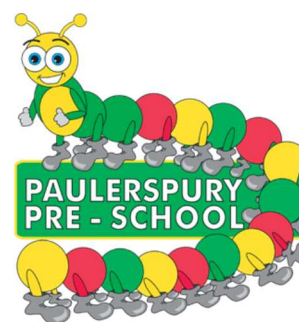
YOU ARE INVITED

## Christmas Wreath Making



WEDNESDAY  
3 DECEMBER 2025  
07:30 PM

Paulerspury Village Hall  
TICKETS ON SALE SOON



Josie Lepper's daughter Susan and her family would like you to all know that the funds raised by the sale of Josie's jams and chutneys, kindly purchased by many of yourselves, following the Thanks Giving service in her memory in the village, in November 2023, have been used to install a bench dedicated to Josie and Bill Lepper in the church grounds, near to where they rest.

We hope that this bench brings you all an opportunity to remember them both and what they brought to the village of Paulerspury, over the many years they lived there, just as we are very grateful for all that Paulerspury and its people gave to them.



## Paulerspury Horticultural Society

### Coming up in September, October and November

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September the subject of our meeting will be 'Do Plants Listen?' We are delighted to welcome back Peter Lickorish for another stimulating presentation. Peter is an entertaining speaker and, as an RHS lecturer at Bedford College, he will be sharing his research by exploring the fascinating science of how sound influences plant growth. Can plants 'listen' and how do vibrations, music and noise shape a plant's development? This is certain to be an eye opener and thought-provoking presentation with plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion.

Our October meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October is entitled 'From Barley to Beer' and the story of the Towcester Mill Brewery. Join us for a fascinating evening as we welcome a special speaker from Towcester Mill Brewery to share the journey of how the humble grain becomes the much-loved pint in your glass.

The meeting in November will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>. Details of this will be confirmed nearer the time.

The Horticultural Society meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Please see our website above for more details of meetings later this year. At the end of each meeting, we have a raffle and light refreshments and a chance to meet and catch up with old friends and new. So come along and join us. Everyone is welcome!

### **Successful Make, Bake & Grow Show**

A huge thank you to all our exhibitors and visitors who joined us at our recent show in Paulerspury village hall on Saturday 9 August 2025. It was our best yet with new exhibitors and record entries.

There were lovely vegetables, fruits, flowers and artistic flower arrangements on show. Also, fabulous crafts including a patchwork quilt and upholstery alongside photographs, drawings and paintings. Cooks produced delicious cakes, the Lemon Drizzle cake was very popular with over 20 entries! There were jams and chutneys and the Children's classes showed skill and creativity. The show reflects the wealth of talent around - the judges were very impressed!

Photos of the show are below with more on the Paulerspury Horticultural Society website:

<http://www.paulerspuryhorticultural.co.uk>

We look forward to meeting exhibitors and visitors at next year's show on Saturday 8 August 2026.



**ITEMS FOR Next Newsletter** can be emailed to [rwspub@aol.com](mailto:rwspub@aol.com) or written and put through the door at 18 High Street, Paulerspury. Mobile : 07973 619397

Please note that items need to fit the format, as I may need to adapt them, **please supply text and graphics separately** and send in good time.

We are unable to accept commercial advertising.

Deadline for Dec/Jan Newsletter will be November 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 by 6pm. Thank you. Robert.