

## to the Benefice of Epperstone, Gonalston, Oxton & Woodborough.

If you're new here in our Churches please introduce yourself.

We pray that God will bless us in our worship together and warmly welcome you into our communities

## Church services

## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

8:00 am BCP. H.C. (Wb)

10:00 am The Ark. (Wb)

## Sunday 14th September

11:00 am Holy Communion (Ox)

## Wednesday 17th September

12pm Mid-week Communion & shared lunch (Wb)

## Sunday 21st September

9:30 am Holy Communion. (Ep)

11:00 am Holy Communion (Gon)

## Sunday 28th September

10:00 am Holy Communion & Baptism (Wb)

11:00 am Harvest Service (Ox)

#### THE ARK ON SUNDAY



CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES, FAMILY FUN, FELLOWSHIP, COFFEE & CROISSANTS.

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH @ 10 AM. @ ST SWITHUN'S WOODBOROUGH

> 7<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Everyone welcome**

For further information contact Annie Hill (07890776809)



Oxton Village Hall

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September

10am - 11am

All Children aged 3 years plus are welcome for games, stories, activities, and a snack together!

For more information contact Sandra Hall 0115 9653901

## Play church

St. Swithun's Woodborough
Wednesday 10th September
9:30am-11am

Wednesday 24th September 9:30am-11am

Oxton Churchyard Working Party

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September Saturday 4th October



10am – 12pm

Please come along and help us tidy up our beautiful Churchyard

#### **Oxton Church**



Please join us for



**BREAKFAST** 



Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10-10.30am

Followed by a Harvest Festival Service at 11am

Donations of tins/packets of food will be collected for the Food Bank



# Coffee Drop In at Oxton Church

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 – 11.30

Please come along for a coffee and a chat.

All welcome!

#### WOODBOROUGH COFFEE DROP IN



1st Wednesday of the month 10am-12pm

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Wednesday 1st October

A village coffee morning is held every Wednesday at the Holy cross Church Epperstone 10am-12noon.

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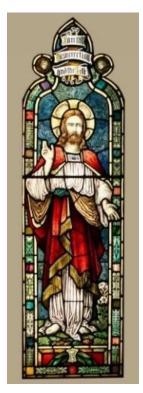




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Thank you for your kind donation.

# Epperstone, Gonalston, Oxton & Woodborough Benefice Newsletter September 2025



"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven" [Ecclesiastes 3:11]
September for many means new beginnings - a new class, a new school, college or university, or maybe even a first job.

It also makes us aware that we are entering a new season...Autumn.

Celebrations of Harvest across our churches usual take place in the coming weeks, although for many farmers and gardeners it perhaps hasn't been the best harvest this year. The yield may have been poor.

I know of several farmers who had to re-drill crops as we had the driest spring in this country for over a century! It is proving to be a costly year. What other industry works as hard as those tending the land and yet has no idea of the value of their product? My background is connected to farming and I am aware of the struggles this industry has faced over the years.... so what can we do? Well, we can support them by buying British produce wherever possible. We can encourage others to do the same. This is one way that we can show that we care. We can also tell those people we know in farming that we care, and we can pray for them.

'Then he said to his disciples, the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the harvest field." [ Matthew 9: 37-38]

Well this year the harvest isn't so plentiful and we can't help in the fields, but we can show our support in other ways.