

# Centrepiece March 2026



News and Updates for:

Cornwell, Chastleton, Salford, Little Compton, Little Rollright

Hello,

For those of you I haven't met, let me introduce myself. My name is Olly, and I'm the new Curate at St. Mary's. My family and I moved to Chipping Norton in July last year, and we have very much enjoyed getting to know Chippy and the surrounding villages. So far, everyone we have met has been really friendly and welcoming, and we are looking forward to learning and adapting to life here.

Before moving here, we lived in Eynsham, so it hasn't been a dramatic culture shock, but still, it has been nice getting to know the unique characteristics of where we now live. I think I have now visited all the churches, and as a family, we have been doing some exploring. So far we've visited most of the coffee shops and charity shops in the area, as well as enjoying some nice local walks. We missed going to the Chippy museums, but we are looking forward to visiting once it reopens.

Looking through all the activities listed in January's Centre Point, it is so encouraging to see what an active and busy community we have moved into. I am hoping to make it to the Saturday Breakfast next month, so I hope to see as many of you as can make it.

The problem in a place like this might be finding time to slow down! With so many good things to do, it can be hard to know what to say no to. Increasingly, I'm becoming aware that, as much as I hate to be bored, a frenetic pace of life can become unsustainable. Doing lots of things half-baked is no substitute for doing a few things well. Jesus often encouraged his followers to focus on what was most important, which by extension means allowing our focus to slip away from the trivial and even the distractingly good! Jesus' call to focus is not about being closed off to new experiences (far from it). It's about acknowledging we (and our ability to focus) are finite. So, whatever you choose to focus on this year, I pray it does you good and that you do it well.

And if finding out more about Jesus, his life, and his teachings is something you would like to focus on this year, or if you fancy trying out any of our church services for any reason, we would love to see you there!

Olly

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Salford Family Communion</b>
<b>Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>12pm</b>	<b>Salford Reflective Service</b>
<b>Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Salford Easter Service</b>
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Cornwell Easter Service</b>
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Chastleton Easter Service</b>
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When there is no Sunday service in the 5 villages there is always a 10.30 service in Chipping Norton and either Kingham or Churchill and if you have children, they are particularly welcome at these services.

## All 5 Villages

### Chipping Norton Music Festival

Welcoming the 114<sup>th</sup> Festival. The Festival opens on 6<sup>th</sup> March with Band Night at The Theatre, Chipping Norton. Tickets are available from the box office **01608 642350**.

Then follow a variety of events up to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March with a Family Concert in the Town Hall, Chipping Norton.

For the full programme of events including **Adderbury Ensemble** and **Folk Night at The Chequers** plus much more <https://www.cnmf.org.uk/current-festival/current>

### SAVE THE DATE

May Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Arts Week – Rollright Rebels

Great Rollright Village Hall. Featuring a group of 12 artist displaying Ceramics, Glass, Jewellery, Mixed Media, Mosaics, Painting, Textiles & Wood.

Weekends 10 to 5pm, Weekday 11 to 5pm

<https://www.artweeks.org/v/20210/>



### SAVE THE DATE – Plant Sale

**17<sup>th</sup> May Little Compton Annual Plant Sale**

**(More info will follow)**

## Chastleton

I send a Big Thank You to the many people that so kindly supported **Des Townsend** on the celebration of his life at Chastleton Church where he was laid to rest with the rest of his family.

He was about to be the oldest, original farming resident in Chastleton, having arrived here, as a 5 year old, clinging on to the harness of their old cart horse that was pulling all the family's goods and chattels on a cart as they moved from Kitebrook to their new long, long time home and farm in Chastleton. In those days Chastleton was a tight knit, hard-working, farming community.

Mrs. Clutton Brock still owned Chastleton House, as her home and hosted the meetings that created the Centrepoint villages newsletter! How things changed!

May all the present villagers enjoy this lovely old village. It is bound to change again. That is the nature of life. Have fun all of you.

It is also important for me to acknowledge Little Compton's Red Lion Pub who provided a magnificent feast for all.

Chastleton House

Reopens on 4<sup>th</sup> March for the season

Open Wed to Sunday 13.00 to 17.00

(Closed Monday & Tuesdays)

### **Salford** Coffee Morning, Salford village hall.

#### St. Mary's Church, Salford

Busy picking up the threads after Christmas. It would be helpful if anyone in the village who had anything to do with all the work on the bells would like to take over from Nick Hill as Tower Captain. He is rather missed.

Danny Stevens has finished mending the churchyard wall – until the next time. He has also cleaned out gutters, down pipes and the tower.

Sadly, we have no service in Salford on Mothering Sunday.

Now that we have lost Elsa's much valued contribution, we are looking for another person or persons to play the organ. Please ring Sally on 01608 643969 if you have any ideas. The organ is playing beautifully despite the cold damp weather.

#### Easter:

Good Friday 12:00 Reflective Service

Saturday 4 April we will be decorating the church for Easter Day

Sunday 5 April Easter Day Service 9:30am The Rev James Kennedy

### *Coffee Morning, Salford village hall.*

*Pop in anytime 10.30am to noon.*

*The very enjoyable drop in coffee mornings in Salford Village Hall, take place every third Thursday where we serve delicious freshly brewed coffee and home-made cake and are a lovely opportunity to catch up on news with fellow villagers, and make new friends. All ages welcome.*

*Next Dates:*

*Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March*

*Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April*



## Little Rollright

St Philip church dates back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century, being without electricity our services take place usually during the lighter and warmer months. We are looking forward to the Easter Service:

Easter Sunday 11am, it will be a family service. Lasting about 1 hour

All are very welcome.

## Cornwell

St Peter's

Easter service in our beautiful and picturesque location, particularly so on sunny days!

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10am

Do come along, all are welcome.

## Little Compton

Little Compton Parish Council

Our next Parish council meeting is on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March with a prompt 7pm start, In the village hall. You are welcome to attend.

We send our sincere condolences to Lady Adrienne Reed and family on the death of **Sir Alec Reed**.

Little Compton owes much to London born Sir Alec's ambition of wanting to own a farm. In 1972 he bought the Manor where he lived with his family for a short time before he established the Reed Business School. His care for the Jacobean property, its environment and the people of Little Compton was well established, and he greatly enjoyed riding in his rural surroundings.

Little Compton Village Hall

The hall is available for hire. The hall includes fully fitted kitchen with two cookers, warming trolley, microwave, dishwasher and fridge. Tableware and seating for 70 people.

**£15 per hour (excluding electricity)** For further information please contact Clare at [clareh26@gmail.com](mailto:clareh26@gmail.com).

## Little Compton Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee mornings are on Thursdays March 5th, April 2nd and May 7th (polling dependant). All welcome to pop along for some home-made sausage rolls, cakes and good cheer between 10.30 and 12.

## Saturday Breakfasts

Our next Saturday Breakfasts are on April 18th and May 16th. There is no March Saturday Breakfast. Full English and Breakfast baps are served from 09.30 – 11am. Hope to see many of you there.



100 Club February 100 Club winners are as follows:

First Prize £35.00 ticket 83 Patrick and Susie Cooper

Second prize £10.00 ticket 43 Pete Banning

Third prize £5.00 ticket 12 Paul Griffin.

Congratulations to you all. Your winnings will find their way to you or call Clare Hall on 01608 674494.

**Tickets for 2026/7 are now available at £12.00 each.** We draw it every month and £50 goes straight back out in prize money. For any enquiries regarding 100 Club or to choose and purchase your 2026/7 tickets please contact Clare Hall 01608 674494 or email [clareh26@gmail.com](mailto:clareh26@gmail.com).

## Yoga Sessions

Langston Farm, Little Compton GL56 0SF

Open to all

VinyasaFlow - Monday 9.15 to 10.15am, Thur 9.30 to 10.30am

Contact Alice 07932 611042

## Elanthy Olive Oil (Oxfordshire)

If you'd like to try in smaller 1 Lt quantities

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This is cold pressed from the latest olive harvest.

Pure, unrefined, free from additives.

Rich in antioxidants and monounsaturated fats.

A good source of Vit E.

Natural preservative and anti-inflammatory properties.

St Denys'

Easter Sunday Service St Denys' Little Compton

5th April at 11.00 am

All are very welcome

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Little Compton

We are extending our Sunday bookings for

**Mothering Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

12 to 3.45pm

If you would like to celebrate Mothers' Day with us



Please ring 01608 674397

## Diary of Events

### March

5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 to 12	Coffee Morning Little Compton, Village Hall
6 <sup>th</sup>		Chipping Norton Music Festival Begins
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Service, St Marys, Salford
15 <sup>th</sup>		Mothering Sunday
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 to 12	Coffee Morning, Salford, Village Hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 to 11	Saturday Breakfast, Little Compton V/Hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	8.30 to 1.30	Farmers Market, Chipping Norton
23 <sup>rd</sup>	7pm	Parish Council Meeting, Little Compton

### April

2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 to 12	Coffee Morning Little Compton, Village Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12pm	Good Friday Reflective Service, Salford
5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday	
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12 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Service, St Marys, Salford
16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 to 12	Coffee Morning, Salford, Village Hall
18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 to 11am	Saturday Breakfast, Little Compton V/Hall

### May

6 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup>	Arts Week
17 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Plant Sale, Little Compton

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If you have any news, updates or items for sale please contact your village representative

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**Cornwell** - Charles Colston