

Hospitality in community

This year seems to be progressing at a fair old lick. I can't really believe that it is already May!

One of my hopes is that in late spring and early summer we will all be able to find time to stop and enjoy the good things in life. It is, after all, easy to fixate solely on our fears and anxieties for the world.

The St. Laurence Festival (9th to 17th June) is designed to celebrate the goodness that exists, and in many ways characterises, Winslow. Please do come to any, or indeed, all of the events. In particular I am intrigued by the workshop on Laughter, Mirth and Merriment (to be honest I have had a sneak preview!)

During the Festival Week we will be launching a scheme for sponsoring the repair of the St. Laurence organ. The organ is in dire need of both repair and upgrade and we need to make sure, as part of our wider responsibility to the community, that it is fit for purpose for generations to come. The amount we need to raise is in the region of £80,000.

It has been wonderful to see so many people at church for our major festivals. One of our aspirations is to be a truly hospitable church; a church that welcomes all people, as a church which is firmly rooted in community. Please do come and join us during the festival week and at the three themed evensongs scheduled for May, June and July as we continue to explore what it means to be a church rooted in community and for the community:

On the 13th May the Rev'd Dr. Joanna Colicutt will be preaching on Ageing, Spirituality and Dementia.

On the 10th June the Right Rev'd Dr Alan Wilson will be preaching on Church and Community.

On July 8th The Very Rev'd Michael Sadgrove will be joining us to preach on Evensong as Mission.

Have a good spring and early summer, and please do remember that **'all, yes all, are welcome,'** at St. Laurence Church.

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