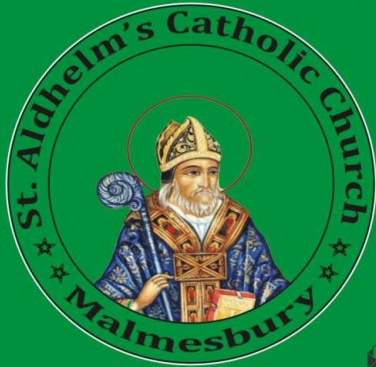


# St. Aldhelm's Newsletter



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## XVI Sunday in OT, 20 July 2025

**Live Webcam Link for all our Masses**

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**To Make your Weekly Contribution Online**

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**New Parish Hall Project**

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**Wednesday Word**

[www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org)

**St Joseph's School Website**

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*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.  
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves  
be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

GALATIANS 5:1



Rosary prayers

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**Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Aldhelm's,**

We hope you are ok wherever you are. We are delighted to be in touch with you through this newsletter.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and thank you for joining us in celebrating the Lord's love for us in the Holy Eucharist. There are no strangers here,



Reflections for  
the Mysteries of  
The Rosary  
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just new friends you have not yet met!

### Readings this Sunday

Today's readings highlight the importance of hospitality and listening to God. In the first reading, Abraham and Sarah welcome three strangers, who are angels, and are rewarded with the promise of a son. The Psalm reminds us that those who act justly will live in God's presence. Paul, in the second reading, speaks of his mission to proclaim the mystery of Christ and urges believers to be open and welcoming. In the Gospel, Martha busies herself serving Jesus, while Mary listens attentively to him. Jesus affirms Mary's choice, teaching that prayerful listening must precede active service. We are called to combine Martha's service with Mary's contemplation, welcoming Christ into our hearts so we can serve others with love and purpose.

### Jubilee Photos

Delighted to share with you the beautiful webpage created by our photographer, Kevin Mullins. It features all the photos from both the Ecumenical Evening Prayer and our Jubilee Mass celebrations.

Make sure to click (or copy and paste on a separate url link column) the link below, it will take you to a dedicated page where you can browse through the full gallery of memories: [🔗 kevinmullinsphotograph](https://www.kevinmullinsphotograph.com)

A big thank you to Kevin for so wonderfully capturing the joy, prayer, and togetherness of the occasion and for immortalising a truly grace-filled celebration.

### Collection figures

Loose	£161.88
Env NGA	£ 6.00
Env GA	£ 90.00
Stella Maris	£ 368.66

**Please note** *there will be end of year school mass on 24th July Thursday at 11am in the Church (and not at our usual time, which is 10am). All are welcome. Obviously there will be no separate parish mass that day*

### Update on most recent contributions towards Parish Hall

We're delighted to share some recent and very generous contributions towards our parish hall fund:

- A donation of £1,000, which will also be Gift Aided.
- £147 received from a funeral retiring collection.
- £100 gifted by religious sisters who joined us for Sunday's celebration.
- A wedding party kindly contributed £100.
- And just recently, another £1,000 donation has been received.

This brings the total of these recent gifts to £2,347.

More good news: the Malmesbury Carnival committee has kindly paid for both the tall larder fridge and the cooker hob, practical and much-needed additions to our future parish kitchen! Grateful thanks to Val for coordinating this.

### SECOND COLLECTION BISHOP'S CHARITABLE FUND , 27 July 2025

The annual collection for the Bishop's Charitable Fund enables the Bishop to respond to the many charitable causes that appeal to him. This money, in a way, is 'us' reaching out to the little causes we never hear about. It enables the Bishop to be charitable on behalf of the Diocese and to respond both immediately and at his discretion to those who seek his help.

### New Hall Update

We now have conditional approval from the Bishop to build our new hall, subject to fulfilling certain conditions. One of these was to clarify the VAT position, and we're pleased to say we've now received confirmation from HMRC that VAT will not be payable on the hall, so that's one important item ticked off.

The next step is to agree a revised price with the contractor. Progress here is positive, though not yet complete.

We also continue to raise the remaining funds through our parish fundraising and grant application efforts, led by Bernadette and Gabrielle. You'll be pleased to know we received £9,000 this week, an encouraging boost.

The committee is very grateful to all parishioners for your continued support and generosity. Please keep up the good work!

P.S. Have your family bought a roof tile for the hall yet? See the notice in the porch for details.

### Jim Westman RIP

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Jim passed away peacefully this

morning at Upton Mill Care Home. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. Please keep them all in your prayers, especially Sheila, Jim's brother Sean in Ireland and his children and grandchildren, as they mourn his loss. Funeral details will be shared once available.

### **St. Joseph's School News**

During the Jubilee celebrations last weekend, children from St Joseph's took part in the Churches Together Prayer Service on Friday evening. Accompanied by the wonderful Hope Church Music Ministry, the children sang beautifully and took part in the prayers with dedication. All present were inspired by the children's spiritual participation.

The End of Term Mass for St Joseph's will be held on Thursday 24th July at 11am in church. All are warmly welcome to join children and staff as they thank God for a very successful year and look forward to the summer break.

**NEW NURSERY** - Exciting news - the school has recently secured substantial funding to open a new nursery on the school site for children 2+ upwards to be ready to operate in September 2025. Pass on the good news. This is a huge boost for the school. See the poster for further details and to register interest.



# St Joseph's Nursery

Opening this September

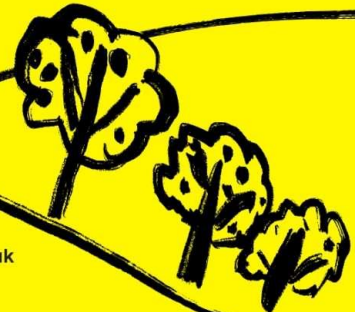


From age 2+  
Green space  
Outdoor play  
Am/pm sessions

For more info,  
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Parish Garden Party

We are delighted to invite you to our Parish Garden Party on Sunday, July 27th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass. This wonderful event will be held in the back garden of the church and is a fantastic opportunity for our parish community to come together.

Children, young families, and youth are especially welcome to join in the fun and fellowship. As in previous years, we encourage those of you who can and are happy to bring your appetites and a favourite finger food to share! You can drop off your finger foods in the clubroom the evening before or bring them directly to the garden on the day of the party. Drinks will be provided by the parish.

We also take this occasion to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ann, who wonderfully and faithfully looks after our garden all year long.  
We look forward to seeing you there and sharing a delightful time together!

To help us plan accordingly, please use the sign-up buttons below:

Parish Garden Party	Sign Up
Bringing finger food	
Count me in	

**Masses Requested:**

- 19 July Sat 6.30pm: For the repose of the soul of Julia Irving RIP (offered by Jim and Bernice Irving)
- 20 July Sun 8.30am: For Alma Cameron who was stillborn (John Shipsey's niece's daughter)
- 20 July Sun 10am: Missa pro populo

**Uncover the treasures of faith:**

"God's Word is not confined to the pages of a book but is living and active, revealed supremely in Christ and perpetuated through the Church. This Word is our guide, a source of wisdom, and a wellspring of grace, enabling us to grow in holiness and to align our lives with God's eternal purpose."  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 108.*

**PS: Newsletter items to be in by Thursday noon**  
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Please do join us for coffee on Sunday after 10am mass, and on Thursdays after 10am mass.

**With every blessing**

Father Thomas and Deacon Steve