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Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends.

I was packing to go on holiday recently and looking for a travel plug adapter for Northern Europe (Deborah and I visited the Normandy beaches and battlefields in the middle of June) when I found a little cloth wristband bearing the acronym WWJD. I wore the wristband for many years when working for Somerfield supermarkets. At the time I had commercial oversight of various distribution operations, some run in-house, others run by third party distributors – including a large warehouse in Wellingborough. That wristband helped to change my approach to that role, and to the way I related to the people involved in the distribution operations. I moved from the adversarial, confrontational role modelled by my director, to a more collaborative – and ultimately more productive – style of operation. Whenever there was a crisis or an issue in one of the operations, or in one of the regular review meetings, I looked at the wristband and the acronym – WWJD – and asked myself, What Would Jesus Do?

Looking back over the last couple of years, we may not know how Jesus would have reacted to the challenges we've faced in the pandemic and its associated periods of lockdown. But the gospels give us some idea of how he would have responded to the rising cost of living, and the challenges that is creating for individuals and families across the country. In Mark's Gospel, the familiar story of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand begins when Jesus sees the crowds that were following him and had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. How we might wish for such a miracle today, that saw not just the hungry fed, but the basic needs of all met in these challenging times.

We can, of course be part of such a miracle. We can support the local foodbank, for example. In Flore, donations to the foodbank can be left at the church, or outside 23 Kings Lane or 46 Spring Lane, whence they will be delivered regularly to the foodbank. We can continue to show the kindness and neighbourliness that marked much of our responses to the lockdowns. We can engender the community spirit that underpinned and enlivened many of our recent jubilee celebrations. We can all do what Jesus would do; give, care, welcome, embrace, encourage, serve, feed, forgive... and love.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Stephen (Tel: 01327 344436)

Praying for our villages by street

In July, we will be praying for **Flore**: Capell Rise, Collins Hill, Sears Close, Muscott Close, John Campbell Close; **Heyford**: Upper Heyford; **Stowe**: Francis Row, Upper Stowe; and **Brockhall**: The Stables and Coach Houses

About the new Flore Messenger

Future of the Messenger

First of all, a big thank you to Andrea for taking on the role of editor for the Flore Messenger. **We are still in need of helpers to print the Messenger on the copier we have**, so, if you are willing to help in this respect, please contact Sue or John on the numbers below.

July's edition has been printed on our behalf by employing a printing company. This has been done using Church funds to maintain the continuity of village information in hard copy form. It will also continue to be available electronically on the Parish Council web site and other available media. In the future we will have to rely on these electronic versions while we review the options available for publication and hopefully get several helpers to undertake the printing on our own machine, which can be a time-consuming task.

John Boast 01327 341225 and **Sue Raven** 01327 340183. Churchwardens.

Letter from the (new) Editor

Hi! I'm Andrea Gauthier, and I'm a lecturer and researcher at the University College London, originally from Canada. I am pleased to be taking up the position of Editor for the Flore Messenger. My partner (Ian Dunwell) and I are new to Flore as of April 2022, and the Messenger was one of the things that attracted us to the village. We felt that Flore had a real sense of community, and have since found that to be true! Thank you to our lovely neighbours and others in the village who have welcomed us with open arms.



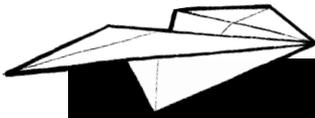
I thought that editing the Messenger would be a great way to contribute to the community, and get to know the people and the goings-on. I realise that I have big shoes to fill — Len Gully has done an amazing job for so long. The Messenger will not be exactly the same under my care, but I do hope to keep it to the same standard that he did. Thank you to Sue Raven, John Boast, and Len, for getting me started, and to the delivery team who continue to support the Messenger. **If you would like to help with printing, please contact Sue or John via the details above.**

If you have something you'd like to see in the Messenger, please send me the details by the **23rd of each month**, to be featured the following month (e.g., 23rd July for the August issue). Find full contact details (including mailbox) on p. 7.

Best wishes,
Andrea Gauthier

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Flore News

In loving memory of Brian John Culling: 12th Oct 1935—14th Jun 2022

Brian John Culling (right image) had been a resident of Flore since 1964 and was involved in many activities & groups over the years. Brian passed away peacefully on 14th April 2022. In his memory, £440 has been raised for Lymphoma Action. His family would like to thank everyone for their support during this time.



Jean, Ann, Lynn,
Helen & families xx



Wedding at All Saints Church

Congratulations to Richard Suddens and Nicola Mounteney (left image), who were married 11th June 2022 at All Saints Church.

2022 Flore Flower & Garden Festival

It was good to get back to ‘normal’ after a couple Covid-19 years; a good number of people came to see the wonderful gardens and flower displays. We had pretty good weather (although Saturday could have been better), and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. More details will appear in August’s Messenger, but in the meantime we thank everyone who helped in any way or who came to support the event.

Upcoming events

Coffee Morning — 6th July

Coffee Morning at 2 the Orchard. Call in from 10am—12 noon for proper coffee (or tea) and cake and to meet friends old and new. This month, the proceeds will be donated to MND (motor-neuron disease) research.

Flore Scarecrow Weekend — 9th - 10th July

9th and 10th July is Scarecrow Weekend, in its second year! Come out and support the community. Scarecrow entries are free; please provide the name and address of your scarecrow to Katie (07540 085136 or [Flore Scarecrow Weekend on Facebook](#)). There will be a small charge for maps on the day, available from Springfield. All proceeds go to Flore pre-school, who are hoping to create a new outdoor garden area for the children. Please encourage friends, family and neighbours to take part.

200+ Club Draw — 14th July

The latest 2022 200+ Club June Draw was held on the 23rd June at The Police House, Brockhall Road. The winning numbers were drawn by Freya Davies. This was the first 200+ Club draw of the new season, and hence the first draw using the new numbers. The winners for June are:

- First prize** – £80.00 – Mr and Mrs J Dempsey (subscription number 250)
- Second prize** – £40.00 – Mr and Mrs G Moinet (subscription number 229)
- Third prize** – £20.00 – Stephen Butt and Jean Kelly (subscription number 172)
- Fourth prize** – £10.00 – Mr and Mrs G Rowe (subscription number 34)

The next 200+ Club draw is planned for **7.30pm on Thursday the 14th July**, at the home of one of the trustees (unless the White Hart pub has reopened by then).

Summer Coffee Morning — 16th July



Flore Farm Park will be hosting a summer coffee morning with all profits going to Cancer Research. **Open 10am-5pm.** Bliss Lane Nursery open. Come Enjoy coffee, cake, and a lovely view! Any queries, call 07859 795660.

Flore Arts Events — 17th July & 22nd October

Jazz in the garden — 17th July

There are still a few tickets left for this old favourite, this time with a new band, New Orleans Heat. Once again, our hosts will be the generous and long suffering owners of Rock Springs in Sutton St. You can expect a programme of foot-tapping jazz and ragtime favourites in a relaxed garden setting. You'll also have the opportunity to buy teas, cakes, soft drinks, wine and beer (cash only). Just bring something to sit on (and perhaps your dancing shoes).

Sunday July 17th 2.30pm: Rock Springs, Sutton Street, Flore. Doors open 1.30pm. Tickets £10 (£5 Under 18s). Call Rosemary Read (between 9am and 8pm) on 01327 341026... but hurry; we really are getting close to selling out!

Budapest Café Orchestra — 22nd October

A return for another group who thrilled us in 2018 with varied and lively music inspired by the Eastern European gypsy tradition. Led by award-winning British composer, violinist, and teacher Christian Garrick since 2009, this electrifying 4-piece group play gypsy and folk-flavoured music from all around the world.

Saturday October 22nd (evening): All Saints Church, Flore. Box office to open in late July. Keep up to date on our newly refreshed website at www.floreartsevents.com and our [Flore Arts Events Facebook page](#).

Flore Millennium Hall AGM — 21st July

The Annual General Meeting of the Millennium Hall will be held on Thursday, 21st July at 7.30pm, followed by a committee meeting. You are very welcome to attend.

Flore Garden Society Coach Trip to Burghley House & Garden — 24th July

Sunday 24th July, leaving from the Playing Field at 9.30am. The cost is £38.50 and is inclusive of travel, drivers' tip, and entrance fee into the House & Gardens. **All Welcome.** For details and application form, contact Jill by email or phone/text:

Jill Hodgkinson

jill-hodgkinson@live.co.uk

0796 988 1913

Clubs & organisations

- Afternoon Tea Dance** Friday 22nd July 2.30—4.30pm (doors open 2.15pm). Millennium Hall.
- Art Club** Mondays 7pm—9pm. Chapel Schoolroom.
- Bumps & Babies** Tuesdays 9am—10.30am. Chapel Schoolroom.
- Coffee & Company** Monday 25th July 10.30am. Chapel Schoolroom. For anyone living alone.
- Flore Craft Hub** Tuesday 12th July 7pm. Chapel Schoolroom.
- Flore Library** Wednesday 13th July 10am—12pm. Millennium Hall.
- Flore Short Mat Bowls** Tuesdays 9.15am—12pm. Millennium Hall. New members warmly welcomed. Come try your hand. Refreshments provided.
- Garden Society** Sunday 24th July. Coach Trip (see above).
- Heritage Society** Meetings to start back up in September. Details to follow in August's edition of the Messenger.
- Meal-a-Month** Friday 8th July 12.30pm. Chapel Schoolroom.
- Table Tennis Club** Thursdays 1.30pm—2.30pm. Millennium Hall. Contact Linda Bailey 01327 563035.
- Park Walking Group** Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 6.30pm. Meet at Brodie Lodge Playing Field.
- W.I.** Tuesday 12th July 7.30pm.

Flag flying in July

1st: Canada Day: Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Yukon Territory, Northern Territories (Aus). **4th:** Cayman Islands (Constitution day); **5th:** Isle of Man; **6th:** Malawi; **7th:** Solomon Islands; **9th:** Nunavut Day; **10th:** Bahamas; **12th:** Kiribati; **17th:** Birthday of HRH Duchess of Cornwall; **22nd:** Birthday of HRH Prince George; **26th:** The Maldives; **30th:** Vanuatu.

General information & contacts

Welcome Packs for newcomers

Thank you to all the people who have told Len about newcomers moving in near them. **Please keep up the good work; we do not want anyone to miss out!** If you have recently moved to the village and have not received a pack, contact **Len**:

Len Gully lengully@talktalk.net 01327 340025

Church contact details

Parish Church

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| Revd Stephen Burrow | Rector | 01327 344436 |
| Sue Raven | Churchwarden | 01327 340183 |
| John Boast | Churchwarden | 01327 341225 |

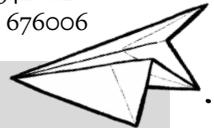
United Reformed Church

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| Revd Jay Phelps | Minister | 01327 340282 |
| Daphne Chaplin | Elder | 01327 340368 |
| Wendy Pittman | Elder | 01327 342302 |
| Chris Littlewood | Elder | 01327 340918 |
| Lis Nye | Elder | 01327 342002 |
| Hillary Crane | Elder | 07900 676006 |

Information for the Messenger

Please send entries for the Messenger by the **23rd of each month** to appear in the following month's publication. Send to **Andrea Gauthier** using one of the following means of contact (email preferred):

Andrea Gauthier flore.messenger@gmail.com 07496 186633
(Editor) Barn Cottage, 34 Sutton Street





Church Services in July

Flore Christian Partnership and the Anglican churches of Heyford, Stowe-Nine-Churches and Brockhall

Contact details under General Information (p. 7)

Sunday 3rd July – Trinity 3

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| 8.00 am | Book of Common Prayer - Holy Communion | Flore Church |
| 10.00 am | Holy Communion | Upper Stowe |
| 11.00 am | United First Sunday Service | Flore Church |
| 6.00 pm | Informal Worship | Heyford |

Sunday 10th July – Trinity 4

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| 10.00 am | Benefice Holy Communion | Heyford |
| 10.00 am | Morning Worship | Flore Chapel |

Sunday 17th July - Trinity 5

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| 10.00 am | Holy Communion | Heyford |
| 10.00 am | United Worship (Holy Communion) | Flore Chapel |
| 6.00 pm | Holy Communion | Upper Stowe |

Sunday 24th July - Trinity 6

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| 10.00 am | Holy Communion | Flore Church |
| 10.00 am | Informal Worship | Upper Stowe |
| 10.00 am | Morning Worship | Flore Chapel |
| 4.00 pm | Café Church | Heyford |

Sunday 31st July – Trinity 7

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| 10.00 am | Holy Communion | Flore Church |
| 10.00 am | Morning Worship | Flore Chapel |
| 6.00 pm | Book of Common Prayer Evening Prayer | Church Stowe |

Wednesdays

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| 9.30 am | Morning Prayer via “Why Pay” telephone conference system. Contact the Rector or churchwardens for numbers to use. |
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Thursdays

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| 10.00 am | Holy Communion | Flore Church |
| 2.30 - 3.30 | Church open for private prayer | Flore Church |

Fridays

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| 9.00 am | Morning Prayer via Zoom. All Welcome. Contact the Rector by email: s_p_burrow@yahoo.co.uk to get an invitation that will enable you to connect. |
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