

Dear Friends,

I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and for those who managed to go away on vacation I hope your adventures lived up to your expectations. Many of our young, student aged adults have been travelling to other countries exploring and creating life long memories. If you fall into that particular group, no doubt you have returned weary from your travels but with some wonderful stories to tell. That is certainly true of the Marshall household.

As we glance back at the long hot summer we have enjoyed and look forward to the changing scene of autumn, I'm sure all of us will be facing new adventures and indeed new challenges in the weeks and months ahead. Our youngest children may be starting nursery or school. Some of the older children may have the excitement of attending secondary school for the first time, whilst university, college or the workplace beckons our young adults. Perhaps for some of us older members of the community, new challenges face us in the form of voluntary work, organising community events or perhaps even adjusting to new patterns of life following an illness or change in family circumstances.

The truth of all this as we move forward into the changing colours of autumn, is that we can celebrate the joys of the past, energised to face the uncertainties and adventures which lie before us. I know I have spoken of the idea of 'journey' before and the Bible is full of accounts of inspirational journeys all of which have given me a sense of purpose over the years. I pray that September and all that it holds will give you a similar sense of purpose as we journey forward together as a community.

This comes with all good wishes and prayers

Craig

Vicar's Diary Dates

7th September	<i>Friday Reflections</i>	7.00pm	The School House <i>Hurstbourne Priors</i>
25th September	<i>Bible Study</i>	11.00am	The Vicarage <i>St. Mary Bourne</i>
Thursdays	<i>Home Group</i>	3.30pm	4 Applegate <i>St. Mary Bourne</i>