

OCTOBER DIARY 2026

Please note that Fiona's day off is Wednesday & Thursday
If there are any urgent matters arising and needing attention then please refer them to Geoff Haynes (Elder)
on 07999 273836 (or any of the leadership).

1st	T H U	10:00am to 12:30pm Coffee Plus	16th	F R I	9:30am Butterflies 2:15 House Group Church lounge 7:30pm House Group Iden
2nd	F R I	9:30 Butterflies 2:15 House Group Church lounge 7:30pm House Group Iden	18th	S U N	12:00 noon to 2:00pm Foodbank Teams in from 8:00am
3rd	S A T	9:00am Saturday Prayers by zoom All welcome	19th	M O N	10:am to 12:00 noon Private Hire
4th	S U N	10:45am Morning Worship with Holy Communion	20th	T U E	10:15am House Group Church lounge 2:30pm House Group Icklesham 7:30pm House Group Rye 7:00pm Alpha
5th	M O N	7:30pm ENCOUNTERING GOD ? WORSHIP EVENING NO HOUSE GROUPS THIS WEEK	21st	W E D	12:00 noon to 2:00pm Foodbank Teams in from 8:00am
6th	T U E	7:00pm Alpha launch night	22nd	T H U	10:00am to 12:30pm Coffee Plus
7th	W E D	Teams in from 8:00am 12:00 noon to 2:00pm Foodbank	23rd	F R I	9:30am Butterflies 2:15 House Group Church lounge 7:30pm House Group Iden
8th	T H U	10:00am to 12:30pm Coffee Plus	24th	S A T	2:00pm to 4:00pm Messy church
9th	F R I	9:30 Butterflies 7:30pm Music Practice?	25th	S U N	10:45am Morning Worship
11th	S U N	HARVEST 10:45am Morning Worship, followed by bring and share meal	26th	M O N	7:30pm MEETING FOR CHURCH MEMBERS
13th	T U E	10:15am House Group Church lounge 2:30pm House Group Icklesham 7:30pm House Group Rye 7:00pm Alpha	27th	T U E	10:15am House Group Church lounge 2:30pm House Group Icklesham 7:30pm House Group Rye 7:00pm Alpha?
14th	W E D	Teams in from 8:00am 12:00 noon to 2:00pm Foodbank	28th	W E D	12:00 noon to 2:00pm Foodbank Teams in from 8:00am
15th	T H U	10:00am to 12:30pm Coffee Plus 7:00pm Engage for men & Connect for ladies	29th	T H U	10:00am to 12:30pm Coffee Plus
			30th	F R I	2:15 House Group Church lounge 7:30pm House Group Iden

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you to all who attended our Week of Prayer and spent time praying at the various prayer stations. We had approximately 70 visits to our "Prayer Room" during the week, which was really encouraging, and we trust God will have used all those prayers to make a difference in people's lives around the world, in our local communities and in our circles of family and friends.

Now October is here we are well into autumn, and an important part of the Christian calendar is the celebration of Harvest. We know that for many parts of the world the hot dry summer will have had a big impact on the size of the harvest this year, and so it is important to keep farmers and those involved in food production in our prayers. Traditionally at RBC we support the BMS Harvest Appeal, and use their resources in our Harvest Service. This year the theme is called "Change Agents for Sierra Leone", and it focusses in on a particular BMS ministry in Sierra Leone, which seeks to transform the lives of people living there, many of whom are living in great poverty. It's an inspiring project, and would be wonderful if we could help it through generous giving at our Harvest celebrations on Sunday October 11th.

Before then, though, on October 6th at RBC we begin the ecumenical Alpha course with friends from Rye Churches Together. Starting with a quiz night and a meal, all are welcome, and it's an ideal opportunity to invite friends and family along to have fun and at the same time hear the Gospel presented and explained. This is a short Alpha course (7 weeks) on a Tuesday at 7pm – each evening including a video presentation, discussion time and coffee and cake.

Another event fast becoming a tradition at RBC is the Messy Church Light Party – bringing an alternative and contrasting Christian message to the Halloween celebrations so prevalent in our culture these days. Thinking of Jesus being the Light of the world, and bringing his light and love, goodness and kindness into the world through His Word, His example and His Holy Spirit at work in His people's lives. Please pray for Messy Church on 24th October and for a good number of families to come along and have fun learning about Jesus and the difference he can make to everyone's lives.

May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of you
as you serve Him both in church, and out in the world.

Your Pastor & sister in Christ, **Fiona**

ENCOUNTERING GOD

This month's 'Encountering God' evening will take place at RBC on:

**Monday 5th October
@ 7.30pm**

(Not Tuesday this month because of Alpha Course)

All are welcome to this lovely time of informal and reflective praise and prayer.

Focus on Prayer

**Saturday 3rd October
@ 9.00am**

zoom PRAYER MEETING Zoom details will be sent out in the usual way.

The Church Vision Morning

**SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER
9.30—12.30**

Led by Andy Twilley, SEBA Regional Minister.
We need you all - members and non - members, to come along to listen and pray, discuss ideas and discern God's will for our church's mission moving forward.
If you would like, bring a packed lunch so we can enjoy eating together, and then have the rest of the day free.



**Saturday
24th October
at 2pm—4pm**

Messy Church with a Light Party



**FREE
ENTRY**

**BRING
YOUR ADULTS**

Please invite young families to come along and join in us for crafts, food, songs, and a Bible story.

If you can help on the day, or in advance with craft preparation, please let Marguerite know as soon as possible.

ENGAGE 

CONNECT 

Engage for men and Connect for ladies (our pub fellowship events) will take place this month at 7pm on Thursday 15th October.

Connect ladies will meet at *The King's Head*, Udimore
Engage men will meet at *The Robin Hood*, Icklesham

Please give your names to Ian Gill or Penny, if you would like to attend.

RBC Housegroup information

Mondays: No housegroups

Tuesdays: 10.15 at RBC
Leader—Tim Ruck

2.30 in Icklesham
Leader—Julia Brown

7.30 at various members' homes
Leader—Mike Pepler/Tish Goldsmith

Wednesdays: No housegroups

Thursdays: No housegroups

Fridays: 2.15 at RBC
Leader—Tish Goldsmith

7.30 in Iden
Leader—Geoff Haynes

All regular attenders at the church are welcome to join a housegroup but please check with Fiona Gill first before attending.

Prayer Focus

* Ask God to place on your heart the names of two or three people who don't know Jesus yet, and pray for Him to bring them to faith.

* Pray about who you could invite to church and/or Alpha.

* Pray for a good attendance at the Alpha Course, and that people will come to know Jesus through the sessions.

* Pray for Messy Church and the families that attend, that they will be blessed and open their hearts to the Good News of Jesus.



Rye churches are joining together to run an

ALPHA COURSE

which will begin on

TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER

At 7pm

with **QUIZ NIGHT** (in teams),
including a meal

Please let Fiona know if you can come, and if you are bringing someone, or email revhengland@outlook.com.

NB. Subsequent evenings will not include a meal but will provide refreshments and cake.



Harvest Celebration Service

will take place on

Sunday 11th October

and be followed by a

Harvest Fellowship Lunch.

Please sign up on the list in the hall to let us know you are coming, and if you can bring a food contribution.