

Benefice of Heyford with Stowe-Nine-Churches  
and Flore with Brockhall

Our Mission Statement

## SERVICES SCHEDULE AND NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026



Rector: Revd Stephen Burrow 07415 691541

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Christmas 2

10:00am	Holy Communion Service	Church Stowe
11:00am	United First Sunday Service	Flore Church
6:00pm	Evening Prayer	Heyford Church

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany 1

10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion Service	Heyford Church
10.00am	Morning Worship	Flore Chapel

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany 2

10.00am	Morning Worship (not Holy Communion)	Heyford Church
10.00am	United Service	Flore Chapel
6.00pm	Holy Communion	Upper Stowe

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany 3

10.00am	Holy Communion	Flore Church
10.00am	Family Service	Upper Stowe
10.00am	Morning Worship	Flore Chapel
4:00pm	Café Church	Heyford Church

### Thursdays

10.00am	Holy Communion (Not 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan)	Flore Church
2.30pm - 3.30pm	Private prayer (Not 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan)	Flore Church

### Fridays

9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom. All Welcome  
Contact the Rector by [email: s\\_p\\_burrow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:s_p_burrow@yahoo.co.uk) to get an invitation that will enable you to connect.

## PRAYING FOR OUR VILLAGES BY STREET

During January we pray for people living in Church Lane and Weedon Rd in Heyford, Spring Lane and Russell Rise in Flore, Francis Row in Upper Stowe and the Stables and Coach House in Brockhall.

## LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends.

There are exciting times ahead in 2026. After what has felt like a year of being in limbo, waiting for things to happen, notices have gone up in all our churches and on the Church of England website, inviting comments on the proposed pastoral reorganisation which will bring Weedon and Dodford into this benefice. The notices come from the Church Commissioners, the last hurdle to be cleared in the process. Hopefully, we'll be able to move forward as the enlarged Upper Nene Benefice sometime early in the new year. Then, at the end of June, we'll be joined by a training curate, John Robinson. John is currently worshipping at Holy Cross in Daventry, as he undertakes his theology studies with St Mellitus' College in Nottingham. Please pray for John as he completes his studies and prepares for his ordination at the end of June. And watch out for more news on John's progress through the first half of the year. 2026 will bring thrilling and challenging times for all of us in the benefice!

So, as we prepare to step into 2026, I offer this New Year reflection. Called 'Travelling with God', it's by Roddy Hamilton, and published in 'Winter' by Ruth Burgess [Wild Goose Publications, Glasgow, 2016].

*Waiting for the old year to end  
and the New Year to begin,  
waiting to say farewell and welcome:  
farewell to all that we can leave behind,  
welcome to all that we travel toward.*

*Life in abundance is God's promise  
that waits to meet us as we journey on  
with a spring in our step and hope in our hearts.*

*Travelling with God is never dull,  
but always filled with surprises.*

*So, we mourn not the past  
nor dread the future,  
but open ourselves to the possibilities  
of compassion,  
of kindness,  
of humility,  
of gentleness,  
of patience,  
opening ourselves to the possibility  
of God bringing life  
in all its fullness.*

*Hand in hand with God  
we step into a brave new future.*

As always, Deborah and I thank you for all the cards, good wishes and encouragement offered to us over the Advent and Christmas period – and throughout the year. They are all very much appreciated. We wish you all a hopeful, joyful and peaceful new year.

Yours in Christ,

Stephen