

# THE WINDRUSH BENEFICE

ALDSWORTH ❖ THE BARRINGTONS ❖ SHERBORNE ❖ WINDRUSH

*Church of England – Diocese of Gloucester*

## SEPTEMBER

**04 Sept** *Trinity 12*

**11.00 WINDRUSH**  
**Morning Prayer CW**

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**11 Sept**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL &**

*'Ride and Stride' Weekend \**

**09.00 GREAT BARRINGTON**

**09.30 LITTLE BARRINGTON**

**10.00 WINDRUSH**

**10.30 SHERBORNE**

**11.15 ALDSWORTH**

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**18 Sept** *Trinity 14*

**11.00 ALDSWORTH**  
**Morning Prayer CW**

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**25 Sept** *Trinity 15*

**11.00 SHERBORNE \***

**Benefice Holy Communion**  
*with the*

**The Rt Revd Rachel Treweek**  
**Bishop of Gloucester**

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*\* Note: change of usual pattern*

## AUTUMN 2022

The Vicar is usually available  
THURSDAY to SUNDAY of each week.

## OCTOBER

**02 Oct** *Trinity 16*

**11.00 GREAT BARRINGTON \***  
**Morning Prayer CW**

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**09 Oct** *Trinity 17*

**11.00 LITTLE BARRINGTON**  
**Morning Prayer BCP**

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**16 Oct** *Trinity 18*

**11.00 ALDSWORTH**  
**Morning Prayer CW**

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**23 Oct** *Trinity 19*

**11.00 WINDRUSH**  
**Benefice Holy Communion**

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**30 Oct** *All Saints*

**11 a.m. GREAT BARRINGTON \***  
**Morning Prayer & Holy Baptism**

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## RIDE & STRIDE

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### HIM - AN 'ORDINARY' PERSON?

John Malseed may not have been the first or only person to do it but he is the only one who I have ever met who has done it. And what's more, he did it twice, the second time when he was 65 years old.



John Malseed in 2010

John was a remarkable fellow who rode his 'penny-farthing' bicycle, (which for historical reasons is called an 'ordinary' by enthusiasts), from Land's End to John o'Groats, a distance of some 900 miles. John restored his 1880s high-wheeler and would be seen around the area in which he lived using it as if it was a normal form of transport.

John had other claims to fame: it was he who made the fibre-glass model of *The Yellow Submarine*, which was used to promote The Beatles' 1968 film of that name. So successful was that model, that it was licenced to Corgi Ltd, who issued a die-cast model of it as a children's toy; John also made a 'trandem' for use in *The Goodies* TV series in the 1970s.



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### THEM - 'SILLY' PERSONS?

Why is the county of Suffolk sometimes called 'Silly Suffolk'? Far from being an insult or an estimation of the sense of the people, it came from a Saxon phrase, 'Selig Suffolk', where 'selig' meant holy or innocent, and the nickname was actually pointing out the great number and fine style of the county's church buildings. This county of Gloucestershire is also richly endowed by history with fine church buildings.

So, as the Priest-in-Charge of this group of churches, I thought that I too should be 'silly' (in the Suffolk sense) and **ride a bicycle between our five churches and take part in five separate services which were happening on the same morning** - and so also be 'silly' in the usual sense. The services will be celebrating **Harvest Festival**, so check the Calendar to find the time of the service in your village – and do, please, take part in some way.

**On Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September**, which is the Annual '*Ride & Stride*' weekend, many other people will be riding or walking between churches as part of a nationwide fundraising effort for churches and chapels. Some of you have supported this in past years and I do hope that many more will want to do so this year – whether as participants or as sponsors/donors.

### ME - AN 'UNFIT' PERSON?

On a personal note, the last time that I was on a bike was five years ago, but that was on an electric bike and so the shock of 'getting back on' was lessened. I am now nearer to 70 than I was, and also have other excuses to offer. It may not seem like very much to you, but riding a bike from **Great Barrington to Aldsworth**, by way of **Little Barrington, Windrush and Sherborne**, will certainly be a challenge for me.

### YOU - A 'GENEROUS' PERSON?

**The distance, about 10 miles; time on a bike, about an hour.** So your sponsorship might be **£1 a mile** or **£1 for every minute less than an hour it takes me**, or made as a **simple gift**, it's up to you. I will have a sponsorship / pledge form with me this Sunday. You can also email your sponsorship or pledge to me or to our Benefice Administrator, **Carolyn Lee**. ❖