

Sharing our plans for the Celebration of Harvest, Flowers and Community

June 2026



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2nd - 4th October at St Mary's Church



Volunteers' Week is an annual UK-wide campaign held every year from the first Monday in June to celebrate and recognise the contributions of volunteers.

Launched in 1984, it provides an opportunity for us to recognise and thank all the dedicated volunteers for their invaluable efforts – and we certainly have lots of them here in Doddington.

With this in mind, we thought it would be nice for **YOU** to say Thank you to someone you know who volunteers in Doddington - a bit like the Pride in Fenland awards. There are so many to choose from, but if you are looking for inspiration, just read the long list mentioned in this month's Parish Assembly Report (on page 19).

You can make your nomination by emailing Sally at doddingtondiary@gmail.com

All we will need to know is:-

1. Who is the volunteer?
2. A little bit about why you are nominating them and
3. Your contact details



Our plan is then to share our harvest gifts with the nominees. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

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There has been lots of coffee and chat already as we discuss plans for this weekend of Celebration! Not only will we be following a traditional celebration of harvest, over the next few weeks all of the groups and organisations in the village will be invited to get involved with a celebration of their choice in flowers! We also have some of ideas of activities that will involve different skills, like painting or making corn dollies - we will share more information as these plans take shape!

We are also looking for an artistic / creative bread maker! If you would like to create a sheaf of corn loaf for us, we would love to hear from you. It will be purely decorative, so it doesn't matter what it tastes like. If you are interested, please contact us at doddingtondiary@gmail.com Thank you!



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You will remember that last month, we announced that over the weekend of 2nd-4th October, we will be holding a combined flower and harvest festival, at St Mary's Church.

We are calling this a Celebration of Harvest, Flowers and Community and we would love for you to be involved. Over the coming weeks, the weekend will take shape, but there will certainly be lots of flowers and decorations, music and services plus plenty of tea, cake and chat!

Your group or organisation, or even individuals may like to start thinking about what you would like to celebrate and how you might do this with flowers! If your talents lie elsewhere, we would love to hear from you too as we will also need some "helping hands" for all sorts of jobs (many we probably haven't even thought about yet!) including making the tea!

We are delighted to say that the Upwood Ukuleles will be our entertainment on the Saturday evening. They play a whole range of ukuleles, even kazoos and percussion instruments. Audience participation is encouraged, so warm up your vocal chords ready to join in with songs ranging from George Formby classics, through 1960s novelty numbers, to current chart hits.

Watch out for more details next month !!!