



PARISH OF
RINGWOOD

Ringwood Link



The Church of England in Ringwood,
Poulner, Bisterne, Ellingham, & Harbridge
www.ringwoodbenefice.org.uk

ABOUT US

The Parish of Ringwood with Ellingham and Harbridge lies on the western edge of the New Forest and the south-western border of Hampshire. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester, in the Deanery of Christchurch, within the Church of England.

Ringwood Parish is proud to be part of Ringwood Benefice

What is Ringwood Benefice?

Ringwood Benefice is a family of six Church of England churches, covering the communities of Ringwood, Poulner, Ellingham, Harbridge, Bisterne, and St Leonards and St Ives.

We share a common vision to

'Discover Life & Make a Difference'

This vision seeks to deepen our life together in Christ and our own personal discipleship, and then to share this life across our communities, homes, and workplaces.

We have four 'big' goals to live out our vision:

Goal 1

Family

Have a toddler group, Messy Church, and All Age service in Ringwood, Poulner and St Leonards & St Ives.

Goal 2

Worship

Grow three new worshipping communities.

Goal 3

Community

Launch two social enterprises in Ringwood and Poulner that foster community.

Goal 4

Ministry

Revitalise, reimagine, and re-establish rural ministry.

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Hampshire
BH24 1AW

THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Linford Road
Ringwood
Hampshire
BH24 1TY

THE CHURCH OF ST PAUL

Ringwood Road
Bisterne
Hampshire
BH24 3BN

THE CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS

Ellingham
Hampshire
BH24 3PJ

THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

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MINISTER'S LETTER

JUSTICE

People long for justice. Among Millennials and younger generations, the longing to live in a fairer, more just society has never been stronger. Neither has the desire of people to play a part in pursuing justice, which gives way to the rather large question, 'how do we act justly?'

Injustice is rife in our society, and as Christians we shouldn't overlook the injustice that surrounds us. This by the way, is not a matter of opinion but of quantifiable, in fact, quantified, fact. Let me give you some examples from our recent pandemic experience:

- According to the Office for National Statistics, people living in areas of deprivation have seen Covid mortality rates at double those in less deprived areas.
- Black and ethnic minority individuals in the UK are also more likely to die from Covid than white British people.
- During the lockdowns over the past 19 months, children have witnessed more acts of domestic violence in the home. What is more, away from the stable support networks of school and friends, children have been further impacted by witnessing these acts.

I could go on. Of course, there are the good news stories of churches and communities rising to run social action



and social justice projects like Ringwood Coronavirus Assistance in our community. However, as Christians we are part of God's solution to bring justice, mercy, and hope to the world. We must not overlook the above injustices, rather we must let them reshape our ministry as the Church in the coming months and years.

This started out in my head as a harvest article, because as this magazine goes to print, we are getting ready to thank God for the harvest, his provision of food to nourish and sustain our lives. The Bible is rich with such imagery, in the wilderness years of the exodus from Egypt, God rained down a harvest of manna to feed his people. In the Gospels, workers are sent out into the harvest fields to bring in the crop. You might recall the workers in the vineyard (Matthew 20) going out to work at different times of day and receiving the same wage. Questions of justice abounded then too where the perception of the workers who had

grafted all day was one of injustice. Still, the vineyard owner, playing the part of God, explained that justice in this case revealed itself in generosity.

Elsewhere in the New Testament in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 6), there is a perception of injustice from the Greek Jews (Hellenistic Jews) who either were or perceived they received less food than Jews natively from Jerusalem. Interestingly the Apostles are not concerned with proving the truth of the claims but concern themselves with the appointment of Deacons to care for the needs of the whole community, Greeks and Hebrews alike.

Have I made my argument? God is concerned about promoting justice and challenging injustice. Issues of justice are never far from God's heart, neither ought they be from ours. This autumn terms see Ringwood Benefice launching two initiatives that support people wrestling with addiction, and exploring what good mental health and well-being look like. On Tuesdays, St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood host the Recovery Course an ecumenical effort helping people leave addiction behind. On Thursday evenings we are running Kintsugi Hope at Café Velo, a well-being programme, giving people much-needed space to explore their mental health and self-care.

Against the narrative that Christians should stay out of politics, it is clearer than ever, that Christians are called to be more outspoken than ever in highlighting injustice and challenging injustice word and action when we meet it. As we emerge from the shock and trauma of the pandemic and are faced with a world

attempting to discover its new normal, God is calling the Church to reshape itself as God's movement bringing light, hope and justice to a hurting world.

With every blessing,
Matthew

OCTOBER READINGS

3RD OCTOBER

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

10TH OCTOBER

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Safeguarding Sunday
Hebrews 4:12-end
Mark 10:17-31

17TH OCTOBER

Anti-Slavery Sunday
Amos 5:8-15
Matthew 22:34-40

24TH OCTOBER

The Last Sunday after Trinity
Hebrews 7:23-end
Mark 10:46-end

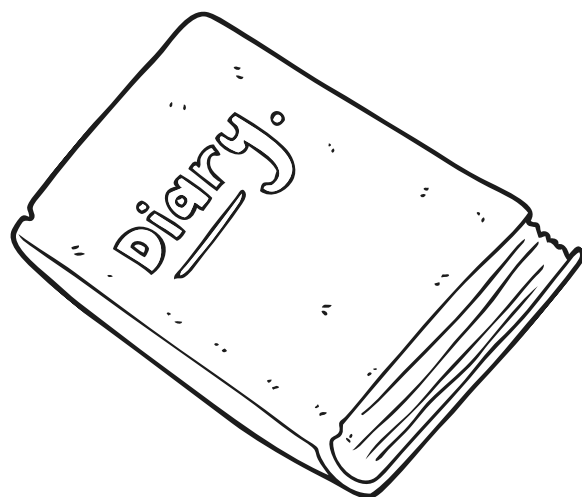
31ST OCTOBER

**ALL SAINTS DAY &
ALL SOULS DAY**

Readings to be confirmed



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



OCTOBER

- 02 11:00 Marriage of Victoria Richardson & Richard Curtis at Ringwood Parish Church
13:00 Marriage of Jessica Keast & Jonathan Perham at St Mary & All Saints, Ellingham

03 The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 06 19:30 SPSP Committee meeting at the Parish Church
08 14:00 Friends of Ringwood Parish Church Tea & Talk. Greyfriars. Tickets £8.00
09 14:00 Marriage of Katherine Davis & Ralph Gilbey at Ringwood Parish Church

10 The Ninetenth Sunday after Trinity

- 11 19:30 Michael Anderson's Housegroup
12 14:00 Mothers' Union meeting at Ringwood Parish Church "Reimagine Mothers' Union"
14 10:00 Ringwood Carers Group meeting at The Trinity Centre, Ringwood, BH24 1DH
14:00 Dame Alice Lisle Service at Ellingham

17 The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

- 11:00 The Baptism of Theo Joy & Theodore Scriven at Ringwood Parish Church
14:00 Confirmation Service at Christchurch Priory
18 10:00 Friends of Ringwood Parish Church meeting in Lady Chapel
14:00 Mothers' Union Modern Day Anti Slavery prayer meeting at Ringwood Parish Church

- 22 19:30 Live music at Parish Church

- 23 18:30 'Supper & Sullivan' at Ellingham

24 The Last Sunday after Trinity

- 25 19:30 Michael Anderson's Housegroup
30 10:00 - 16:00 Toy Train and Model Engineering Exhibitian at Parish Church

31 The Fourth Sunday before Advent

- 10:30 Benefice Service at All Saints, SLSI
14:30 All Souls Service at Parish Church
16:00 Messy Church at St John's, Poulner

REGULAR GROUPS MEETING IN OCTOBER

Please note that Half Term week begins Monday 25th October

MONDAY'S

09:15 Diddy Dunkers toddler group
Meeting every Monday during term time at St John's Hall, Poulner.

TUESDAY'S

19:00 Ringwood Recovery Group
Meeting at Ringwood Parish Church

WEDNESDAY'S

08:15 Benefice Morning Prayer
Meeting via Zoom, Meeting ID 842-5692-5855 & Passcode: 489898

09:00 Coffee Morning

Every week at the Parish Church

09:30 Parent & toddler group

Meeting weekly during term time at All Saints, St Leonards & St Ives

10:30 Holy Communion

Every week at the Parish Church

19:00 Impact Youth Group

Contact Revd Kay for details

OCTOBER 18

#STOPSLAVERY

ANTI SLAVERY DAY 2021

● WE SEE YOU.

In 2019, in the UK 136,000 men, women & children were trapped in modern slavery.

Every year, Anti-Slavery Day provides an opportunity for individuals, organisations, charities, churches, schools, communities, and businesses to raise awareness of the dangers and consequences of modern slavery, human trafficking and exploitation.

The Clewer Initiative is enabling Church of England dioceses and wider Church networks to develop strategies to detect modern slavery in their communities and help provide victim support and care.

Please do look online for more information at

<https://theclewerinitiative.org/>

THE 9.30 COMMUNITY

During October the 9.30 Community will be meeting as follows;

1st & 3rd Sundays - Scattered Church

Please contact Revd Kay to be informed where the Scattered Church meets.

2nd & 4th Sundays - Gathered Church

Meeting in the Parish Church

A COUNTY LINES PSALM

The gang leader is my shepherd, I shall not ask.

He makes me lie down in unheated flats;
He leads me beside needle-strewn stairwells;

He enslaves my soul.

He leads me down windswept streets
For his own profit.

As I walk down the darkest alley, I feel evil;

For he is with me;

My phone and my stash, they cling to me.

He prepares every deal for me in the presence of my enemies;

My head it drips with sweat;

My water bottle is empty.

Surely ruthlessness and cruelty shall stalk me

All the days of my life,

And I shall live in an unfurnished home

My whole short life.

Amen.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

On Monday 18th October at 2pm there will be a Mothers' Union Prayer Meeting for Modern Day Slavery at the Parish Church, all are welcome to attend.



**FRIENDS OF RINGWOOD PARISH
CHURCH - TEA & TALK
FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2PM**

We welcome you back to the new season of fundraising events with a tea & talk by Kenneth Exworth entitled "The Lighter Side of Policing Part 2".

Meeting at Greyfriars on Friday 8th October at 2 for 2.30pm.

Tickets are priced at £8 from Greyfriars, Peter Goodwin 402028 or Marion 471694

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Every Wednesday at Ringwood Parish Church. 9am - 12 noon

- £1.50 Coffee (filtered)
- £1.00 Coffee (instant)
- £1.00 Tea
- £1.50 Hot Chocolate
- £1.00 Tea selection (Mint, Green, etc)
- £0.50 Squash
- £1.50 Soup
- £1.50 Ham Roll (with tomato or pickle)
- £1.50 Cheese Roll (with tomato or pickle)
- £1.50 Toasted Tea Cake (with butter/jam)
- £1.50 Crumpet (with butter/jam)
- £0.50 Doughnut

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all the ladies who have now retired from helping at the Wednesday Coffee morning for their years of service. Your warm welcome every Wednesday will be missed.

80-Hymnathon

I should like to express my sincere appreciation to all who attended the 80-Hymnathon on Sunday afternoon, 19th September, at St Peter and St Paul. When I decided on the event, I had no idea how much interest there would be in such an event or what sort of response or support I would get.

Leading up to the event, the support that my Cancer Research website received was way beyond expectation and is testament to how special Deirdre was in her own quiet way and how much she meant to so many people. She is sorely missed.

I set my fundraising target at £500.00 but, to date, with Gift Aid, the total raised will be over £4,000.00.

So, a very big "Thank You" to all those who gave support in whatever way.

John Birch



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REGULAR SERVICE PATTERN

ST PETER & ST PAUL

RINGWOOD

1st Sunday:

- 11:00 Holy Communion

2nd Sunday:

- 11:00 Holy Communion

3rd Sunday:

- 11:00 Morning Prayer with Baptism

4th Sunday:

- 11:00 Holy Communion

ST PAUL'S

BISTERNE

1st Sunday

- 18:00 Evensong with Holy Communion

3rd Sunday:

- 10:30 Matins

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

POULNER

Services in
Church Hall on
Oct 3rd & 10th

1st Sunday:

- 10:30 Morning Worship
- 18:30 The Well (refreshments at 6pm)

2nd Sunday:

- 10:30 Morning Worship

3rd Sunday:

- 10:30 Holy Communion
- 18:30 The Well (refreshments at 6pm)

4th Sunday:

- 10:30 Morning Worship



09:30
Gathering
Every Sunday.
See page 8

ST MARY & ALL SAINTS

ELLINGHAM

1st Sunday:

- 11:15 Holy Communion

2nd Sunday:

- 17:30 Evensong

3rd Sunday:

- 11:15 Family Service

4th Sunday:

- 11:15 Matins

ALL SAINTS

HARBRIDGE

4th Sunday:

- 10:00 Matins

5TH SUNDAY

JAN, MAY, AUG & OCT 2021

Where a month has a fifth Sunday a whole Benefice service usually takes place in one of the churches - Details will be made available beforehand.

8AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION

1st Sunday:

- St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood

2nd Sunday:

- All Saints, St Leonards & St Ives

3rd Sunday:

- St John the Baptist, Poulner

4th Sunday:

- St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood

5th Sunday:

- St John the Baptist, Poulner

WEEKDAY HOLY COMMUNION

ST PETER & ST PAUL, RINGWOOD - EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 10:30



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PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY

The Joy of Prayer

These Zoom workshops are for anyone who would like to broaden their experience of prayer.

Thursday 7th October 20:00 – 21:00

Colours and Doodles

In this session, we will experiment with the use of colour in reflection and prayer – and we will try Bible doodling.

Thursday 11th November 20:00 – 21:00

Prayer Walking

A chance to think about the places and spaces we inhabit and to intercede creatively for those we live amongst.

Thursday 9th December 20:00 – 21:15

Dare to Share

Come and listen, and be listened to (in small groups), as we reflect on our relationship with God and our experience of prayer.

Led – on Zoom – by the Revd Sally Dakin, Diocesan Spirituality Advisor.

Enquiries to:

sally.dakin@winchester.anglican.org

Bookings to:

wendy.atkinson@winchester.anglican.org

MORE RULE OF LIFE MINI-RETREATS...

What is it?

How might a Rule (or Rhythm) of Life help us to grow and be more fruitful in our relationships with God, with each other, and with the communities we're part of? Take time to reflect on one of these short online retreats:

- Friday 22nd October 10am-12.30pm
- Wednesday 17th November 2-4.30pm
- Thursday 2nd December 7-9.30pm
- Tuesday 7th December 10-12.30pm

Retreat format

- Introduction and Prayer (online) The sessions will be held on Zoom,
- Time alone (offline) led by the Revd Sally Dakin,
- Plenary and Prayer (online) Spirituality Adviser

Comments received

'a really good morning – I feel refreshed and inspired'

'a wonderful breath of fresh air'

'a gentle and inspiring afternoon'

'a warm and welcoming environment despite the limitations of technology'

'opened my mind to as many questions as answers'

'I am very glad I attended'

For more information visit:

winchester.anglican.org/rule-of-life

To book, please email:

ruleoflife@winchester.anglican.org

**RINGWOOD PARISH CHURCH
FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER
TIME 7.30PM
TICKETS £7.50**

**A MIX OF FILM
THEMES,
COVERS &
ORIGINAL
SONGS**



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1. YOU GOTTA KNOW
THE SONG IN THE
FIRST 8 BARS
2. YOU GOTTA BE
ABLE TO SING THE
CHORUS**

JAZZ AT VESPERS HARBRIDGE

Anne Craft of Christmas Rose Cottage put on the most delightful garden party and traditional Jazz concert at her house to raise funds for Harbridge Church which proved to be most successful, supported by Harbridge residents and friends in the Parish. The financial result exceeded all expectations.

It was really nice to meet up with friends who were living further afield including our Lay Minister Dick Powell and Treasurer Roger Dewar, the event turned out to be a really enjoyable family affair with perfect weather conditions.

The band were terrific, and took me straight back to my salad days when I spent too much time as a student following Chris Barber, Humphrey Lyttleton, and Acker Bilk and even Pedro Harris and his Pine City Stompers in Bournemouth, which much to my delight the band members were contemporaries of, as I am also! Sadly they have all passed away but the music still lives on.

When we arrive at these events which are so peaceful and enjoyable, it is hard to imagine all the work that has gone into producing the event by Anne and our Church supporters, from the logistics of organisation to cutting the grass, erecting the tents to the fantastic catering which was all delicious and very generously donated. It was all a truly memorable occasion and thanks to Anne who has raised the bar for our Harbridge events.

Watch this space as more is to follow and will be announced shortly including our

Christmas Carol service with the Hyde band. No charge for this but there will be a retiring collection.

I am afraid soon we shall be spending some of our hard-earned money on the Church on some well overdue running repairs, nothing too drastic but all quite costly I fear. The great thing is though thanks to the generosity and hard work of our supporters we have some money in the bank.

For those of you who enjoy a purely traditional service that follows the book of Common Prayer do please join us. Matins is on the fourth Sunday of every month at 10am and you will be assured of a warm welcome and if you have time, a cup of coffee and a chat!

With all good wishes
Michael Thomas
Deputy Church Warden All Saints



HARBRIDGE MATINS

The following was omitted from the last issue - apologies

A wonderful musical morning matins service led by Dick Powell was hosted at All Saints Harbridge last month. Guest organist Anne Martyn treated us once again to some magnificent organ playing filling the church with a glorious sound. Her accompanied choir were a welcome addition singing in beautiful harmony. The two anthems sung were Ave Verum by W Mozart and Love one another, an excerpt from Wesley's Blessed be the God and Father. The service concluded with an all-time favourite hymn namely Jerusalem which was much enjoyed by all. What a treat!



DO YOU HAVE ANY NEWS TO SHARE?

If you have any news to share from your local church please do email it to sam.swyer@ringwoodbenefice.org.uk for inclusion in the next issue. Thank you.

**LET
US
KNOW!**



HOLY LAND TOUR - APRIL 2022

Due to the pandemic we had to cancel our proposed tour in May, then October this year, so have planned to have a Pilgrimage Tour of Jordan and Israel in April 2022 - we are booking now on **01425 471490** and **jer.178@tiscali.co.uk** please contact me for details and brochure, we'd love to have you join us!

Michael Anderson

DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR USED PRINTER CARTRIDGES!

Ringwood Parish are collecting used printer cartridges, which we can turn into cash for church funds. If you have any, please pass them to Roger Dewar or drop them off at the Benefice Office. Thank you.



ALL SOULS SERVICE

2.30PM SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER

All are welcome to remember loved ones at the Parish All Souls Service at The Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood.

Should you wish a name(s) to be read during the service please contact the Benefice Office on **01425 489898**, **office@ringwoodbenefice.org.uk**



Veterans Hub

Open to all ex service personnel, supported and funded by The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust

We meet weekly on Thursday at Ringwood Library

10:00-12:00: for tea, coffee, chat, 'uckers' and activities - plus support and information when needed

14:00-16:00: for scale modelling, provided free to those qualifying, by the charity Models for Heroes



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www.hants.gov.uk



THE RECOVERY COURSE

Starting September

Struggling with an addiction or habit?
Come to The Recovery Course
a 15 session Christian programme
focusing on any addiction or habit

St Mary's Church Centre
Kingston Road

Poole
BH15 2LP

Starting Thursday 16th September

Contact Rachel on: outreach@smlpoole.org.uk

The Church of St Peter & St Paul
Market Place
Ringwood
BH24 1BS

Starting Tuesday 28th September
Contact Andrew on:
ringwoodrecovery@gmail.com



SOUTHERN RAILWAY



RINGWOOD

TOY TRAIN & MODEL ENGINEERING EXHIBITION

SATURDAY 30TH
OCTOBER 2021

CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL - MARKET PLACE
RINGWOOD - HAMPSHIRE - BH24 1AW

10AM - 4PM | ENTRY ONLY £5.00

CHILDREN UNDER 16 FREE
WITH ACCOMPANYING ADULT

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL [PETER MOLYNEAUX - MOLYNEAUX@TALK21.COM](mailto:PETER.MOLYNEAUX@TALK21.COM)



WELCOME TO “THE GUARDIANS OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, POULNER”

The church of St John’s was built in 1914 by local tradesmen paid for by the local population of what was then a small, widespread village. The bricks were hand-made just up the road on Poulner Hill and the wood was from local trees, over the main body of the church are local clay tiles which have lasted much longer than expected but are now quite fragile.

Time moved on and Poulner expanded, joining up with Ringwood and still St John’s stood as the focal point of the community. Such was the popularity of this place that the hall was built in 1973 and as the doors of the church were straining especially at times, such as Christmas, weddings and funerals, there was standing room only so the north aisle and vestry extension was added in 1980.

St John’s is still here steadfast but now it needs help from all who appreciate its presence and the new charity of The Guardians of St John the Baptist, Poulner is solely to provide financial support to the upkeep of the fabric and building of the church and grounds benefitting its users now and in the future.

Regular giving pays for day to day running costs and Church Mission Fund which is the responsibility of the church but in these straightened times there is little spare money for the jobs that need doing. This new independent charity does not detract or replace the regular giving but intends to work alongside St John’s committee.

Membership is open for an annual fee of £10 to anyone over the age of 18 and is not limited to church attenders. The charity of The Guardians of St John the Baptist, Poulner is registered with the Charity Commission with audited annual accounts submitted.

For any further details please contact Margaret Groves
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HOPE

Discovering
treasure
in life's scars



RINGWOOD
BENEFICE

Discover life, make a difference

Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group

**A 12 week course
meeting Thursdays
at 7pm in Cafe Velo**

Kintsugi Hope is a local supportive group exploring our mental health and how to encourage positive mental and emotional wellbeing in our busy lives.

The group is not suitable for anyone in need of professional support, or currently receiving treatment for a significant mental health condition.

For more information about Kintsugi Hope see www.kintsugihope.com

This will become a closed group after week 3, (7th October) to allow a safe and open group.

For more information contact Annabelle or Kay via email kintsugihopewellbeing@gmail.com



ST MARY &
ALL SAINTS
ELLINGHAM

SUPPER AND SULLIVAN

**Saturday 23rd
October 6.30pm
Ellingham Church
Hall**

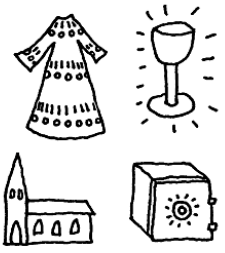
A cheese and wine
supper followed
by a talk on the life
and works of
Arthur Sullivan
hosted by Richard
Powell.

Tickets £15
from Ellingham
Church & Benefice
Office
(Limited to 60
people)



GIVING

WHY I DO NOT CONTRIBUTE



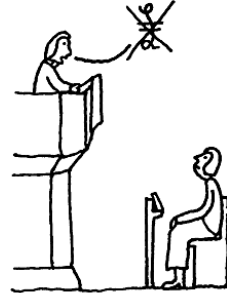
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WE CAN'T AFFORD IT



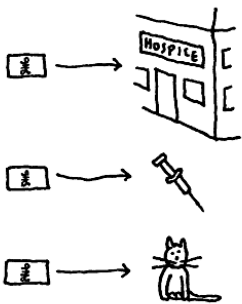
I GIVE MY TIME AND TALENTS INSTEAD



CHURCH ISN'T THE PLACE TO TALK ABOUT MONEY

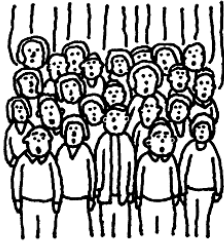


DOESN'T THE GOVERNMENT PAY FOR IT?



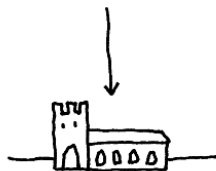
I GIVE TO OTHER CHARITIES

MY GIFT WOULDN'T REALLY COUNT



WHAT I COULD GIVE WOULDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE

THE DIOCESE MIGHT GIVE IT TO THAT CHURCH DOWN THE ROAD



THE MONEY WON'T BE WELL-SPENT



OUR VICAR DOESN'T DESERVE TO BE PAID



SOMEBODY UPSET ME ONCE

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"But, Mum, if the vicar wasn't coming here Trick-Or-Treating, why did she still take the chocolates I gave her?"

RINGWOOD PCC MEETING DATES

- Thursday 25th November 2021, 7.30pm, St Peter & St Paul
- Wednesday 26th January 2022, 7.30pm, St Peter & St Paul
- Thursday 31st March 2022, 7.30pm, St Peter & St Paul
- APCM: Thursday 28th April 2022, 7.30pm, St Peter & St Paul

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RIDE+STRIDES for Churches



Another successful year for the Parish. All the churches welcomed visitors, offering rest and refreshments. Paul Gray cycled around 24 churches and Roger and I drove around 15 churches in the New Forest Area for St Peter and St Paul Church, and the Mills family drove and cycled around for Bisterne Church. Roger and I would like to thank our generous sponsors as we raised £325 to be divided between St Peter and St Paul Church and Historic Churches Trust, who have already given us a grant to repair the chancel wall paintings.

Car Boot Sale

The car boot sale on Saturday 4th September was a great success. The warm weather enabled the cars to set out their wares in an attractive and inviting fashion. The happy and chatty atmosphere led to a rush of purchases, plus the tempting refreshments made a grand total of £458.50 raised for St Peter and St Paul Church. Thank you to all our supporters.

Shirley Dewar

ST PETER & ST PAUL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE



Ringwood Parish Church Christmas Fair Sunday 28th November 2-5pm

I know Christmas is a no-go area at the moment with some people, but we need to start collecting contributions for stalls. So stalls we need things for are;

- **Christmas Tombola:** Please pass to Jan Pankhurst. We need anything on a Christmas theme e.g. wrapping paper, sweets, decorations, Christmas food etc.
- **Cakes and preserves:** We would appreciate it if you could get cracking with making jams and chutneys to sell at the fair.
- **Big Raffle:** We need nice prizes; boxes of sweets, chocolates, wine, beauty products etc.
- **Craft:** Anything homemade!

If you could help man a stall or game, please let Shirley Dewar know.

Many thanks the Fundraising Committee



Hello Everyone!

We are so pleased to be able to tell you that Messy Church is back!

Messy Church will be meeting at St John's Poulner from 4pm until 5.30pm on Sunday 31st October. There will be a variety of craft activities, a short Contemporary Service in the Church followed by a delicious tea in St John's Hall.

The theme this month will be 'Switch on the Light!' We will be looking at Jesus being the Light of the World.

Messy Church is for all ages 0-100 and is for all families with little ones, big ones and basically everyone! We are all part of God's family!

Any enquiries regarding Messy Church, please contact the Benefice Office.

The Messy Church Team, St John's Church, Poulner.

Future Messy Church dates: 31/10 & 28/11 4pm-5.30pm
Christmas Messy December 19th at 3pm – 4.30pm

IMPACT YOUTH GROUP

Impact will return on 6th October. For more information about the children's and youth work within the Benefice, please contact Revd Kay.

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Tamasine will continue to practice in Christchurch and Mudford with the added benefit of offering Dispute Resolution and Family services while Edward and his team will continue to be based in Ringwood covering all the surrounding areas.

Edward Holmes states "I am delighted that the opportunity has arisen to join together two firms with a common client-focused philosophy. We are all looking forward to the opportunities this affords us - not only to offer an even better service to our clients, but also to expand the range of legal services we can offer".



Directors' photo: Edward Holmes, Tamasine Whitbread and Ruth Lucas



Diddy Dunkers is up and running again from 9.15am to 11am every Monday morning at St John's Hall, Poulner.

We are so delighted and happy to be offering this very important group to the wonderful families again. Over the last two weeks, we have welcomed 19 families to come and play, share stories and sing songs in a safe, secure and nurturing, friendly environment.

Some of the families are old friends with brand new little ones! Some of the families have just moved to Ringwood and we are their first port of call!

Currently, we are able to accommodate 15 families due to keeping Covid Safe and secure. Nevertheless, we have such a happy, joyful time and such a lot of fun.

Thank you to everyone who supports Diddy Dunkers in any way!

The Diddy Dunkers team

KING'S KIDS RETURN THIS MONTH!

King's Kids will be restarting on Sunday 10th October.

If you can help with our children's work please contact Revd Kay.

NOTES FROM MOTHERS' UNION

Our September meeting was very informal - we had the theme Harvest for our opening prayers and welcomed Marcella to our meeting who told us about the charity for sponsoring children which she is very passionate about and also very inspiring in telling us how the money helps with education etc. We had a letter from Sheran Harper, our Worldwide President, thanking us for our donation of £325 sent from our Summer of Hope coffee morning – thanks to all who attended.

The Deanery held a meeting at St. Leonards & St. Ives Hall and Christine Clode was elected the new Deanery Co-ordinator taking over from Stella. Christine hosted the Deanery Prayer lunch at Highcliffe on September 23rd.

Our next meeting is October 12th when Stella will speak to us with the title: "Reimagine Mothers' Union". We will also have a prayer meeting on October 18th for Anti-Slavery Day at 2pm in the Parish Church.

Sue Brinkman

For more information about the Mothers' Union please see www.mothersunion.org or contact Sue Brinkman on 01425 474982

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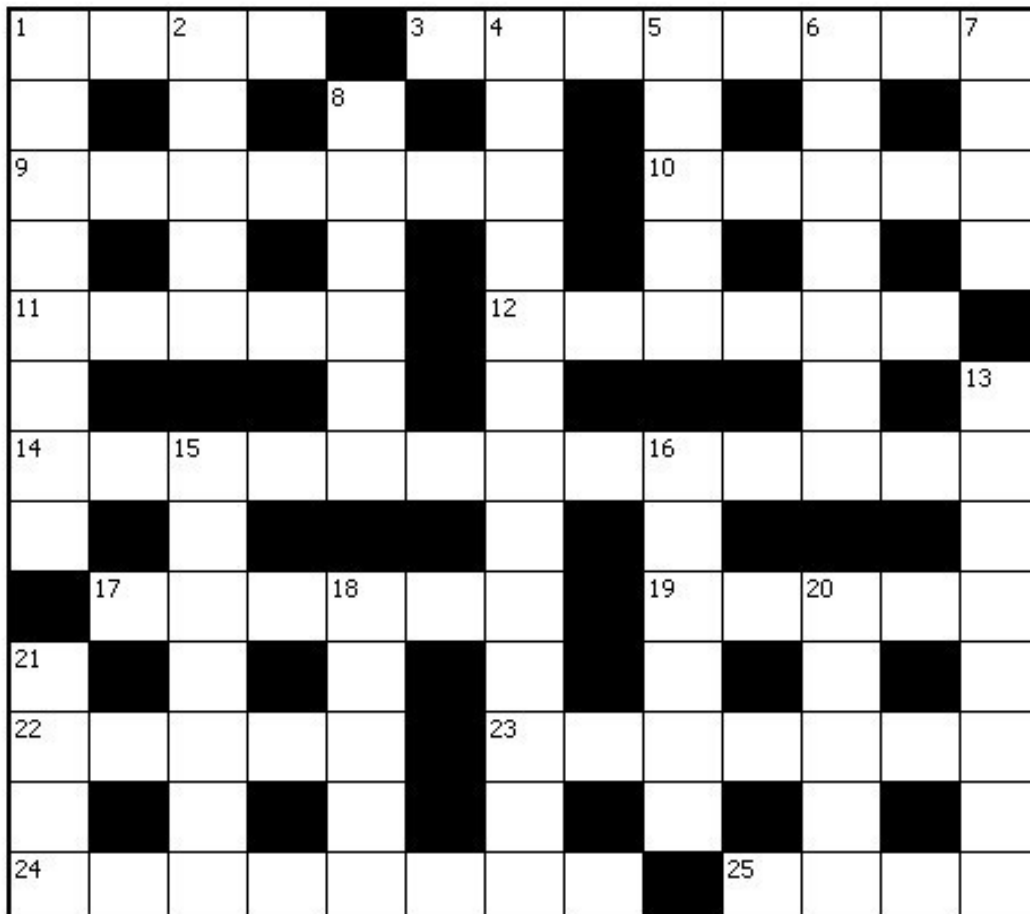
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CROSSWORD CLUES

Clues Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"'
(Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4-5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me'
(Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this
(Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association
(1,1,1,1)

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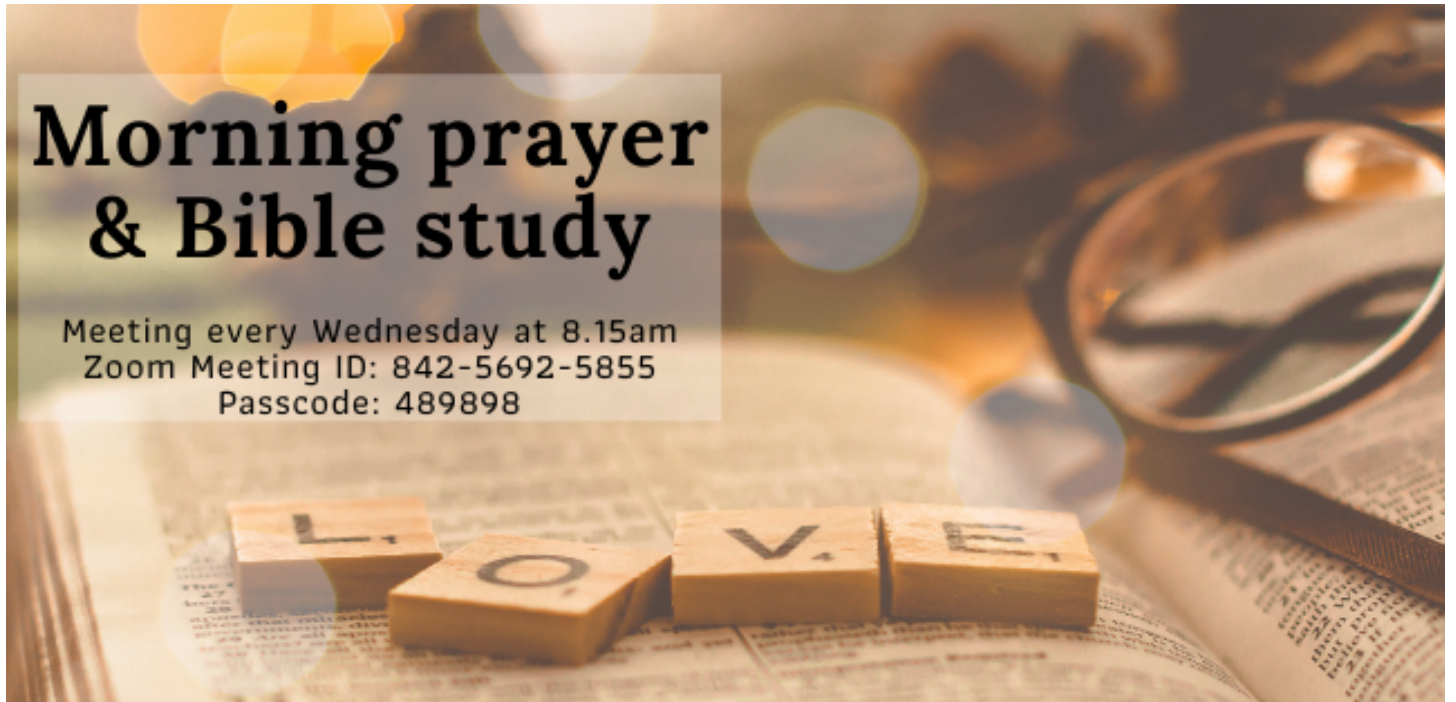
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