

THE WEST WIGHT MISSION COMMUNITY (WWMC)

BULLETIN APRIL 2024

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"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28 18-20

CLERGY THOUGHTS ...

Sharing original poetry and photography by ANNE LINNINGTON
(READER for All Saints and St Agnes)

JOURNEYING

The magnitude of the present problem
Threatens to overwhelm me,
Yet as I choose to raise my eyes
And look towards the horizon,
I see beyond the shadows
To a brighter sun-filled sky.
Fixing my mind on the journey ahead,
I know that I will not remain
In this stone strewn terrain.
Even through the approaching shadow,

I see new green growth,
Areas of fertility and fruitfulness,
And possibilities for productivity.
The tree-line offers fresh prospects
For community and worship,
And in the far distance
The bluest of skies beckons me on
To continue the challenge of the pilgrimage
Until I reach my ultimate destination.

CONSIDER THE LILIES

I cherish the reassuring presence
of my six-petaled friend,
Star-like head on an impossibly thin stem
Your fluted trump turned towards the sun.

Paler than your more vibrant cousins
Against the darkness of your surroundings,
You have been a constant support
During a week of difficult days.

Despite your evident fragility,
Your searching after light
Inspires in me my own quest
For all that is true and beautiful.

Drawing deep from the water beneath you
You have summoned strength to stand
As a bright witness to your Creator.

Too soon your destined time will be o'er,
So I celebrate the short time in your company
Knowing that before long you will fade, wither
And die.

Returning to the ground which gave you life
To store the energy you will need
To burst into life
Again
Next Spring.



FROM THE EDITOR

Given that Easter was just a few days ago we look forward to the May Bulletin for a chance to reflect on the wonderful services that have been held across the West Wight Mission Community through March. For now – a message of thanks from Revd. Leisa and the Clergy Team to everyone who has worked so hard.

Dear All,

Thank you for the work and the ministry that you have prepared and led, that has gone towards giving us a reflective Lent, Mothering Sunday joy, Holy Week, and the wonderful celebrations of Easter Day across the West Wight Mission Community.

We are truly blessed! Revd. Leisa

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER AND ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY

OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES ARE INCLUDED IN THE SERVICES LIST IN THIS BULLETIN

APCM

IMPORTANT TO NOTE - Our APCM has been moved to 23rd MAY at 7.00pm.

A date for the diary!

TUES 7th MAY – Early evening - **Pre APCM OPEN CHURCH EVENT** – details to be confirmed. This will be a chance for the community to gather in the church socially, to reflect on the previous year and to look forward to the joy and challenges of the coming year.

TAKING A BREAK! MIDWEEK MORNING PRAYER and SOUP LUNCH ALL SAINTS – will resume in **MAY**
CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY Meet on the **1st Saturday** of each month. Additional hands always welcome.

FLOWER TEAM The Flower Team at All Saints are happy to do special arrangements on a particular Sunday to commemorate your special memories or events. Plenty of notice and a small donation would be all we need. Also, if you would like to try your hand at arranging, please contact Jan Evans at jan_evans@btopenworld.com.

ALL SAINTS CRAFTERS will meet in **April on Mondays – 1st, 15th and 29th** from 2pm at All Saints, Church. All welcome for craft, tea and chat. Bring your own project or join in with the church ideas.

ALL SAINTS MOTHERS' UNION meet in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm on the **first Tuesday** of the month. For more information contact Scilla Rolison on 01983.755589.

ALL SAINTS CHOIR practice on **Friday evenings** at 6.30pm. More members wanted (No audition required).

FRESHWATER CENTRAL W.I COFFEE MORNING. All Saints Church – **4th Tues** of the month from 10.00am.

ALL SAINTS BELL RINGERS meet on **Wednesday evenings** from 6pm to 7pm – new ringers welcome.

CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY

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RENOVATION AND REFURBISHMENT WORK

We reported in the March bulletin that work on our new floor was complete, the organ was being reassembled and a piano was due to arrive imminently... we are delighted to tell you that organ and piano are both in fine 'voice' and inspiring our worship. Many have commented on the greatly improved acoustic and degree of light that removal of the pews has made – it has taken us all by surprise! A real bonus. A special cleaning day was well attended by over 20 members of our congregation with everything being polished, hoovered, and generally lovingly tended. We are thoroughly enjoying the new sparkling space and are excited to discern God's plans for us going forward.

SUN 7th APRIL – FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH BREAKFAST SERVICE – Breakfast in the Annex from 10am with Morning Worship at 11.00am, followed by refreshments. All are welcome – whether you want to come to breakfast and the service, just breakfast or just the service.

ST JAMES, YARMOUTH TELL ▪ TEACH ▪ TEND ▪ TRANSFORM ▪ TREASURE.

WORSHIP AT ST JAMES FOR APRIL

We were delighted to be back in St James for our Easter Day service, following the temporary closure for investigative building work and offer our grateful thanks to our friends in Thorley for their hospitality over recent weeks. For the time being we are back in St James although aware that there may need to be a further closure at some point for other work to be undertaken.

Our advertised service pattern for April and ongoing is as follows:

1 st Sunday	(7 th April)	11.00am Morning Worship
2 nd Sunday	(14 th April)	11.00am Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday	(21 st April)	4.30pm Afternoon Worship (preceded by Tea and cake at 4.00pm)
4 th Sunday	(28 th April)	8.00am BCP Holy Communion

LOOKING FORWARD - TEA AT THE TOWERS – a message from Hazel Hall

We have decided to bring back Tea at the Towers this year and also to resurrect the Friends of St James Church Group. TEA AT THE TOWERS will take place on Saturday 17th August from 2pm to 4 pm - the theme? A Musical Afternoon!

If possible, I would like volunteers for the raffle table, tombola, cake stall, Bric a Brac (preloved) and any stall that you would like to create and manage. Of course we will have refreshments, so we will need volunteers for that.

If you would like to be part of this, please contact Hazel email: haz7874@gmail.com or speak to me anytime.

ST SWITHINS, THORLEY

Our regular 2nd Saturday coffee morning continues to be held from 10am – 11.30am All welcome.

Our services in April –

SUN 7th APRIL 11.00 HOLY COMMUNION

SUN 21st APRIL 09.30 MORNING WORSHIP

BOOKS & JIGSAWS FOR SALE/EXCHANGE – we have a permanent feature at the back of the church.

FOOD BANK BOX - back of the Church - Please remember to support this vital service.

ST MARY'S, BROOK & ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE

Between us at **St Mary's, Brook** and **St Peter & St Paul, Mottistone** we have a service each week. All are welcome at our beautiful rural churches.

SUN 7th APRIL	BROOK	6.00pm	EVENSONG
SUN 14th APRIL	MOTTISTONE	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
SUN 21st APRIL	MOTTISTONE	6.00pm	EVENSONG
SUN 28th APRIL	BROOK	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION

ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE

OUR SUNDAY SERVICES THIS MONTH:

SUN 7th APRIL 09.30 MORNING WORSHIP

SUN 21st APRIL 09.30 HOLY COMMUNION

ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE

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SAT 13th APRIL 10.00 – 11.30

You are invited to **A talk on White-tailed eagles by Imogen Lloyd from Forestry England** at St Mary's Churchyard. Refreshments included. Free.

THUR 18th APRIL at 4.00pm in the Olive Garden

SPRING CELTIC ENCOUNTER - Water for the Journey

The short reflection will be followed by refreshments. Free. All welcome.

If the weather is wet for either of the above events they will be held in the church.

Further information text or ring Alison on 07870 509153.

SAT 20th APRIL – 10.00 – 12.00 – 'BRING THE SPARKLE BACK TO BRIGHSTONE'

Time to deep clean the church chandeliers. Refreshments and Brasso provided.

ST PETER'S, SHORWELL

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THANK YOU! Big thank you's go to Alan Phillips for the History talk on 8th March at Shorwell Parish Hall. It was a very interesting talk on local landmarks and prehistory. We raised an amazing £650 for the church restoration/fabric fund. Alan will continue the sequence, with a talk on the Romans and local impact, date to be announced.

Thank you also to all that came along to the St Peter's Churchyard and Cemetery tidy-up. We mainly tackled the Cemetery and with the help of Kenny Morris managed to clear the brambles at the far end.

Our next session will be on the 6TH APRIL 10-12 NOON, all are very welcome! Please help us to maintain both areas with community participation as costs are steadily rising and donations to maintain



the areas are not keeping pace, thank you. Refreshments and homemade cakes are available at the end of each session.

THUR 18th APRIL Coffee morning at St Peter's in aid of the Fabric Fund

FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH – CRAFT GROUP – 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Taster sessions in different crafts. Easy to make items. Teas & Coffees, small donation welcome for refreshments or if you want to take your craft items home otherwise you piece can be sold at a later date to raise funds.

HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN

CHANGE OF VENUE – Don't forget - For the time being Newtown services will be held in the Porchfield and Newtown Village Hall due to the work being done to repair the walls of Holy Spirit Church.

We are looking forward, this month, to

SUN 7th APRIL 09.30 HOLY COMMUNION

SUN 21st APRIL 15.00 AFTERNOON WORSHIP

WEST WIGHT MISSION COMMUNITY ZOOM SERVICES

There is an opportunity to join others in prayer, from the comfort of your own home, every Tuesday morning and there is a service of Worship online via Zoom each month.

TUESDAYS 08.30 - MORNING PRAYER Cut and paste or click on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84570659722?pwd=VFh4ZmlOb1RWbTBvYmVaeXNNTVY3UT09>

Meeting ID: 845 7065 9722 Passcode: 386017

APRIL SUNDAY ZOOM SERVICE 28th April at 11am: Use the following link just before the service

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83892943909?pwd=VFh4ZmlOb1RWbTBvYmVaeXNNTVY3UT09>

APRIL SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE PRINCIPAL SERVICES (& COLOURS) (as per the Redemptorist reading sheets & Common Lectionary 2024)		
SUN 7 th White	Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1 – 2:2	Psalm 133 John 20:19-end
SUN 14 th White	Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7	Psalm 4 Luke 24:36b-48
SUN 21 st White	Acts 4:5-12 1 John 3:16-end	Psalm 23 John 10:11-18
SUN 28 th White	Acts 8:26-end 1 John 4:7-end	Psalm 22:25-end John 15:1-8

OTHER NEWS FROM ACROSS THE WEST WIGHT MISSION COMMUNITY

FROM TOM JACKSON at Christ Church

From April 1st the BBC Daily Service will cease to be available on long wave radio. It's moving to the digital radio station BBC Radio 4 Extra, which can be found not only on digital radios but also on Freeview televisions as channel 708. It will therefore be much easier to access than it was before. If you have a digital recorder you may be able to record it, and even to set up a series recording, although at the time of writing I am not able to check this.

The Daily Service is an act of worship which the BBC broadcasts between 9.45am and 10am on weekdays. The format varies considerably from day to day, but includes a bible reading, teaching or reflection, prayers and music. If you are a new listener and don't find the first service particularly suitable for you, do give it time. Over the years I have found many services to be a source of great comfort or enlightenment, and others to be very challenging!

FRESHWATER AND YARMOUTH SCHOOL

Following a school visit to All Saints Church, Freshwater:

Message from Emma Haisell at the school - *"Thank you so much for organising such a brilliant afternoon for us - you made us so welcome and we really enjoyed our time with you"*.

Revd Leisa Reflecting on the visit – *"We do love 'Growing the faith' with our Reception Class and Little Stars Pre School. The afternoon included a churchyard visit, counting crosses, remembering and being respectful of lives lived. We found sticks to help us explore the Easter Story, in church. Lots of chatter, and creative play about chicks, eggs, the cross, guards at the tomb, and the Easter surprise! Stories and songs finished off our Easter experience at All Saints Church, Freshwater – with our amazing children from Freshwater and Yarmouth C of E Primary School"*.

A MESSAGE SHARED BY REVD JACKIE – to the congregations of the West Wight Mission Community - further to the note of thanks in an earlier Bulletin

"I trust this message finds you well. It is with a mix of emotions that I share some important news regarding a valued member of our church community.

After much prayerful consideration and discussion, Barbara Cram has made the decision to step down from her role as Team Administrator at the Church. We want to assure you that while she will be transitioning from this administrative position, her commitment to pastoral roles remains steadfast.

Barbara has been an indispensable part of our church family, bringing dedication, organization, and a warm spirit to our community. The contributions she has made as Team Administrator have been immeasurable, and we are profoundly grateful for her service.

As Barbara now focuses on pastoral responsibilities within St Peter's congregation, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for her ongoing commitment to the spiritual well-being of the community.

We recognize that change, even when rooted in personal and spiritual growth, can be challenging. However, we trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we navigate this transition together.

In the coming weeks, the church leadership will work diligently to identify a suitable replacement for the Team Administrator position. We are committed to ensuring a seamless transition and will keep you updated on the progress.

Please join us in expressing gratitude to Barbara for her dedicated service as Team Administrator and let us continue to support her in her pastoral endeavors.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me directly or contact the church office. Your understanding and support during this time are deeply appreciated.

Revd. Jackie Maw

YOUTH PROJECTS IN WEST WIGHT

CALLING YOUNG PEOPLE looking for ways to connect with others the same age, or who are interested in finding out more about following Jesus. There are two youth projects within the West Wight Mission Community. The **West Wight Churches Youth Project (WWCYP)** for Freshwater, Yarmouth and Totland Bay and the **South Wight Area Youth (SWAY)** For Brighstone, Brook, Mottistone, Shorwell etc. You can find details on their websites www.wwcyp.com and www.southwightyouth.org.

Remember to let us know what's going on in your church and within the church communities each month so that the news can be shared. You can also include any 'thankyous', details of 'life events' services, coffee mornings, details of regular groups which meet at your church (bell ringers, craft groups, prayer groups etc), meeting dates etc.



**APRIL 2024 SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES WITHIN
THE WEST WIGHT MISSION COMMUNITY - details correct at time of circulation.**

SUNDAY 7th APRIL – 2nd Sunday of Easter

09.30	ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE	MORNING WORSHIP
09.30	HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN **	HOLY COMMUNION (AT PORCHFIELD VILLAGE HALL**)
09.30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	HOLY COMMUNION
10.30	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	JOINT SERVICE WITH THE METHODISTS
11.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	SOLACE
11.00	ST SWITHIN, THORLEY	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	MORNING WORSHIP
18.00	ST MARY'S, BROOK	EVENSONG

SUNDAY 14th APRIL – 3rd Sunday of Easter

08.30	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	MORNING PRAYER
09.30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP
09.30	ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	LIFE & LATTE

SUNDAY 21st APRIL – 4th Sunday of Easter

08:30	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	MORNING PRAYER
09:30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP
09:30	ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE	HOLY COMMUNION
09:30	ST SWITHIN, THORLEY	MORNING WORSHIP
11:00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	HOLY COMMUNION
11:00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	HOLY COMMUNION
15:00	HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN **	AFTERNOON WORSHIP (AT PORCHFIELD VILLAGE HALL**)
16:30	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	AFTERNOON WORSHIP (Tea and catch up from 4.00pm)
18:00	ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE	EVENSONG

SUNDAY 28th APRIL – 5th Sunday of Easter

08.00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
09:30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP
09:30	ST MARY'S, BROOK	HOLY COMMUNION
11:00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	MORNING WORSHIP
11:00	ST MICHAELS, SHALFLEET	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	MORNING WORSHIP with Baptism
11:00	HOME ZOOM	ZOOM
18:00	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	HOLY COMMUNION

** for the coming few months **NEWTOWN** services will be held in the Porchfield and Newtown Village Hall in Porchfield.

MORNING PRAYER - IS SAID EACH THURSDAY AT 8AM AT ST MARY'S BRIGHSTONE

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