

# THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE BULLETIN AUGUST 2025

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*"Blessed are those who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, not lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. They delight in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night. Like a tree planted by the streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do it shall prosper. As for the wicked it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away" (Psalm 1)*

## CLERGY THOUGHTS

### WAS THAT A GOLDCREST?

Dear Friends

Perhaps the greatest delight beyond fellowship with God and brothers and sisters at the Celtic morning prayer on Thursdays, is sitting in the Olive Garden and enjoying the sounds and sensations of creation, particularly the delightful and lively sound of bird song, so often crowded out in the busyness of the rest of the day's activities. It is as if it is the voice of creation waking up to a new day. And of a sense of a deep peace the day offers to those who will dwell in it, absorb it and seek to take it into the often busy hours beyond.

In the poem collection 'The peace of wild things' by Wendell Berry there is a poem called 'Standing Ground', which earths me into, and beyond (because of God's enduring presence), that deep sense of peace:

However just and anxious I have been,  
I will stop and step back  
from the crowd of those who may agree  
with what I say and be apart.  
There is no earthly promise of life or peace  
that's where the roots branch and we've  
their patient silent passages in the dark;  
uprooted, I have been furious without a name.  
I'm not bound for any public place,  
but for a ground of my own  
where I have planted vines and orchard trees,

and in the heat of the day climbed up  
into the healing shadow of the woods.  
Better than any argument is to rise at dawn  
and pick dew-wet berries in a cup.

At this moment in history we live in a very unpeaceful world - unsettled, fermenting, and disquieted – which in turn unsettles nations, communities and individuals in so many ways – and often takes us away from these places of peace and quietude we so desperately need as nations and people – O, that we all would start the day by rising ‘and pick dew-wet berries in a cup’ and find that greater peace which God offers us in the creation of a new day! Especially so that all we can offer into the day, through all we do and say, is sourced from the peace and inspiration born of God’s creativity. Then we might look in the troubled world from a different viewpoint and begin to observe it from God’s perspective and love, and ultimate peace – and speak and serve accordingly.

Undoubtedly we live in days of ecological crisis, and how we manage it and seek the wisdom to live at peace within it is important. Job directs us to the source of the necessary wisdom:

*‘Where then does wisdom come from?  
And where is the place of understanding?  
It is hidden from the eyes of all living,  
and concealed from the birds of the air...  
‘God understands the way to it,  
and he knows its place.  
For he looks to the ends of the earth,  
and sees everything under the heavens.  
When he gave to the wind its weight,  
and apportioned out the waters by measure;  
when he made a decree for the rain,  
and a way for the thunderbolt;  
then he saw it and declared it;  
he established it, and searched it out.  
And he said to humankind,  
“Truly, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;  
and to depart from evil is understanding.”’ (from Job 28)*

Ah - wisdom is with God - I kind of knew that, but always good to be reminded. There is a great sense that much of humankind has become unearthed, disconnected from the earth, distracted and disabled from truth, denied dignity, worth and hope. And so we are challenged by the Gospel of Christ which seeks to re-connect our humanity with God’s provision of his earth and creation, and passionately onward into the fullness his love and peace.

Earlier in Job (14) is a wonderful poetic image of God’s power of redemption through creation:

*For there is hope for a tree,  
if it is cut down, that it will sprout again,  
and that its shoots will not cease.  
Though its root grows old in the earth,  
and its stump dies in the ground,  
yet at the scent of water it will bud  
and put forth branches like a young plant.*

Summertime is often a time for pondering and reading, and re-thinking and deepening our lives in all sorts of way. Our faith is joyfully treasured with scripture to help us be those who work to restore true creational peace to our worlds – Paul to the Colossians writes:

*'Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.'*

Read Paul's extraordinary and awesome words again – what might they mean for you, and for us a God's agents of peace here?

Perhaps this summer there might be more opportunities to seek your own 'olive garden' moments and places, 'a ground of your own' with its 'healing shadow' and 'dew-wet berries' and seek that deeper knowing of God's call on us as peacemakers to people and the earth. And take time and place to dwell with the source of all wisdom - before a tuneful distraction causes us to tap on a phone-screen and, with the amazing apps of today, answer the call 'Was that a gold crest'?



Peace and recreation in Christ

**Revd Mark**

## **NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

### **ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER AND ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY**

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

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** – There will be **NO Contemplative Prayer group meeting in August** – the group will meet again on the **4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. *"In contemplative prayer, we learn the art of finding ourselves in God in stillness and in silence. As St John of the Cross said, "Silence is God's first language."*

### **WED 6<sup>th</sup> AUG – 7.15pm SANDOWN AND SHANKLIN MILITARY BAND**



The Sandown and Shanklin Military Band will be giving a concert at All Saints Church, Freshwater on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August. **The cafe will be open from 7.15pm and the concert starts at 8.00pm.**

No entry fee but retiring collection and donations welcome.

**MIDWEEK MORNING PRAYER and SOUP LUNCH ALL SAINTS** – **First Thursday of each month at 11.30am** at All Saints Church, Freshwater. All welcome. No need to book.

**CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY** Meet **First Saturday** of each month. All welcome.

The **FLOWER TEAM** are happy to do special arrangements on a particular Sunday to commemorate special memories/events. Plenty of notice and a small donation would be all we need. If you would like to try your hand at arranging - contact Jan Evans at [jan\\_evans@btopenworld.com](mailto:jan_evans@btopenworld.com).

**THE CRAFT GROUP** will meet in All Saints on **Mondays 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August**. All welcome for craft, tea and chat. Bring a project or join in with the church ideas.

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

**MOTHERS' UNION** meet in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm on the **first Tuesday** of the month.

**ALL SAINTS CHOIR** practice **Friday evenings** at 6.30pm. New members welcome (No audition required).

## CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY

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Christ Church has been celebrating in style recently.... and there's more to come!

**REV JANE SHYVERS**, newly ordained deacon, took our service on July 6<sup>th</sup> and we made sure that she knew how proud we are of her! A presentation of flowers, a card signed by us all, a special blessing from the choir (John Rutter's The Lord Bless you and Keep You) and a special cake.... We think she got the message!



Several of us attended her ordination at Portsmouth Cathedral on 28<sup>th</sup> June too Christ Church members past and present!

Our Flower Festival – 150 years of progress – with displays depicting the way that life has changed over the last 150 years was a triumph. Huge thanks to West Wight Floral Arts for their creative displays – candlelight to electricity, the birth of the NHS, Space Exploration.... And so much more!

**Our actual 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary is on Thursday August 14<sup>th</sup> and we'll be marking the occasion with a special service at 6pm during which a brief history of Christ Church will be shared.**

**A reception with drinks and nibbles will follow.** Invitations are on their way to all those who have contributed to the life of the church in recent years. **Do feel free to come along and celebrate with us!**

**TUESDAY AFTERNOONS 4pm – 5pm, Vision Prayer.** Please join us to pray for the current and future ministry of Christ Church both as a church and as part of the wider communities of the West Wight Benefice of CofE Churches and Churches Together in West Wight.

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

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**THANK YOU & WELL DONE – The St James Summer Concert (in aid of the building project) raised £736.00.** Our heartfelt thanks go to Chrissie and Guy and the Choir volunteers who made such a successful and enjoyable evening.

**TEA at the TOWERS 16<sup>th</sup> AUG 1.00pm to 3.00pm** Refreshments, music and singing. Tea at the Towers comes at the end of Yarmouth Carnival Week which runs from 9<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> August. Look out for refreshments at St James during Carnival Week which will help to support the St James Building Project.

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

Between us at **St Mary's, Brook** and **St Peter & St Paul, Mottistone** we have a service each week so why not ENJOY A CHANGE OF SCENE OR STYLE FOR YOUR WEEKLY WORSHIP BY VISITING us St Mary's Brook or St Peter & St Paul Mottistone.

<b>SUN 3<sup>rd</sup> AUG</b>	<b>BROOK</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>EVENSONG</b>
<b>SUN 10<sup>th</sup> AUG</b>	<b>MOTTISTONE</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>SUN 17<sup>th</sup> AUG</b>	<b>MOTTISTONE</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>EVENSONG</b>
<b>SUN 24<sup>th</sup> AUG</b>	<b>BROOK</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>



## ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE

Our Sunday service this month:

**SUN 17<sup>th</sup> AUG 11.30 MORNING WORSHIP**

*PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE CALBOURNE VILLAGE NEWS FOR DETAILS OF OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS.*

## ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET

Our services this month are

<b>SUN 10<sup>th</sup> AUG</b>	<b>11.00 MATINS (BCP)</b>
<b>SUN 24<sup>th</sup> AUG</b>	<b>11.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)</b>
<b>SUN 31<sup>st</sup> AUG</b>	<b>11.00 FIFTH SUNDAY BENEFICE SERVICE See later in the Bulletin ...</b>

## ST SWITHINS, THORLEY

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

Our services this month -

**SUN 3<sup>rd</sup> AUG 11.00 HOLY COMMUNION**  
**SUN 17<sup>th</sup> AUG 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.

## HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN

Our Sunday services this month -

**SUN 3<sup>rd</sup> AUG 09:30 HOLY COMMUNION**  
**SUN 17<sup>th</sup> AUG 15:00 EVENSONG**



**TUES 12<sup>th</sup> AUG 15:00**

**CELTIC ENCOUNTER – The Shepherd and Sheep – Trusting in God’s Care**

**At PORCHFIELD VILLAGE HALL** (in partnership with St Mary’s, Brighstone and Holy Spirit, Newtown). *(Celtic Encounters are short reflective times of Celtic style worship and will be followed by refreshments and fellowship). All are welcome. Further information contact Alison on 07870 509153).*

## ST MARY’S, BRIGHSTONE

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**In addition to our regular Sunday services -**



**CELTIC ENCOUNTER – ST COLOMBA and his Coracle**

**THURSDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST at 4pm in the Olive Garden, St Mary’s Churchyard, Brighstone** St Columba of Iona-The Saint of prayer and mission. Come and meet St Columba and see his coracle. St Columba will be interviewed about his life and ministry. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome. In church if wet.

**SMUGGLERS MOSAIC** The Community Mosaic Group meeting at St Mary's in Brighstone has completed the Smugglers Mosaic which was commissioned by the Parish Council. About 25 people (including those preparing the plywood base) have taken part in making the circular mosaic which is 4 ft in diameter. It has been a challenging project but the group have greatly enjoyed it. The mosaic was originally destined to enhance the outside wall of the toilets in the Brighstone Car park but has been promoted to a central position in the village outside the Wilberforce Village Hall. We hope to have an event in the village with Rev Jackie and John Cirrone from the Council unveiling it along with the Brighstone Barnacles singing their new Smugglers Song. The unveiling is likely to be in August and further details will be made known so you can come along if you would like to do so. Alison



## FUNDRAISING AT ST MARY’S BRIGHSTONE

If you enjoy walking or cycling, **the RIDE and STRIDE event on 13<sup>th</sup> September**, would be pleased to have you aboard. It’s a sponsored event where folk visit as many churches as they wish, signing in and having refreshments on their journey. Sponsor forms are available from June Horsfall and Miriam Crewe and a copy is being circulated with this Bulletin. Copies will also be available in Brighstone church. To find out more see the attached poster or go to this web address. [Taking Part – Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust](#) – You can also download a sponsor form from the website.



## ST PETER'S, SHORWELL

### SUNDAY SERVICES THIS MONTH

SUN 10<sup>th</sup> AUG 11.00

HOLY COMMUNION

SUN 24<sup>th</sup> AUG 17.00

FLOWER FESTIVAL SERVICE OF PRAISE

**SAT 2<sup>nd</sup> AUG 10-12, Garden Tidy Up** – *meet at the Church. Refreshments afterwards*

**WED 20<sup>th</sup> AUG 10-12, Bacon Butties** at Shorwell Parish Hall

**FRI 22<sup>nd</sup> - MON 25<sup>th</sup> AUG - FLOWER FESTIVAL** at St Peter's, 10am - 5pm

Refreshments & Teas 1pm-4pm, (instead of the August Coffee Morning).

**SUN 24<sup>th</sup> AUG at 5pm, Flower Praise Service.**

**SAT 2<sup>nd</sup> AUG & 6<sup>th</sup> SEPT, 10-12 noon,**

Gardening Tidy up, meet at the Church. Refreshments afterwards.

### COMING UP ...

*Sunday 14 September, 11am, Holy Communion*

*Wednesday 17 September, 10-12, Bacon Butties at Shorwell Parish Hall*

*Thursday 18 September, 10-12, Coffee Morning for the Church Fabric Fund*

*Thursday 18 September, 7-9pm, The Victoria Cross & Commonwealth War*

*Graves – Stories of Valour – talk by Keith Lumley at Shorwell Parish Hall*

*Tuesday 23 September, 2-4pm, Craft Afternoon at St. Peter's*

*Sunday 28 September, 11am, Harvest Festival*

### THANK YOU

**Sarah and Richard Jenman for hosting the strawberry tea which raised over £400 for the church fabric fund.**

*Future Events for your diary*

*Friday 14 November, 7-9pm, Romans, Saxons – and Jutes ? The Archaeology of Southwest Wight Part 2 – talk by Alan Phillips at Shorwell Parish Hall*

## FIFTH SUNDAY BENEFICE SERVICE



Our next whole Benefice service will be -

**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST - ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET at 11.00am**  
**A JOYFUL SUMMER CELEBRATION**

Please be in touch with Jackie or Mark or Julia if you can contribute as a musician, singer, reader, intercessor.

## OTHER NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE

### CURATES' CORNER –



The very observant among you may have noticed the slight change to the name of this corner, from Curate's Corner to Curates' Corner. This is because there are now two Curates serving in West Wight and I'm the new one, Jane. I was ordained as a Deacon on the 28<sup>th</sup> June at Portsmouth Cathedral; the same day that Charlotte was ordained as a Priest in the afternoon.

And then on the following day Charlotte presided at her first Eucharist, at The Benefice service with me supporting her as deacon.

It was a truly wonderful weekend, a culmination of us following God's call on our lives. It often astonishes me, and I know it shouldn't, at how God's gets people to where He wants them.



I was teaching at Christ the King when I finally accepted that God was calling me into ministry. Since then, I have moved schools to The Priory in Whippingham and have been able to train as a Reader and then for ordination. Those of you who are part of the Christ Church, Totland and Shalfleet church families, have got to know me as I have been serving there as a Reader for the last 18 months. I live with a small dog, Kerin, in Carisbrooke but God has continued to call me to the West Wight and it will be a joy to get to know and serve many more of you over the next few years.

My prayer for you is that, as you listen to God and the call He has placed upon your lives (whatever form that may take) you find the same joy in following that call as Charlotte and I had, on the 28<sup>th</sup> and continue to have.

Oh - and worry not, Charlotte will be back on here next month.

## CELTIC ENCOUNTER QUIET MORNING - PORCHFIELD

**Advance Notice of a Celtic Encounter Quiet Morning on the theme “Living Landscapes” at Porchfield Village Hall on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 10 am-2pm.**

Using the images of different landscapes we will take a spiritual journey through landscapes of life thinking about what we carry with us on our journey? Which landscape do we find ourselves in and what can help us as we journey on? We hope to share communion and a light lunch together during



the time. All welcome. No cost but donations towards hall hire and lunch welcome. Booking is however required. *For further info contact Alison on 07870 509153 or [alimascarenhas@aol.com](mailto:alimascarenhas@aol.com).*

## YOUNG PEOPLE IN WEST WIGHT

There are three church schools and two youth projects within the West Wight Mission Community.

- The Federation Church Schools of Shalfleet and Freshwater & Yarmouth.
- Brighstone Church of England Aided Primary School
- The **West Wight Churches Youth Project (WWCYP)** - [www.wwcyp.com](http://www.wwcyp.com)
- The **South Wight Area Youth (SWAY)** - [www.southwightyouth.org](http://www.southwightyouth.org) for School Years 6 to 13

**SCHOOL SNIPPETS** - Sharing snippets of news from our associated church schools.

## THE FEDERATION CHURCH SCHOOLS OF SHALFLEET AND FRESHWATER & YARMOUTH



On the 24<sup>th</sup> July, the Federation held a thank you tea party for all volunteers and supporters of the schools. With parents, Governors, community members, school volunteers, members of the church, the parish and town councils invited to say a huge thank you for all they have done for the children this year.

It was absolutely amazing to see the support the schools received with over 80 invitations being sent out. It was an event to celebrate the children, the school and the wonderful

West Wight Community coming together for a positive cause. The Federation values relationships highly and we are lucky to have strong friendships with so many members of the community.



again next year!

Tea and coffee flowed and guests were tempted with beautiful cakes and a cream tea. They were entertained by two of the year 6 children on piano - enjoying listening to the Wallace and Gromit theme tune! It was a wonderful way to end the school year. Thank you again for ALL your support and we look forward to working with you all



**Headteacher Elizabeth Grainger**



## **BRIGHSTONE CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **Brighstone CE Aided Primary School**

By the time you read this, our wonderful Y6 children will have moved onto pastures new. Many tears were shed (by pupils, staff and parents/carers!) as they said goodbye to primary school. During their

Leavers' Service in St Mary's Church, they shared their memories of their time at Brighstone and received their Bibles and Leavers' Books.

The week before, they had taken part in the Diocesan Leavers' Service at Portsmouth Cathedral, where our two head pupils proudly walked our school banner down the aisle and another pupil had the honour of receiving the Y6 candle.



Our Y6 children also had an amazing three days in London on their residential. We had a flight on the London Eye, enjoyed a river cruise, gazed in awe at the artefacts on display at the British Museum, had fun at Back to the Future musical, had a tour and workshop at the Houses of Parliament (and had a Q&A session with our MP Richard Quigley), visited the Tower of London and did lots of walking!

The sun shone down on us at Brighstone Horticultural Society's Summer Show, where the children put on another display of country dancing, including two maypole dances. Well done and thank you to all those children.

Our talented children wowed family and friends with their recent performances of The Bee Musical, put on in the marquee on the field. This show emphasised the importance of bees and everything they do for us. All the children, with their dancing, acting and singing, were amazing!



We are going to have a busy summer holiday as we set up our new Resourced Provision for children with additional needs. We are also continuing to develop the therapeutic approach for the whole school. If anyone has any plants, or any cushions, throws, armchairs and lamps in neutral colours that they don't want anymore, please do consider donating them to us. We will be very grateful!

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

**Mrs Rebecca Lennon**

**Headteacher**

### **SWAY**

**THUR 31st July Crabbing at Ventnor Beach, Esplanade** 1pm to 3pm Open to all SWAY families. Free. Booking required in case of weather changes and providing bait and buckets.

**Chale Show (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug)** are looking for **car parking SWAY volunteers** to help on the **2nd** 10am-1pm or 1pm-4:30pm in exchange for a ticket into the event and complimentary refreshments. Please contact SWAY Office to offer volunteering time.

**TUES, 5th August A day at Robin Hill Adventure Park** This trip is *PROVISIONAL dependent on interest*. Open to SWAY young people, limited places, so please reserve a place early. Cost £12 per person. *Payment will be requested once we can confirm the trip is going ahead*. Please contact SWAY office for further information. Shared transport a possibility.

**THUR 7th August Royal Navy Flagship Tour at Cowes** 2.30pm – 3.30pm Visit open to all SWAY families and young people. Free. Booking with SWAY office required and for more details. Meeting at the Royal Navy stand on the sea front.

**TUES 12th to Sunday 17th August 2025, 6 day residential trip in Brecon Beacons: Fully Booked**

**TUES 26th August - Fun on the Green** at Chale: 2.30pm-4pm Open to all ages and families: Crafts, games and refreshments FREE. No booking required.



## BRIGHSTONE PRAYER LIST FOR THIS MONTH:

*Staff and residents of Brighstone Grange Care Home,  
David Woodford, Pete Horsfall, Robert, Keith Cram, Pat Conn.  
R.I.P. Rev Clive Todd previous Rector. We pray for Carolyne.  
And we pray for the families of all those recently bereaved..*

*(If anyone else leads a prayer chain or holds a prayer list in our parishes and wishes to share the names of people who would appreciate ongoing prayers, please let me know - JB/Editor)*

<b>SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE PRINCIPAL SERVICES (&amp; COLOURS)</b> (as per the Redemptorist reading sheets & Common Lectionary 2025)		
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August Green	Ecclesiastes 1:2. 12-14; 2:18-23 Colossians 3:1-11	Psalms 49:1-12 Luke 12:13-21
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> August Green	Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-3. 8-16	Psalms 33:12-end Luke 12:32-40
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> August Green	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2	Psalms 82 Luke 12:49-56
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> August Green	Isaiah 58:9b-end Hebrews 12:18-end	Psalms 103:1-8 Luke 13:10-17
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> August Green	Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18 Hebrews 13:1-8. 15-16	Psalms 112 Luke 14:1.7-14

## WEST WIGHT BENEFICE ONLINE

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89138461616?pwd=se2Ob0GQMzklOUpfWj1LImlq8d0x7U.1>

Meeting ID: 891 3846 1616      Passcode: 517505

**SUNDAY WORSHIP ON THE FOURTH Sunday of the Month at 11am:**

Use the following link just before the service

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83892943909?pwd=VFIRRW5IL25EeDVwY29kYWQvcXFLQT09>

## MOTHERS UNION – FRESHWATER Shared by Anne Linington

For the past two years it has been my privilege to lead the Mothers Union “Wave of prayer” service at All Saints Church in June. During the service we heard from Lynn Lawrence about the international work of MU as well as the local group which meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall. Readings and prayers were lead by MU members.

The monthly meetings begin with a service in the Rectory chapel, and these will occasionally be a communion service lead by one of the clergy team. Following the service, there is a welcome cup of tea whilst the afternoon's “business” is addressed, and then a speaker is invited to give a talk. All manner of people and topics are covered during the year, Paul Shoulders and Paul Maher being two that come to mind.

I was asked to speak at the July meeting, which was one of our very warm afternoons. Initially I was going to speak on poetry and photography but decided that was too wide a subject. Plan 2 was “My life in words”, and I was going to include some letters- sent and received in addition to some poetry; Having used up the allotted time, I found I'd only reached aged seventeen, so I did a major rethink!

I settled on “My life in my own words” with one poem for each decade in which I have lived i.e. 1950's to 2020's. I also added in an additional one at the beginning, called “The Plough” which tied in with the readings used in the service. It acknowledges growing up in an agricultural community in East Devon where the A38 (now the M5), the Great Western Railway and the Grand Western Canal come together. The final poem to send people on their way smiling was called “My corset” - one prescribed for a bad

back I should add. When I watched the video of me reading it at my 70<sup>th</sup> last year, I sounded decidedly Pam Ayres-ish.

I am grateful that despite the heat, no-one nodded off, people laughed in the right places and listened to the more meaningful pieces and the background to why and when they were written. We recalled the free plastic flowers that came with washing powder, the changing West Wight with the closure of its last bank, and the challenge to sometimes “do it scared” in order to overcome our fears. Hopefully my talk covered the ups and downs of life that all of us face yet reminding us of the faithful presence of God throughout.

The Mothers Union have other events during the year, including a cream tea, outing and a lunch. Men are welcome as well as ladies, and despite the title, those who have not had their own children because “mothering” comes in many different forms. Members come from Freshwater, All Saints and St. Agnes, but also Christ Church, Totland, Colwell Baptist and St. James' Yarmouth. I'm sure you would be made very welcome.

*Anne Linington*

**Thank you to Anne** for sharing this piece relating to The Mothers' Union. If you want to know more about the worldwide Mothers' Union movement check out their website - [Our story | Mothers' Union](#) from which the following is taken -

*“The Mothers' Union movement began in 1876. Mary Sumner, the wife of a rector in Hampshire, set up a group to support mothers of all kinds in bringing up their children. After delivering a speech in 1885 to churchgoing women at the Portsmouth Church Congress, she inspired many of them to go back to their parishes and set up similar groups.*

*Over time the groups who met as Mothers' Union became embedded in their communities. They forged strong links with local people and the Anglican Church. They worked to support one another and give a voice to disadvantaged women while addressing wider societal issues. Driven by Mary Sumner's passion for the role of women in bringing about a better society, the groups proved very popular.*

*The movement today is made up of hundreds of individual Mothers' Union charities spread across 83 countries, making up four million members worldwide. Mothers' Union is unique in that members work together to solve challenges in their local communities. By helping to restore and strengthen relationships in families and communities, the movement gives a sense of belonging and purpose”.*

## **CARISBROOKE PRIORY**

**The next Quiet Day at Carisbrooke Priory will be SAT 13<sup>th</sup> SEPT 10.00am to 4.00pm**

A day of silence and reflection in the company of Julian of Norwich

Book by 5<sup>th</sup> Sept by calling 01983 523354 or emailing [admin@carisbrookepriory.org.uk](mailto:admin@carisbrookepriory.org.uk) Bring a picnic.

Guided meditations by Rosie Deed., Hot and cold drinks provided. Bring paper and pen.

Suggested donation £15

## **REVD CLIVE TODD**

We learnt recently that Revd Clive Todd sadly passed away from Motor Neurone Disease on July 5th.

For those who perhaps didn't know Clive, he was appointed Team Rector in 2018 (at the same time as Leisa being appointed as Team Vicar) back at the formation of the West Wight Mission Community. On hearing this news many people have commented how he was often to be found cycling around ‘his patch’ here in West Wight. Enjoying the countryside and getting to know the parishes under his care. He made the decision to move back to the mainland in early 2020. We understand that following his subsequent retirement he became ill very quickly. Please keep Clive and his family in your prayers.



## **AUGUST 2025 SERVICES WITHIN THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE** (correct at circulation).

### **SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST – Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

09.30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	HOLY COMMUNION
09.30	HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	SOLACE (Morning Worship)
11.00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	ST SWITHIN, THORLEY	HOLY COMMUNION
18.00	ST MARY'S, BROOK	EVENSONG

### **THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

11.30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING PRAYER (Soup lunch to follow)
16.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	CELTIC ENCOUNTER

### **SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

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

### **TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

15.00	PORCHFIELD VILLAGE HALL	CELTIC ENCOUNTER
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### **THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

18.00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
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### **SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – Nineth Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

08:30	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	MORNING PRAYER
09.30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP
09:30	ST SWITHIN, THORLEY	MORNING WORSHIP
11:00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	HOLY COMMUNION
11:30	ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE	MORNING WORSHIP
15:00	HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN	EVENSONG
16:30	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	AFTERNOON WORSHIP
18:00	ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE	EVENSONG

### **SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

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 MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
11:00	HOME ZOOM	ZOOM
17.00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	'FLOWER FESTIVAL' SERVICE
18:00	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	HOLY COMMUNION

### **SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

11.00	ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET	WHOLE BENEFICE SUMMER CELEBRATION
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**MORNING PRAYER - IS SAID EACH THURSDAY AT 8AM AT ST MARY'S BRIGHSTONE**

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