

THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE BULLETIN OCTOBER 2025

with details of services, events, who's who and what's what!

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HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN ▪ ST SWITHIN, THORLEY
ST MARY'S, BROOK ▪ ST PETER'S & ST PAUL'S, MOTTISTONE
ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE ▪ ST PETER'S, SHORWELL

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*"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
a time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace."*

(Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8)

CLERGY THOUGHTS

Whatever be fall?

We often get sidetracked with Americanisms in our language, notably in this season of Autumn – our 'across-the-pond' friends calling it the Fall. But strangely in Old English Spring originated from the 'spring of the leaf' and Autumn from the 'fall of the leaf' - taken with the language by the founding fathers to the American shore, whilst here we gradually adopted the more Latin/French based word 'autumn' – derived from an ancient meaning 'passing of the year'! The Fall came first (much has been written about that!!!).



But 'whatever be Fall?' is a good question because Autumn is losing its usual defining characteristics, conkers arrive early, tomatoes and some flowers that would have lingered into autumn have given up – nature seems to have been caught up in the tumult, confusions, and instabilities that assail the world at the moment. National politics, international relationship, war, post-truth media and the poor

shepherding of people across the world in many, often desperate and deathly ways brings distortions and dis-ease to our humanity and purpose, to our lives and meaning.

It seems presumptuous to think that we can do anything about what seems to be global issue. We probably cannot easily change the weather, but as those in Christ, we can, by our words and witness, seek to bring a calm and peace to the worlds in which we live and move and have our being. In this 'falling' season we can gather anew baskets of the fruits of the Spirit gifted to us in Christ and share them generously with those around us. We can make effort each day to affirm the faith we have in Christ by revisiting our following of all that he is to us and all that he has called us to be.

Most of all, when it is so easy to be distracted by the tragedies of humanity's strife and so easy caught up in all the harsh negativities, we must make sure that our vision is on Christ and all he has achieved for us and all people through his death and resurrection – to make sure our focus, our faith and our following is firmly placed there - even if it seems at times to push against the rough tides and storms of the world.

The beautiful hymn 'Be thou my vision..', based on an Old Irish c6th poem written in stormy and violent times, could be used as a helpful reflection and prayer piece at times like this for us.

It reminds us to focus on God for the wisdom and truth we need to live by, that he is with us in all circumstances, protects us, arms us with the sword of his Spirit, reminds us that we are heavenly inheritors with Christ who will provide all we need since he is Ruler of all.

The more we can live in the fullness of this through our lives in our communities, in our work and our worlds, we will make a difference that will matter to many others - and pray that in the 'passing of the year' truth may prevail and love conquer.

What a beautiful encouragement is found in the conclusion of this precious hymn:

**Christ of my own heart, whatever befall.
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

May we all find courage and joy in our lives and witness.

Rev'd Mark

Be Thou My Vision

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, in the day and the night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

*Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my armour, and be thou my might;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower:
Raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, through all my days;
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, when battle is done,
Grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun!
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Amen.

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



SUN 19th OCT AFTERNOON CONCERT with the SOLENT SWING BAND

at All Saints, Freshwater on Sunday 19th October at 2.30pm. Refreshments, Raffle and Retiring Collection. All Welcome."

MON 27th OCT - CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER – ST AGNES CHURCH – 6.00pm for around 45 mins. *“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.”* ALL 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.

THE CRAFT GROUP will meet in All Saints on **Mondays 13th and 27th October**. All welcome for craft, tea and chat. Bring a project or join in with the church craft 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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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

All are invited to Christ Church Totland Bay for coffee and cake on **Friday 3rd October** between 10.30am and 12 noon. Donations for MacMillan Cancer Support.

HARVEST FESTIVAL Our harvest festival takes place on **Sunday 5th October at 11am** and there will be several opportunities to share a Harvest blessing with those in need:



- Donations of food (tins or packets) for the IW foodbank
- Loose plate collection for the work of WaterAid
- Homemade chutneys will be on sale with proceeds going to Adonai Family Uganda

The service will be followed by Harvest Lunch. Tickets £6 from Jane, Lesley, Margaret or Irene.

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 to everyone who contributed items for the food bank at our harvest service. We had a good collection. We also took a collection for Medecins Sans Frontiers. If anyone who wasn't there would like to contribute please contact Michael Beavis.

THANK YOU TO JANET HARDING

Janet Harding stepped down as Churchwarden, at the APCM earlier in the year.

At the start of the Harvest Festival service, Janet was presented with gifts, including artists paints and equipment along with some plants, in recognition of her many years of dedication to the St James community. In spite of stepping down as Churchwarden Janet remains fully committed to St James and will remain on the PCC as Deanery Synod Representative.

Janet’s pastoral work continues – as she gives generously of her time in looking after many of the older and more vulnerable members of the Yarmouth community.

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.

SUN 5 th OCT	BROOK	6.00pm	EVENSONG
SUN 12 th OCT	MOTTISTONE	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
SUN 19 th OCT	MOTTISTONE	6.00pm	EVENSONG
SUN 26 th OCT	BROOK	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION



ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE

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In addition to our regular Sunday services -

CONCERT AND CAKE - SAT 4th OCT at 3.00pm – Brighstone St Mary's are hosting - ... an Autumn Concert featuring a variety of acoustic musical styles, including folk, classical and original songs.

Musicians include the Brighstone Barnacles, St Mary's Church Choir, and soloists and duos from near and far, with MC Peter Johnson.

On Saturday 4th OCT at St Mary's Church, Brighstone, starting 3pm. Free entry, donations for refreshments in aid of church funds.



SHOUT OUT FOR HELP for the concert!! We are looking for volunteers to provide cakes and/or help with serving refreshments. If anyone is willing, please could they email Alex on alexlouisewest@gmail.com



ST PETER'S, SHORWELL

SUNDAY SERVICES THIS MONTH

SUN	12 th OCT	11.00	HOLY COMMUNION
SUN	19 th OCT	17.00	EVENSONG
SUN	26 th OCT	11.00	MORNING WORSHIP

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

WED	15 th OCT	10am to Midday	BACON BUTTIES at Shorwell Parish Hall.
THUR	16 th OCT	10am to Midday	COFFEE MORNING for the Church Fabric Fund.
TUES	28 th OCT	2pm to 4pm	CRAFT AFTERNOON at St. Peter's.

THANK YOU ...

- to Kathryn & Mike Blee for their generous birthday party donation of over £400 to the Church Fabric Fund;
- to all who made the St Peter's Flower Festival such fun and so interesting and to all the helpers;
- to Hilary and Colin for catering and to Sarah Jenman for co-ordinating the event –

which raised £800 for the Fabric Fund!

FUTURE EVENTS TO NOTE -

Saturday 1st November 10am to 12 noon, Church Gardening - last one of the year.

Friday 14th November 7pm to 9pm Romans, Saxons – and Jutes? The Archaeology of Southwest Wight Part 2 – talk by Alan Phillips at Shorwell Parish Hall. Please register your interest to attend in advance with David Lumley by email [shorwellpccsec@gmail](mailto:shorwellpccsec@gmail.com)

ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE

There will be no Sunday service in October

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

ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET

Our Sunday services this month are

SUN 12th OCT 11.00 MATINS (BCP)
SUN 26th OCT 17.00 EVENSONG – CANTUS VERSPERI

ST SWITHINS, THORLEY

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

Our services this month -

SUN 5th OCT 11.00 HOLY COMMUNION
SUN 19th OCT 09.30 MORNING WORSHIP
SUN 26th OCT 14.30 PET SERVICE

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 (and Porchfield Village Hall)

Our Sunday services this month -

SUN 5th OCT 09:30 HOLY COMMUNION
SUN 19th OCT 15:00 PET SERVICE

OTHER NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE

CURATES' CORNER –

As the leaves start turning golden and the evenings get a wee bit chillier, we step into one of the best-known times in the church year — harvest. It's a season full of meaning, a great chance to slow down, reflect, and say thank you. At school we are busy preparing for our harvest festival, learning those traditional hymns 'We plough the fields and scatter' and 'Come ye thankful people come', and thinking about what we are thankful for.

For generations, harvest has been a time when people came together to celebrate the good things the earth gives us. In the countryside, that meant giving thanks for crops safely brought in. In towns and cities, it's become a chance to remember where our food comes from — and to appreciate the people whose hard work makes it all possible. Whether we live near fields or in flats, the message is the same: everything we have is a gift, and it's worth giving thanks for.

As Christians, we believe that all good things come from God. So at harvest, we don't just think about apples and wheat — we also think about kindness, grace, relationships and the everyday blessings we might not always notice. It's a great time to take stock of what we've got, and to think about how we might share it with others.

Harvest is also about doing something. The Bible reminds us that thankfulness and generosity go hand in hand. In 2 Corinthians 9:11, Paul says, "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." In other words, giving thanks should move us to give — whether that's to the local food bank, a neighbour in need, or a cause close to your heart.

So this harvest, let's pause and say thank you — for food, for friendship, for faith, and for all the quiet ways God keeps providing. And let's find joy not just in what we receive, but also in what we give.

Rev'd Jane Shyvers



PET BLESSINGS ALL AROUND

This Autumn in the season of Creationtide, we invite you to join us for special Pet Blessing Services in our most rural spaces about our West Wight churches:

- Newtown Church, set in a seascape of Outstanding Natural Beauty, where creation's salty air and earthy richness is all around. 3pm 19th October
- Thorley Church, set amongst the breadbasket at the heart of farming, where even the herd animals and alpacas are welcome! 2.30pm, 26th October.

Bring your pets—or simply come in thanksgiving for “all creatures great and small.” Together, we will celebrate the bond we share with animals and lift our praise to the Creator who made and loves them all. See enclosed posters for more detail.



“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.” (Psalm 150:6).

Love from **Rev Charlotte** and your fellow Guardians for Creation x

MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING

Chris Jagger and David Smith from Christ Church are intending to start a monthly men's breakfast meeting this autumn. They both belonged to a group in Godalming prior to moving to West Wight and found the meetings interesting, stimulating and supportive. Breakfast venues are being explored and two local establishments are more than willing for us to meet there. Back in Godalming the men used to meet up for a pint in a local hostelry from time to time in the evenings and this might also appeal? Paul Shoulders and Matthew Akers from All Saints have met up with Chris and David so we already have a vibrant core group.

The breakfast meetings would be informal and discussion- based looking at topics of shared interest and concern and exploring a wide range of subjects. Meetings would be early on Saturday mornings with an early start and prompt finish. The Godalming group met at 8 am finishing shortly after 9 am but a slightly later start may be more appropriate?

If this appeals please register your interest by contacting Chris by e mail chrisjagger42@gmail.com or by text at 07818675528'

THE COMMISSIONING OF ALISON MASCARENHAS.

SAT 11th OCTOBER – 2.00pm

Alison Mascarenhas, is to be commissioned as a lay pioneer at a service at St Mary's Church in Brighstone on Saturday, 11th October at 2pm. This recognises Alison's new and innovative ways, how she has engaged with the church community and welcomed the wider community. **She will be the first commissioned lay pioneer in the Diocese of Portsmouth.**

Alison moved to the island 10 years ago and has been a member of St Mary's in Brighstone since then. Four years ago she felt a call to go outside the walls of the church and invited the village community to help clear a wilderness area of the churchyard. She thought that this might be all God was asking but after the clearance, felt God was



*An Invitation to
The Commissioning of Alison Mascarenhas
Lay Pioneer to West Wight Benefice*

**2pm Saturday 11th October
at**

**St Mary's Church
Rectory Lane, Brighstone, PO30 4QH**

*Followed by refreshments
RSVP Paula Woods
bbmcsparishes@gmail.com*



leading her on and with the community created the Olive Garden with biblical plants and seating. Nature talks in the Olive Garden with expert speakers are held there which attract many from the community. Alison has an interest in Celtic style of worship and together with Gill Bradbury created Celtic Encounters. These short times of outdoor worship in the Olive Garden are proving popular. Feeling the Olive Garden was lacking something she reclaimed a glass tabletop from one of her clients gardens and saw the possibility of creating some art for the Olive Garden. The Tree of life mosaic was created by the community to celebrate the Queens Jubilee in 2022. The Brighstone Community Mosaic Group was formed and has now made an 8 foot Celtic Cross, a nativity display and Advent Calendar for the Christmas Tree Festival. Recently the Group was commissioned by the Parish Council to create a large panel on the history of smuggling in the village which will be displayed outside the Village Hall.

An invitation to the Commissioning service is included in this Bulletin. All are welcome to attend.

VICTORIA CROSS TRUST VISIT

Shared by David Lumley – Brighstone



The Victoria Cross Trust visited the Isle of Wight as planned this week and in spite of mechanical issues 43 headstones were cleaned / repaired / maintained across the island. Amongst those were the repair of the Ledger (Nurse Appleton) headstone in Brighstone New Cemetery which had become detached from its base and the War Memorial at Calbourne All Saints. I am hoping that the team will return in 2026 and it would help if



anyone knew of any military related headstones / memorials that need cleaning / repairing, could let me know and I will contact the Trust.

I have included a couple of images and a link to the Trust's Facebook page for information.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/VCTrust/permalink/3332310970257181/>

CELTIC ENCOUNTER QUIET MORNING - PORCHFIELD

You are invited to a **Celtic Encounter Quiet Morning** on the theme **"Living Landscapes"** at Porchfield Village Hall on **Thursday, 16th OCT 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?

Revd Jenny Manners will preside over communion and we will share 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 and to book contact Alison on 07870 509153 or alimascarenhas@aol.com. Please book by **Monday 6th OCT** and let us know of any special dietary requirements too.



POETRY SUCCESS

Congratulations to Gill Bradbury who recently won second prize in Embracing Age's Poetry Competition. Embracing Age is a Christian charity which works with residents in care homes. The poem will be broadcast on Pam Rhodes Sunday programme on Premier Christian Radio between 8.00 and 10.00 am on the 5th October or can be read on: <https://www.embracingage.org.uk/poetry.html> along with the judges' comments. Do check it out – it will resonate with any of our wonderful West Wight churches.

Liz Hoare (also of St. Mary's, Brighstone) was commended for her entry. Both poems can be found in the anthology of some of this year's poems produced by Embracing Age, which may be purchased from their website. Gill's poem is below but do check out the Embracing Age website for further information regarding the poetry competition and other aspects of Embracing Age.



An Age of Faith by Gill Bradbury

A place of beauty and refuge
for a thousand years or so,
the parish church has been standing,
heaven's witness here below.

At half its age the yew tree grows
beside the church's door;
symbol of immortality,
according to ancient lore.

Its bells have rung for hundreds of years
to tell the village folk
through plague and famine and skirmishes
that this is a place of hope.

Looking about I have to say,
approaching my eightieth year,
surrounded by all this history,
I feel I'm a youngster here.

My faith is just a tiny part
of this symbol of love and care
of the saints who have worshipped age by age
and filled this place with prayer.

As it's comforted those with doubts and fears
eternal truth held high,
I trust in my increasing years,
by God's grace so shall I

WORRIED THAT YOU MIGHT GET CAUGHT BY A SCAM?

Do you suffer with

- Unwanted Scam and Nuisance phone calls?
- Emails that don't look genuine or ask you to click on links or attachments or ask you to purchase a gift card?
- Do you get mail telling you that you have won millions of pounds in a prize draw that you haven't entered?



Paula Woods has arranged for 3 opportunities to attend a talk giving information about how to spot scams and keep yourself safe. Apologies that they are all mornings but we're dependant on the speaker's availability. Dates/Times/Venues:

- **Thursday 9th OCT 10.30am Shalfleet Village Hall**
- **Tuesday 21st OCT 10.30am St Mary's church, Brighstone**
- **Thursday 23rd OCT 10.30am The Annexe, Christ Church, Totland Bay**

The talks will be given by Sally Ash - Enforcement and Community Protection Officer for Trading Standards Isle of Wight in conjunction with other agencies such as Citizens Advice and Action Fraud as part of IWASP (Isle of Wight Against Scam Partnership)

Sally will talk primarily about online scams and being safe online but will also discuss doorstep crime and phone scams as unfortunately once you have fallen victim to a scam you are more likely to be targeted repeatedly

The talk lasts about an hour and is open to anyone – so do invite others if you think they might be interested. It would be helpful to have an idea of numbers so please let Paula know if you will be attending.

Don't get stung by scams! To book a place at one of the talks please contact Paula Woods bbmcsparishes@gmail.com or 07930 670547

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
- The **South Wight Area Youth (SWAY)** - www.southwightyouth.org for School Years 6 to 13

SWAY

ANNUAL REVIEW

Dear SWAY Families and Supporters,

Please look out for a copy of South Wight Area Youth Partnership Charity Annual Review 2024/25 which gives you a year's overview of SWAY's activities with our youth and families in the South Wight community. It is with a heartfelt thank you to all for the support given to SWAY's work.

You can also visit our website or Facebook to find out more about SWAY events and photos on:

<https://www.southwightyouth.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Southwightyouth>

WHAT'S ON IN THE HUB?

Youth Group: Weds 4.30pm to 6.00pm for children in school years 4 to 7 - Starting Wed 1st October.

COMING SOON: Place of Welcome, Top Up Shop, Community Pantry, Café and more.

Catherine Hoare - SWAY Administrator - Office: 07880951243

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



THE FEDERATION CHURCH SCHOOLS OF SHALFLEET AND FRESHWATER & YARMOUTH

Welcome Back to a New School Year!

As we begin the new academic year, I'm delighted to welcome all our families back to school. A special mention goes to our new Reception children, who have settled in brilliantly. Their confidence, enthusiasm, and smiles have brought a real buzz to the start of term!

We have an exciting and engaging curriculum planned for the year ahead, enriched by a wide range of meaningful mainland trips. These experiences are closely linked to our Federation Development Plan, ensuring our children enjoy deep, purposeful learning both inside and outside the classroom.

We are also very much looking forward to welcoming Bishop Jonathan to our Federation in early October. His visit will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase our schools and for him to bless our children and staff as we embark on another year of growth and learning together.

In other exciting news, we're thrilled to announce that *Little Stars Preschool at Freshwater* will be taking over *Freshwater Early Years*. With a planned premises revamp, this will create a fantastic, improved space—an excellent addition to the Federation. We're excited to be working closely with Sadie Gooding (Federation Pre School Manager) and Lucy Millar (Deputy Federation Pre School Manager) to make this new venture a real success. Together, we are committed to driving both of our Federation preschools towards excellence.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!
Lizzie Grainger (Head Teacher)

BRIGHSTONE CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



We had a busy time over the summer holidays. There were lots of contractors in as they prepared our new Resourced Provision. This will be for children with additional needs, who have been referred to us via the EHCP Annual Review process. We are looking forward to welcoming them to our school!



Throughout the holidays, we also spent a lot of time ensuring that all our classrooms and communal areas are calm and therapeutic, with natural display boards, plants, soft seating areas and some soft lighting rather than too many bright overhead lights. We have got a new staffroom area, and we have rearranged our school library to create cosy seating areas. I would like to thank the staff, governors and parents who helped to make all of this happen, and especially our site manager, Mr Freeman, without whom this wouldn't have been completed on time.

The children have enjoyed spotting all the changes in the school and have settled back into school life really well.

Our PTFA, the Brighstone School Association (BSA), is a very active group, in more ways than one! As part of their ongoing efforts to

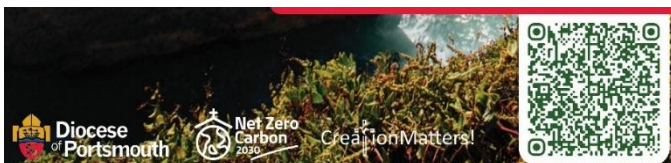


help raise money for the school, they hold an annual Relay Race against Nine Acres Primary School. A team of staff, parents and children run around the island (which has been half of the island in recent years due to coastal erosion) to raise money. This year, it was a nail-biting finish, and our team won by 20 seconds. An incredible £855 was raised for our school! All monies raised through all of the fundraising events goes towards reducing the cost of trips and buying extras for the children. Thank you!

Mrs Rebecca Lennon
Headteacher

TOWARDS AN ECO ISLAND

Net Zero Conference at Newport Minster - Saturday 18th OCT



An inspirational and practical conference to help churches on the net zero journey. See poster for details or follow the QR code or use this link - bit.ly/iow-nzc-25

BRIGHSTONE PRAYER LIST FOR THIS MONTH:

*Staff and residents of Brighstone
Grange Care Home,
David Woodford,
Keith Cram, Pat Conn, Bob Castle.*

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)

SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE PRINCIPAL SERVICES (& COLOURS)

(as per the Redemptorist reading sheets & Common Lectionary 2025)

Sunday 5 th Oct Green	Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4 2 Timothy 1: 1-14	Psalms 37:1-9 Luke 17: 5-10
Sunday 12 th Oct Green	2 Kings 5: 1-3,7-15c 2 Timothy 2: 8-15	Psalms 111 Luke 17: 11-19
Sunday 19 th Oct Green	Genesis 32: 22-31 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5	Psalms 121 Luke 18: 1-8
Sunday 26 th Oct Green – Bible Sunday	Isaiah 45: 22-end Romans 15: 1-6	Psalms 119: 129-136 Luke 4: 16-24
No 5 th Sunday		

WEST WIGHT BENEFICE ONLINE

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

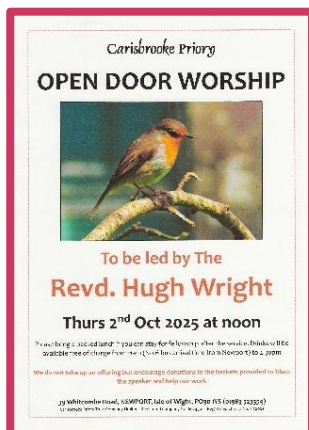
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89138461616?pwd=se2Ob0GQMa2kIObpfWJ1LlImq8d0x7U.1>

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=VF1rRW5lL25EeDVwY29kYWQvcXFLQT09>



CARISBROOKE PRIORY

**THURS 2nd OCT Midday
OPEN DOOR WORSHIP**

To be led by Revd Hugh Wright.

Bring a packed lunch if you can stay for fellowship after the service.

Drinks available from 11.00am

Look out for full poster for details or to share

OCT 2025 SERVICES - THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE (correct at circulation).

THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER

11.30 ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER MORNING PRAYER (Soup lunch to follow)

SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER - Seventeenth 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 for HARVEST

THURSDAY 16th OCTOBER

10.00 PORCHFIELD VILLAGE HALL QUIET MORNING (See earlier notice)

SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER - Eighteenth 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
09.30	ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	HOLY COMMUNION
15.00	HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN	PET SERVICE
17.00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	EVENSONG
16.30	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	EVENING WORSHIP (refreshments from 16.00)
18.00	ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE	EVENSONG

SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER - Nineteenth 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	HOME ZOOM	ZOOM
11.00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	MORNING WORSHIP
14.30	ST SWITHIN, THORLEY	PET SERVICE
17.00	ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET	EVENSONG with CANTUS VESPERI
18.00	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	HOLY COMMUNION

MONDAY 27th OCTOBER

18.00 ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

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

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