

**In Touch** with the Bourne Valley Churches  
in the Parishes of Cholderton, Newton Tony, St Nicholas Porton & District,  
Winterbourne Gunner, Winterbourne Earls with Dauntsey, Ford and Hurdcott

**Benefice website: [www.bournevalleychurches.org.uk](http://www.bournevalleychurches.org.uk)**

*Thank you to everyone who helped with, and came to, **Messy Church** for our 'Christmas Special' last week – it was fun to be in the church. The next Messy Church will be on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** from **3.30pm** until 5.00pm in the **Glebe Hall**, so please 'save the date' and we will see you then... For more details, email Margaret: [margaretjward@btinternet.com](mailto:margaretjward@btinternet.com) or Jenny: [jenny.head@live.co.uk](mailto:jenny.head@live.co.uk)*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent (Year A) (Purple)**

St Andrew's Newton Tony	9.30am Holy Communion (POE)
St Nicholas' Porton	9.30am <b>Carol Service</b> (DP)
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	<b>6.00pm Carol Service</b> (POE)
<i>(United Carol Service, with St Mary's &amp; BV Methodists)</i>	

Readings: (Isaiah 35: 1 – 10)    James 5: 7 – 10    Matthew 11: 2 – 11  
or **Carol Service** readings    (or as chosen by the preacher)

Collect    **God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

Please keep our local **Schools** in your prayers, as there are lots of additional, festive activities and events taking place this week, including Christmas and Nativity Services in our Churches. Pray that pupils, families and staff will have the energy they need, and stay as healthy as possible...

On **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, at **6.30pm**, **All Saints, Idmiston** will hold their **Carol Service** so wrap up warmly, and come along to enjoy the carols, Bible readings and refreshments too...

**Thank you so much** for supporting our collection for **Sophie's Legacy** in the marked box in **St Michael & All Angels** church. The collection will be finishing before Christmas, so please make your **final donations** by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Thank you to everyone who has been so generous, your donations have, and will, definitely help many families in need – Abi and Grace

NB: The **BV Link Scheme** will be **closed** for *Christmas* from **5.00pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** to **9.00am Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**. Apart from that period, please call the Coordinator on 01980 611117 – thank you

On **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December** from 2.30pm until 4.00pm, the Community Partnership team are putting on a **Christmas Event** in **Allington**, including **carol singing** in **St John the Baptist** church at 3.15pm. Come along, find lovely Christmas gifts on the stalls, and you may even win in the popular Raffle...!

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A) (Purple)**

St Nicholas' Cholderton	11.00am <b>Carol Service</b> (DC)
St Andrew's Newton Tony	<b>6.00pm Carol Service</b> (POE)
St Andrew's Boscombe	<b>4.00pm Carol Service</b> (POE)
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	11.00am Holy Communion (MW)
St Mary's W Gunner	9.30am BCP Holy Communion (POE)

Readings: *for Advent 4:* (Isaiah 7: 10 – 16)    Romans 1: 1 – 7    Matthew 1: 18 – 25  
or **Carol Service** readings    (or as chosen by the preacher)

Collect    **Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

Advanced notice of **Anglican Christmas Services** in the Bourne Valley:

### Christmas Eve

St Mary's W Gunner	4.00pm Crib Service
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	6.00pm Christingle Service
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	<b>11.30pm</b> Midnight Mass
St Andrew's Newton Tony	<b>11.30pm</b> Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day

St Nicholas' Cholderton	11.00am Christmas Communion
St Nicholas' Porton	<b>10.00am</b> Christmas Communion
St Mary's W Gunner	9.30am BCP Christmas Communion
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	<b>10.45am</b> Christmas Communion

**Club Friday** (the Bourne Valley Day Centre) is looking for **volunteers** to help put fun into the lives of its guests, who are retired people who remain fairly mobile and do not require personal care. Volunteers can help with a range of activities, and join in on a rota basis, to suit availability.

**Club Friday** meets on **Fridays** from 10.00am – 2.30pm in the **Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall** and currently has vacancies for **guests** (as well as volunteer helpers...!). Please contact **Niki Hetreed** on **07789 318759** or via email: [bournevalleyclubf@gmail.com](mailto:bournevalleyclubf@gmail.com) to find out more.

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Looking for a welcoming **Friendship** group...? Over 50s are invited to contact **Amicus** on 07503 006284 or by email: [amicusfriendshipgroup@gmail.com](mailto:amicusfriendshipgroup@gmail.com) to find out more...

The **Salisbury Foodbank** (part of Trussell Trust) continues to value our support as winter brings its own challenges, and you are welcome to leave donations in our **churches**, but the most effective way to donate is via **supermarkets**, as you do your regular shopping, because they match the value of donations placed in their own collecting 'bins' so the Foodbank benefits even more – thank you...

*Please continue to keep in your prayers all for whom this is a difficult time, in whatever way, and particularly we remember those who have recently died, and all who mourn their loss.*

Do make use of the **Bourne Valley Prayer Tree**, so called because it has branches (people who respond to the request to pray) spread throughout the Valley.

**Contact: Ali Joyce** on **01980 619195** or email: [aliloujoyce@gmail.com](mailto:aliloujoyce@gmail.com) to ask for prayer, and please let her know as and when the need for prayer changes – thank you

**Benefice Prayer:** *Be with us, Lord, in all we do and say,  
Visit each home with your peace and love  
Turn all hearts and minds to you, our loving God, in Jesus' name, **Amen***

**NB:** If you would like to receive this '**In Touch**' regularly by email, or wish to discuss anything relating to church or faith, please contact the Rector, Rev'd Peter Ostli-East on **01980 611350** at The Vicarage, Winterbourne Earls SP4 6HA or by email: [revpeterbvt@gmail.com](mailto:revpeterbvt@gmail.com)

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