

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

Our new Benefice website: <https://bournevalleychurches.weebly.com>

‘Church in the Aisle’ at St Michael & All Angels made a good start last week, and those who attended are looking forward to the next one, on Sunday 1 February. If anyone from other Parishes would like to know more about the initiative, with a view perhaps to trying it too, please let me know...

Sunday 11th January 2026 – Baptism of Christ (First Sunday of Epiphany) (Year A) (White)

St Andrew’s Newton Tony	9.30am BCP Holy Communion (POE)
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	11.00am Family Communion (POE)

Readings: Acts 10: 34 – 43 Matthew 3: 13 – 17

Collect **Heavenly Father,**
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognise him as our Lord,
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Amen

Winterbourne Glebe Hall ‘Drop-In Cafe’ is on from 2.00pm to 4.30pm on **Wednesday 14th January**.
Help with IT is available at the Cafe, if required – bring your portable devices, and just ask...!
Call 01980 611311 for more information...

Sunday 18th January 2026 – Second Sunday of Epiphany (Year A) (White)

St Nicholas’ Cholderton	11.00am Holy Communion (SR)
St Nicholas’ Porton	9.30am BCP Matins (AD)
<i>St Michael & All Angels W Earls</i>	10.00am Covenant Service at BV Methodist
<i>& St Mary’s W Gunner (no Anglican Services)</i>	

Anglican Readings: (Isaiah 49: 1 – 7) 1 Corinthians 1: 1 – 9 John 1: 29 – 42
(or as chosen by the preacher)

Collect **Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:**
bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

For several years now, Anglicans in the Winterournes (but *everyone* is welcome...) have joined our sisters and brothers in **Bourne Valley Methodist Church** for their annual **Covenant Service** which offers a deeply meaningful and inspiring ‘recommitment’ to God at the start of each year. Accordingly, there will be no Anglican Services in the two Winterbourne Parishes on Sunday 18th January, as we worship together, and enjoy fellowship in Winterbourne Dauntsey...

Each year, from 18th to 25th January, the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is held, seeking to follow the desire expressed by Jesus in John 17: 20 – 23 that all Christians should be one, united in faith, hope and love. But unity does not necessarily mean *uniformity* - the distinctive aspects of our created nature reveal God’s glory, and diversity is to be embraced, not feared. This year let us pray for greater understanding, harmony, respect and tolerance of those whose understanding, views and practices may differ from ours, yet whose sincere seeking after truth is just as valid as our own.

Please continue to pray for our local **Schools** as the cold weather brings its own additional challenge. Please pray for safety and protection on School journeys, and that staff, pupils and families would be able to stay healthy, enabling everyone to flourish, and learn well.

As tensions around the world remain high, please remember the weekly **Peace Vigils** held at **5.00pm** on **Saturdays** in Salisbury, in the Cheese Market area outside the library, at the edge of the market square. There is no speech-making, no shouting, no sloganeering – just people standing together in silence, bearing witness to the catastrophe in the Middle East, and yearning for justice and peace for the region. David Mooney (email: drsgmooney@gmail.com) regularly attends the Vigils and would be happy to provide more information, and offer a lift to anyone else who wished to attend.

Club Friday (the Bourne Valley Day Centre) is still 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 to find out more.

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

Morning Star (Salisbury) is looking to recruit a part time **Recovery Centre Support Worker** (15 hours per week), based at Morning Star's Life Recovery Centre, Victoria Park, Salisbury. Morning Star (Salisbury) is a pioneering and collaborative local Christian Charity which seeks to support those who may be homeless, at risk of homelessness, in recovery, or in need due to physical or mental ill health or poverty. The charity's work is rooted in faith, hope and love for those it supports. This paid part-time role is initially for one year, but it is hoped to extend this with further funding. If you have a lively Christian faith and some knowledge and/or experience of support working with those who often have complicated lives, please contact **Kerry Badger** on 07927 418360 or kerryatmorningstarsalisbury@gmail.com to find out more. *Closing date for applications is 30th January 2026*

The **Bourne Valley Magazine** remains a great way to publicise YOUR events, or your business, in our communities, as 100's of people living locally subscribe. It will soon be time to **renew your subscription** and **local distributors** will invite you to do so, or, if you don't yet subscribe, please contact **Priscilla Park-Weir** by email: pvpw71@gmail.com and she can put you in touch with your **local distributor**. All profits, from subscriptions and advertising, go to support the Parish churches in the Valley – thank you.

The **Salisbury Foodbank** (part of Trussell Trust) continues to value our support throughout the year, 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 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*

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 or bournevalleyoffice@gmail.com

NB: The **Benefice website address** has **changed** to: <https://bournevalleychurches.weebly.com> but details of our Parishes and Services can also be found using '**A Church Near You**' (ACNY) <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/34-032BW/> should connect you to the **Benefice** page. Go to 'Our Churches' (in the menu on the left of the Home page) for information about each of our Parishes. ACNY is provided free to Anglican Parishes and has options for greater interaction with those who visit it, so we will explore how it may help us in coming weeks – thank you.