

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>

Thank you to everyone who supported our **Lent Lunch** on **Wednesday** when **£150** was raised for this year's **Deanery Mission Charity**, the **Episcopal Church of South Sudan** and **Sudan University Partnership (ECSSSUP)**. For more information about this charity, please visit: <https://www.ecsssup.org/> and direct **donations** to support the fund raising throughout the year are always welcome – thank you

Sunday 1st March 2026 – Second Sunday of Lent (Year A) (Purple)

St Nicholas' Cholderton	11.00am Holy Communion (ST)
St Nicholas' Porton	9.30am Holy Communion (POE)
St Mary's W Gunner	No Service
<i>St Michael & All Angels W Earls</i>	<i>11.00am 'Church in the Aisle'</i>

NB: Service of **Night Prayer/Compline** on **Zoom** at **8.30pm** (*led by David Mooney*)
This will be the second evening Service on Zoom during Lent this year – please consider joining in, particularly if you haven't tried a 'Zoom' Service before... and email: bournevalleyoffice@gmail.com for the link, if needed – thank you

Readings: (Psalm 121) Romans 4: 1 – 5, 13 – 17 John 3: 1 – 17
(*or as chosen by the preacher*)

Collect **Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and, by following in his Way, come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

Porton Paperback Exchange will be held from 10.00am to 12.00 noon on **Monday 2nd March** in **St Nicholas Porton**...come along to browse the books, meet friends and enjoy a cuppa...!

Saturday 7th March: Jumble Sale at the Glebe Hall, W Earls – doors open at **2.00pm**, entrance **50p**
Raffle, teas, squash & homemade cakes available... *Donations* (no electricals) can be left at the Hall from 9.00am to 11.00am – thank you. Proceeds shared between **Salisbury Hospice & Glebe Hall**

Sunday 8th March 2026 – Third Sunday of Lent (Year A) (Purple)

St Andrew's Newton Tony	9.30am Holy Communion (DP)
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	11.00am Holy Communion (MW)

NB: Service of **Night Prayer/Compline** on **Zoom** at **8.30pm** (*led by David Mooney*)

Readings: (Psalm 95) Romans 5: 1 – 11 John 4: 5 – 26 (& 27 – 42)
(*or as chosen by the preacher*)

Collect **Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

Winterbourne Glebe Hall 'Drop-In Cafe' is on from 2.00pm to 4.30pm on **Wednesday 11th March**.
Help with IT is available at the Cafe, if required – bring your portable devices, and just ask...!
Call 01980 611311 for more information...

Bourne Valley Methodist Church 'Bourne Cafe' is open every second Saturday in the month, and the next one is on **14th March**. Come and enjoy hot drinks, cake and good company from 10.00am to 12.00noon. The Church is on the Main Road in **Winterbourne Dauntsey SP4 6EW**

Looking ahead... **Sunday 15th March** is **Mothering Sunday** and **four** of our Parish Churches will have Services that morning – it's a great day to invite family and friends to give thanks, *to* God, and *for* our mothers – so please come along, and bring others to your local Church Service with you...

Please remember the weekly **Peace Vigils** held at **5.00pm** on **Saturdays** in Salisbury, outside the library, at the edge of the market square. 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 wishes to attend.

Those of us who are engaging with the Lent Study Course are aware of the value of spending time **reading the Bible**, and reflecting, prayerfully, on God's Word to us – it is often helpful to do so together in a group (not least because it encourages us to make the necessary commitment), but reading the Bible on our own is also a very good exercise. Among other resources, the **Bible Reading Fellowship** (BRF) can supply informative 'notes' to help, and Anthea Davies kindly distributes those who already use them, and to anyone who would like to try them. Please contact her by email: antheadavi@gmail.com for more information – thank you.

Foundation Governors are **needed** in many of our local Primary Schools – please contact your local Headteacher, or me (your Rector) if you would be interested in finding out more about this important role.

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...

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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** can now be found at: <https://bournevalleychurches.weebly.com> and 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.