

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

Sunday 15th March 2026 – Mothering Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent) (Year A) (Purple)

St Nicholas' Cholderton	11.00am Holy Communion (DP)
St Nicholas' Porton	9.30am Holy Communion (DP)
St Mary's W Gunner	9.30am BCP Holy Communion (POE)
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	11.00am Family Communion (POE)

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

Readings: (Exodus 2: 1 – 10) Colossians 3: 12 – 17 John 19: 25b – 27
(*or as chosen by the preacher*)

Collect **God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

In view of escalating tensions in the Middle East, and throughout the world, please remember the weekly **Peace Vigils** held at **5.00pm** on **Saturdays** in Salisbury, outside the library, at the edge of the market square... Please contact David Mooney (email: drsgmooney@gmail.com) for more information and to organise lifts for anyone who wishes to attend.

Please note, for anyone who enjoys a quiet, early morning, traditional Communion Service, we will be resuming the *monthly* 'said' **8.15am BCP Holy Communion** on **Sunday 22nd March**, in **St Nicholas Porton**. Everyone is welcome...

Sunday 22nd March 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A) (Purple)

Passiontide begins

St Andrew's Newton Tony	9.30am Family Communion (DC)
St Nicholas' Porton	8.15am BCP Holy Communion (POE)
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	11.00am Holy Communion (POE)

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

Readings: (Psalm 130) Romans 8: 6 – 11 John 11: 1 – 45
(*or as chosen by the preacher*)

Collect **Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

Winterbourne Glebe Hall 'Drop-In Cafe' is on from 2.00pm to 4.30pm on **Wednesday 25th March**.
Help with IT is available at the Cafe, if required – bring your portable devices, and just ask...!
Call 01980 611311 for more information...

Looking ahead... **Palm Sunday, 29th March** being the *fifth* Sunday this month, there will be a **Benefice Service** at **10.00am** in **St Andrew's, Newton Tony**. Weather permitting, those who are able will gather at the **Memorial Hall** (car park) and process with **Palm Crosses** to the church for the Service – please come and join in this Service, at the start of **Holy Week**

Looking further ahead... on **Good Friday, 3rd April**, we plan to hold our 'traditional' **Good Friday Walk** starting at **11.00am** at **St Nicholas, Cholderton** and proceeding through the Bourne Valley, pausing at all the Churches en route, to reflect on the 'The Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross' with Bible readings, hymns and prayers. This event is particularly suitable for families, including well-controlled dogs, and remember to **bring a packed lunch**, which we stop and eat at Newton Tony, at approx. 12.00 noon, before continuing our walk, finishing at St Michael & All Angels, Winterbourne Earls at approx. 5.30pm, with tea, coffee and hot cross buns. You are welcome to join in at any stage, or stop after a few miles, as you wish. More details on the website, nearer the time...

Lent is an ideal time to remind ourselves 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 is happy to order copies, and distribute them to anyone who would like to use 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.