

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>

Alleluia...! Christ is Risen...! He is Risen indeed...! Alleluia...!

Sunday 5th April 2026 – EASTER DAY (Year A) (White/Gold)

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

Readings: (Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 14 – 24) Acts 10: 34 – 43 John 20: 1 – 18
(or as chosen by the preacher)

Collect **God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen**

Porton Paperback Exchange will be held from **10.00am** to 12.00 noon on **Monday 6th April** in **St Nicholas Porton**...come along to browse the books, meet friends and enjoy a cuppa...!
David Mooney's **Home Produce Stall** will be available, so please come prepared, with cash and a bag/basket to take home delicious goodies to celebrate Easter...!

Winterbourne Glebe Hall 'Drop-In Cafe' is on from **2.00pm** to 4.30pm on **Wednesday 8th April**.
Help with IT is available at the Cafe, if required – bring your portable devices, and just ask...!
Call 01980 611311 for more information...

Please remember the **Peace Vigils** held at **5.00pm** on **Saturdays** in Salisbury, outside the library, at the edge of the market square... Contact David Mooney (email: drsgmooney@gmail.com) for more information, and to organise lifts for anyone who wishes to attend.

Bourne Valley Methodist Church 'Bourne Cafe' is open every second Saturday in the month, and the next one is on **11th April**. 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

Sunday 12th April 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter (Year A) (White)

St Andrew's Newton Tony	<i>No Service</i>
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	11.00am Holy Communion (POE)

Readings: Acts 2: 14a, 22 – 32 John 20: 19 – 31

Collect **Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father, Amen**

As the **Easter season** continues, for several weeks beyond Easter Day, preparations will be made for all our Parishes to hold their **Annual Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**. These are required by the Church of England, and provide an opportunity to review the past year's activities, to look ahead to where God is leading us into the future, and to **elect** Churchwardens, Parochial Church Council (PCC) members and, this year, representatives on our Alderbury Deanery Synod. Please look out for the date of **YOUR Parish's Meetings**, held in church after a Sunday morning Service, and come along to support those who give their time and energy to ensuring the churches in our Benefice are open and welcoming. If you would like to find out more about the various roles for which elections will be held, please speak to your Churchwarden(s) or your Rector – thank you.

All Saints, Idmiston welcomes 'This Is My Theatre' again, on THURSDAY 23rd APRIL at 7.00pm with a performance of **JANE EYRE** DOORS OPEN AT 6.30pm. Another brilliant show from a talented group of young actors. Not to be missed....! TICKETS available from: www.thisismytheatre.com

Thank you to those who have responded to the call for **Foundation Governors** in our local Primary Schools – there are still some vacancies, so 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.