

# THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE

## BULLETIN MAY 2026

with details of services, events, who's who and what's what!

### The FYT PARISHES

ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER ▪ ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY ▪ ST JAMES, YARMOUTH ▪  
CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY and

### The North and South RURAL PARISHES

ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE ▪ ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, SHALFLEET  
HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN ▪ ST SWITHIN, THORLEY  
ST MARY'S, BROOK ▪ ST PETER'S & ST PAUL'S, MOTTISTONE  
ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE ▪ ST PETER'S, SHORWELL

You can find further information on church websites, in church porches  
and on the pages of 'A Church Near You' [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)



**"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen". 1 Peter 4:10-11**

### CLERGY THOUGHTS

Speaking to his disciples on the day when he would ascend to his Father, Jesus **'ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'** Acts 1:4-5.

This time of waiting, the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost, has become among God's people a time of prayer for the Church. Over the last ten years this prayer movement has developed into a special season of prayer and intercession for the growth of God's Kingdom and is shared by churches of many denominations and across 90% of the countries in the world.

All churches and Christian communities are encouraged to make this a special time of prayer that many more people will hear the Good News of God's love for his world through Jesus, that many will turn to him and find their joy and peace in his love and fellowship. That the values of God's Kingdom of welcome, inclusion, belonging, dignity, peace and joy, immersed in his love, extend outwardly in grace and compassion for all.

Often the phrase 'thy kingdom come' gets lost in the weekly recitation of the Lord's Prayer – but it is there, and said, because it expresses exactly the purpose and meaning of the church to seek the well-being of all people through finding and living in God's righteous and life-giving ways, under his gracious rule. It expresses the basic joyful task of our discipleship.



Churches are encouraged to make something of this special time: perhaps

- a new or revived prayer corner, or prayer stations,
- or continuous prayer where people pledge to pray during a particular hour or half hour during the day
- perhaps a time of prayer each day, 'wherever two or three'... etc. could gather
- perhaps gather with others and prayer walk the parish – not all at once – there are 10 days!

There are lots of ideas and resources of things to do available on the 'Thy Kingdom Come' website:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

So what could we do, small or large, in our church communities, in our buildings to mark this season as, we too, wait and pray in this time when Jesus has taken his place at the right hand of the Father, and we await the celebration of Pentecost – the birthday of the church?

*'When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability....and day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.'*

From Acts 2

**Revd Mark**

## **NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

### **ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER AND ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY**

OUR REGULAR SERVICES ARE INCLUDED IN THE SERVICES LIST IN THIS BULLETIN

**MON 25<sup>th</sup> MAY – Bank Holiday Monday ALL SAINTS CHURCH 2pm to 4pm**

**Do pop into All Saints on Monday afternoon for TEA, CAKE and ENTERTAINMENT**

**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY – ALL SAINTS – 11.00am** We are pleased to be hosting this month's fifth Sunday Benefice Service. See later in the Bulletin for details.

**\* MON 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE - CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER – ST AGNES CHURCH – 6.00pm for around 45 mins.**

*"finding ourselves in God in stillness and in silence". \*Please note change of date due to May Bank Hol.*

**THE CRAFT GROUP** will meet in All Saints on **Mondays 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May**. All welcome for craft, tea and chat. Bring a project or join in with the church craft ideas.

**MOTHERS' UNION** meet in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm on the **first Tuesday** of the month.

**ALL SAINTS BELL RINGERS** meet on **Wednesday evenings** from 6pm to 7pm – new 'ringers' welcome.

**ALL SAINTS CHOIR** practice **Friday evenings** at 6.30pm. New members welcome (No audition required).

**CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY** Meet **First Saturday** of each month. All welcome.

The **FLOWER TEAM** are happy to do special arrangements on a particular Sunday to commemorate special memories/events. Plenty of notice and a small donation would be all we need. If you would like to try your hand at arranging - contact Jan Evans at [jan\\_evans@btopenworld.com](mailto:jan_evans@btopenworld.com).

### **BARBARA WILSON**

We have been sad to hear that Barbara Wilson recently passed away peacefully at the age of 98.

May she now rest in peace to be reunited with her beloved Brian. They were a great partnership and between them contributed hugely to the pastoral care of our parishioners and many others in the community.

Please hold their sons, Martyn, Patrick, Roger and Derek in your prayers together with their many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Barbara's funeral will be held at All Saints, at a date to be arranged. If anyone would like to send their condolences to the family, Anne Powell can provide both Martyn's home and email address. Please contact Anne by phone 754148 or [westwightannachaplain@gmail.com](mailto:westwightannachaplain@gmail.com)

### **CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY**

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**BREAKFAST SERVICE** – Our first Sunday of the month Breakfast service returns this month and will take place in June and July as well. All are welcome from 10am for a shared breakfast followed by a service in church at 11.00am. All are welcome to the breakfast and/or the service.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOONS 4pm to 5pm, Vision Prayer.** Join us to pray for the current and future ministry of Christ Church both as a church and as part of the wider communities of the West Wight Benefice of CofE Churches and Churches Together in West Wight.

**SAT 30<sup>th</sup> MAY – COFFEE MORNING** - The next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May at the usual time of 10.30am – 12 noon. Donations for the work of the FYT Community Bus.

### **ST JAMES, YARMOUTH TELL ▪ TEACH ▪ TEND ▪ TRANSFORM ▪ TREASURE.**

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We are delighted to announce that from this month – starting **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm** – pioneer lay leader Ali Mascarenhas from Brighstone, will be bringing her monthly '**Celtic Encounters**' to the church garden at St James. Celtic Encounters are short periods of quiet \*Celtic style outdoor worship (in church if wet so still come even if it's raining). You may be one of those who would like an opportunity to worship other than Sunday mornings or midweek day times, so a Celtic Encounter late afternoon on a Saturday may be right up your street. All are welcome and do stay for refreshments after.

\* Celtic Christianity is an expression of Christianity from the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> centuries which has much wisdom and inspiration for us today. Often themed, Celtic Encounters provide short times of worship and prayer followed by refreshments after.

### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – APCM**

Our APCM is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May late afternoon/early evening exact time tba. Do join us for refreshments and a review of progress in the past year.

### **ST MARY'S, BROOK and ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE**

**St Mary's, Brook and St Peter & St Paul, Mottistone** this month -

<b>SUN 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY</b>	<b>BROOK</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>EVENSONG</b>
<b>SUN 10<sup>th</sup> MAY</b>	<b>MOTTISTONE</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>SUN 17<sup>th</sup> MAY</b>	<b>MOTTISTONE</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>EVENSONG</b>
<b>SUN 24<sup>th</sup> MAY</b>	<b>BROOK</b>	<b>9.30pm</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>

### **ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET**

Our Sunday services this month are:

<b>SUN 10<sup>th</sup> MAY</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>MATINS</b>
<b>SUN 24<sup>th</sup> MAY</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>SUN 24<sup>th</sup> MAY</b>	<b>13.00</b>	<b>PENTECOST GATHERING ON GREEN</b>

**SUNDAY afternoon 17<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**PRAYER WALK IN THE NORTH CLUSTER**

**Look out for details of Revd Charlotte's Prayer Walk from Thorley via SHALFLEET to Newtown**

## **ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE**

**SUN 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 16:00 SONGS OF PRAISE FOR ROGATION SUNDAY**

*PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE CALBOURNE VILLAGE NEWS FOR DETAILS OF OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS*

## **ST SWITHINS, THORLEY**

Our regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday coffee morning continues to be held from 10am – 11.30am All welcome.

Our services this month -

**SUN 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 11.00 HOLY COMMUNION**

**SUN 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 09.30 MORNING WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY afternoon 17<sup>th</sup> MAY - PRAYER WALK IN THE NORTH CLUSTER – all welcome**

**Look out for details of Revd Charlotte's Prayer Walk from THORLEY via Shalfleet to Newtown**

**BOOKS & JIGSAWS FOR SALE/EXCHANGE – we have a permanent feature at the back of the church.**

**FOOD BANK BOX - back of the Church - Please remember to support this vital service.**

## **ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE**

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**CONCERT 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY at 7.00pm – SHANTIES & HARMONIES**

**in St Mary's Brighstone - The Barnacles and other groups singing, Sea Shanties and Folk**

**Free entry. Donations to Christian Aid**

**CELTIC ENCOUNTER –** *There are now Celtic encounters now in Brighstone, Porchfield and Yarmouth – full details of all Celtic Encounters can be found later in the Bulletin under the heading – CELTIC ENCOUNTERS IN THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE.*

## **ST PETER'S, SHORWELL**

**SUN 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 11.00 MORNING WORSHIP \***

**SUN 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 11.00 HOLY COMMUNION \***

\* Don't forget - our regular services have swapped around so the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday service is Morning Worship

**WED 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 10am - 12 noon Bacon Butties at Shorwell Parish Hall**

**THUR 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 10am - 12 noon Church Coffee Morning at St Peter's**

**MON 25<sup>th</sup> MAY Duck Race at the Crown Inn, Shorwell Music from Midday. Race at 2.00pm**

**TUE 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2pm - 4pm Craft Afternoon at St Peter's.**

**Get in touch:** Barbara & Richard: [shorwellchurchwardens@gmail.com](mailto:shorwellchurchwardens@gmail.com)

David: [shorwellpccsec@gmail.com](mailto:shorwellpccsec@gmail.com)

## **HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN (and Porchfield Village Hall)**

**SUN 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 09.30 HOLY COMMUNION**

**SUN 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 15.00 CELTIC WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY afternoon 17<sup>th</sup> MAY - PRAYER WALK IN THE NORTH CLUSTER**

**Look out for details of Revd Charlotte's Prayer Walk from Thorley via Shalfleet to NEWTOWN**

*CELTIC ENCOUNTER – full details of all Celtic Encounters are now listed together later in the Bulletin under the heading – CELTIC ENCOUNTERS IN THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE.*

## **FIFTH SUNDAY BENEFICE SERVICE**

ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER are looking forward to welcoming people to this special fifth Sunday service. **SUN 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 11.00.** Musicians to arrive at 10.00. Please let Mark if you wish take part in the service.



## OTHER NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE

### **CURATES' CORNER**

#### **From the Curate's Corner – Easter Reflections**

I'm writing this with a full heart, and the lingering smell of Easter lilies still clinging to my cassock. This year was my first Easter Day leading worship as a priest. I had imagined it for some time in the abstract, but reality, as it turns out, was fuller, noisier, wetter, and far more joyful than anything I had pictured.

Three services across our most rural parishes meant an early start and a car boot full of everything from service sheets to spare towels (which proved to be a wise addition). There is something quietly holy about driving along empty lanes Easter morning, rehearsing Alleluias in your head while alpacas watch me pass with mild suspicion. By the time the first "Alleluia, Christ is risen!" rang out inside, the churches were fuller than they had been for some time.



*West Wight Alpacas*

One of the real joys of the day was seeing people from the villages who hadn't been to worship for years. Some slipped in quietly at the back, others came with family in tow, but they came. Easter has a way of doing that—it draws people home. It felt like a small glimpse of resurrection in action before we had even reached the sermon.

The most memorable moment of the morning, however, involved water. A lot of water. When we renewed our baptismal promises, I may have been slightly more enthusiastic with the rosemary branch and water-jug than intended. The result was a congregation who kept their promises while getting thoroughly soaked in the process. There is something wonderfully honest about a church full of laughing, damp people declaring together that they belong to Christ. Resurrection joy, it seems, is not tidy.

Later, a 12-year-old girl waited patiently to speak to me. She wanted to say thank you for explaining the Easter story and what "New Creation" might mean for her. She was spot-on! That brief conversation may well be one of the moments I treasure most from the whole day. It is a huge privilege to share this story—and even more so when it connects with someone's life in a real way.

Easter Sunday also brought the delight of meeting a couple preparing to marry in the summer. Being invited into people's journeys like this is one of the quiet privileges of parish ministry.

As I look back on this first Easter as a priest, what stays with me most is the sense of privilege. The privilege of proclaiming the resurrection. The privilege of laughter and water and questions. The privilege of promises—renewed and yet to be made.

Easter reminds us that new life rarely arrives in neat, predictable ways. It bursts in, often slightly chaotic and gloriously unexpected, and leaves us changed.

Alleluia indeed! *Revd Charlotte*

### **ORDINAND ON PLACEMENT**

During May and June, we will be welcoming an Ordinand on Placement to the Benefice. Do look out for Stephanie Taylor as she joins the clergy team as part of her training. By way of introduction ...

*My name is Stephanie and I will be joining West Wight Mission Community as an ordinand on placement during May and June. I am currently in my second year of training to be a priest at Sarum College in Salisbury, and worship at Newport Minster.*



*I live in Carisbrooke with my husband Simon, and sons Gabriel and Laurie, who are both pupils at Christ the King College. I also work part-time at the Isle of Wight College. In my spare time, I enjoy walking and nature, travel, reading, music and films.*

*I am really looking forward to meeting each of you and joining your congregations.*

*Blessings, Stephanie*



## CELTIC ENCOUNTERS IN THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE

Launched by Lay Pioneer Ali Mascarenhas – originally just in Brighstone – Celtic Encounters is growing – there are regular gatherings now in The Village Hall in Porchfield, the Olive Garden in Brighstone and starting this month in the church garden at St James, Yarmouth.

### CELTIC ENCOUNTER THEME FOR MAY

*'COMMUNITY – SHARING GOD'S HOSPITALITY'*

**THUR, 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 4pm** - The Olive Garden, St Mary's, Brighstone

**SAT 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 4pm** - The Church Garden, St James, Yarmouth

**TUES 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 3pm** - Porchfield Village Hall.

All are welcome at these short times of Celtic style 'themed' Christian outdoor worship (inside if weather is poor). Refreshments afterwards. Further information text or ring Alison on 07870 509153.



## ASCENSION DAY to PENTECOST – Thy Kingdom Come ...

**A simple invitation to pray this May** – from Revd Charlotte

From **14–24 May**, churches across West Wight will be joining a worldwide prayer event called *Thy Kingdom Come*.

As you will know from Mark's Clergy Thoughts at the start of the Bulletin - this special time runs from **Ascension Day to Pentecost**. Ascension Day remembers when the risen Jesus returned to heaven, and Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit — often described as the birthday of the Church.



Here in the West Wight Benefice - the invitation kicks off with a service of Evensong at the **Church of the Holy Spirit, Newtown (rather apt) at 18.30 on 14<sup>th</sup> May**

THY KINGDOM COME is a very simple idea: you are invited to spend a few moments each day praying for friends, family, neighbours and our local community. You can find out more via the following link - [Thy Kingdom Come | Thy Kingdom Come](https://thykingdomcome.org.uk) or search for Thy Kingdom Come.

Across our villages, it's hoped that local churches will be 'opening their doors' in different ways — you might find quiet prayer spaces, prayer walks, special services or creative activities. You don't need to be a regular churchgoer to take part — everyone is welcome, whether you're curious, searching, or simply looking for a peaceful place to pause.

During the ten days of Thy Kingdom Come (or in fact at any time), why not pop into one of our churches see what's happening? You will discover a warm welcome and a chance to reflect and pray for the people and places we love.



After attending a church near you for worship on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May - why not Join us to celebrate Pentecost further at Shalfleet Village Hall on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 12.30pm

Buffet-style lunch in the hall and grounds. Parking is aplenty.

Revd. Charlotte Hudd

## PRAYER WALK in WEST WIGHT ... walking, praying, belonging

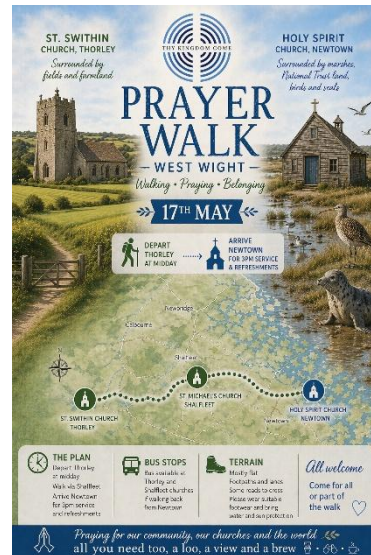
A THY KINGDON COME EVENT in the West Wight Benefice

17<sup>th</sup> MAY - THE PLAN

- Depart Thorley at midday
- Walk via Shalfleet
- Arrive Newtown for 3pm service and refreshments

For full details look out for the poster and/or contact Curate Charlotte Hudd - [sistercharlottewwmc@gmail.com](mailto:sistercharlottewwmc@gmail.com)

TERRAIN - Mostly flat, Footpaths and lanes, Some roads to cross  
Please wear suitable footwear and bring water and sun protection



## EASTER IN THE BENEFICE

What a fabulous choice of services and events there were in the Benefice over Easter. Everything from Apollo the donkey and Jesus in Yarmouth on Palm Sunday, to afternoon services on Easter day.

Maybe you attended Stainers Crucifixion at Christ Church, the Service of Light at St Agnes on Easter Eve; perhaps you took time out on Good Friday to spend an hour at the cross or attended a traditional Easter morning Communion. Perhaps you even joined around 80 to 100 people at Freshwater Bay at 6.00 in the morning, followed by bacon baps at the Albion.



How fortunate we are to have such hardworking clergy, worship leaders, churchwardens and members of our church communities who offered up their time to ensure we were well served at this very important time in the Christian calendar.

Thank you to everyone – but especially to Jackie and Mark who, I believe, managed 5 services each in just 20 hours!



## BRIGHTSTONE MOSAIC GROUP – EASTER MOSIACS

Some of you may have been lucky enough to see the Brighstone Mosaic Group's Easter story mosaics when Ali took the mosaics 'on tour' over Easter. If you didn't catch them, they will be at Mary's Church, Brighstone until just after Ascension Day.



## YOUNG PEOPLE IN WEST WIGHT

There are three church schools and two youth projects within the West Wight Mission Community.

- The Federation Church Schools of Shalfleet and Freshwater & Yarmouth.
- Brighstone Church of England Aided Primary School
- The **West Wight Churches Youth Project (WWCYP)** - [www.wwcyp.com](http://www.wwcyp.com)
- The **South Wight Area Youth (SWAY)** - [www.southwightyouth.org](http://www.southwightyouth.org) for School Years 6 to 13

**SCHOOL SNIPPETS** - sharing snippets of news from our associated church schools.



### **BRIGHSTONE CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Before we broke up for the Easter holidays, we took part in a range of Easter activities. We held our traditional Easter 'egg' hunt, during which the children run around the field searching for multilink cubes in their hive (house) colours. The hive with the most cubes at the end won. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



Lots of children very proudly brought in their entries for the BSA Easter competition. There were tables full of amazing, colourful and creative Easter bonnets, Easter gardens and decorated eggs. Reverend Jackie, Richard (BSA chair), Jo (BSA member), the head pupils (Flo, Hugh, Henry and Martha) and I had a very difficult time judging them. All the entrants won a packet of sweets, and the winners won a bag of Easter goodies. Well done to everyone – they are all very talented!

Following the judging, we made our way over to St Mary's Church for our Easter service. Each class told a different part of the Easter story, from Palm Sunday when Jesus entered Jerusalem to Easter Sunday when he rose again. The whole congregation (parents and family members as well) joined in enthusiastically with the singing (especially Lord of the Dance)! Thank you to Reverend Jackie for leading the service, and to Peter and Keith for being our musicians.

It was a very colourful service, due to everyone being in 'unicorn' colours, rainbow 'brights' and sparkles. This was in aid of Tula, the little girl with leukaemia. We raised over £265, which is an incredible amount.

Honey Bee class (Y3&4) began their new English learning journey using the beautiful book 'The Wonder Garden', with a walk to experience, and wonder at, the sights, sounds and feel of the habitat surrounding Brighstone's Dragon Tree. Some of the children even wrote some impromptu poems, which we included in our newsletter.



**Mrs Rebecca Lennon, Headteacher**

### **SWAY**

Check out the Website for South Wight Area Youth - <https://www.southwightyouth.org/> - where you will find details of all kinds of activities and events in the coming weeks.

Look out for the schedule of activities for May sent via the West Wight Benefice Bulletin.

**ISLE OF WIGHT STREET PASTORS** - Isle of Wight Street Pastors are once again patrolling at the IOW Festival in June and they are in need of: lollipops (individually wrapped), small bottles of water, Individually wrapped sweets, wipes, tissues, small bottles of hand sanitizer and money towards other resources and kit for the festival

Please see the information sheet provided by the team or contact: **Suzanne (Street Coordinator)** on 07511163632 or [suzanne@iowstreetpastors.org.uk](mailto:suzanne@iowstreetpastors.org.uk)



Street Pastors - caring, listening and helping in the name of Jesus.



## COMPLETE WITH MITRE AND STAFF

What a treat for us. An opportunity to meet our Bishop Jonathan, complete with Mitre and Staff. Sunday 26th April 2026 is a day to remember.

Opening the service, the St. Mary's bell ringers were magnificent.

Our Revd. Mark directed the choir, musicians, a pianist and organist to lead over 150 of us in beautiful and soul touching singing. It is wonderful to be part of so many, singing with their hearts, "All people that on earth do dwell", "The Lord's my shepherd", "Christ is alive" and "Let us build a house".

Bishop Jonathan spoke from the heart on John 10:10 "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly". He spoke eloquently for ages and without any notes. His personal belief in the Lord shone through all his anecdotes. I believe he enjoyed his time at one of our Benefice services (although of course not an actual fifth Sunday Benefice service) as he recommended we not only keep up the tradition but even expand on it! Tea, coffee and lots of cake rounded off a great morning.

*Thank you to Michael Beavis for sharing his thoughts on the bishop's service.*

### BRIGHSTONE PRAYER LIST FOR THIS MONTH:

***Staff and residents of Brighstone Grange Care Home,  
Alec, Kelly Russell, Vilna Lane, Iain Johnstone.***

***Our clergy for their health and well-being.***

***Our Lay Readers, LayWorship Leaders and Lay Pastoral assistants.***

***Give thanks for answered prayer.***

***And we pray for the families of all those recently bereaved.***

*(If anyone else leads a prayer chain or holds a prayer list in our parishes and wishes to share the names of people who would appreciate ongoing prayers, please let me know - JB/Editor)*

<b>SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE PRINCIPAL SERVICES (&amp; COLOURS)</b> (as per the Redemptorist reading sheets & Common Lectionary 2025)			
	Gold (G)	White (W)	Purple (P) Red (R)
<i>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</i> <i>White</i>	Acts 7:55-end 1 Peter 2:2-10		Psalm 31:1-5 15-16 John 14:1-14
<i>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May</i> <i>White</i>	Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-end		Psalm 66:7-end John 14:15-21
<i>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</i> <i>White</i>	Acts 1:6-14 1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11		Psalm 68:1-10 32-end John 17:1-11
<i>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</i> <i>Red</i>	Acts 2:1-21 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13		Psalm 104:26-36 37b John 20:19-23
<i>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</i> <i>Gold or White</i>	Isaiah 40:12-17 27-end 2 Corinthians 13:11-end		Psalm 8 Matthew 28:16-end

## WEST WIGHT BENEFICE ONLINE

**TUESDAYS 08.30 – ONLINE MORNING PRAYER** *Cut and paste or right click on the following link:*

[Zoom Link for Tuesday Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 844 0554 0706 Passcode: 604971

**MORNING PRAYER IS SAID EACH THURSDAY AT 8AM AT ST MARY'S BRIGHSTONE in the Olive Garden or in the Porch if wet!**

## **MAY 2026 SERVICES IN THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE CHURCHES** (correct at circulation).

### **SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

09:30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	HOLY COMMUNION
09:30	HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN	HOLY COMMUNION
11:00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND	MORNING WORSHIP (Breakfast from 10am)
11:00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	MORNING WORSHIP
11:00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	MORNING WORSHIP
11:00	ST SWITHIN, THORLEY	HOLY COMMUNION
18:00	ST MARY'S, BROOK	EVENSONG

### **THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY**

11:30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING PRAYER followed by soup lunch
16:00	BRIGHSTONE, OLIVE GARDEN	CELTIC ENCOUNTER

### **SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY**

16:00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	CELTIC ENCOUNTER
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### **SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

08.30	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	MORNING PRAYER
09.30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP
09.30	ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET	MATINS
11.00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	MORNING WORSHIP for Christian Aid Week
16:00	ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE	SONGS OF PRAISE for Rogation Sunday

### **TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY**

15:00	PORCHFIELD VILLAGE HALL	CELTIC ENCOUNTER
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### **THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY – Ascension Day**

18:30	HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN	EVENSONG
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### **SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

08:30	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	MORNING PRAYER
09.30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP
09:30	ST SWITHIN, THORLEY	MORNING WORSHIP
11:00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	HOLY COMMUNION
15:00	HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN	CELTIC WORSHIP
16:30	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	EVENING WORSHIP (refreshments from 16.00)
18:00	ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE	EVENSONG

### **SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY - Pentecost**

08:00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
09:30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP
09:30	ST MARY'S, BROOK	HOLY COMMUNION
11:00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND	MORNING WORSHIP
11:00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	HOLY COMMUNION
11:00	ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
18:00	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	HOLY COMMUNION

### **SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY – Trinity Sunday**

**11.00 ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER - WHOLE BENEFICE SERVICE – Musicians please arrive at 10am.**

### **MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE**

18:00	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER <i>Note change of date for May</i>
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