

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>

Two of our Parishes are holding their **Annual Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** *this* Sunday, as below – please **stay after** the Service to support those who give their time and energy to ensure our churches are open, welcoming and engaged in the mission to make the love of God known throughout our communities. If you can't attend in person, please **pray** for these Meetings – thank you.

Sunday 19th April 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter (Year A) (White)

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

Readings: (Acts 2: 14a, 36 – 41) Luke 24: 13 – 35

Collect **Risen Christ,**
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life,
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father, Amen

* **Please note:** Where Sunday Services are followed by the Parish's Annual Meeting & APCM, there will be only *one* Bible reading (Gospel) and *three* hymns, to allow the Meetings to be held without unduly extending the time required for those attending. Please make every effort to attend and support these Meetings – thank you.

Winterbourne Glebe Hall 'Drop-In Cafe' is on from **2.00pm** to 4.30pm on **Wednesday 22nd April**. *Help with IT is available at the Cafe, if required – bring your portable devices, and just ask...!*
Call 01980 611311 for more information...

Messy Church is for *everyone*, children and adults, and the next one is on **Tuesday 21st April** in the **Glebe Hall**, Winterbourne Earls from **3.30pm** until 5.00pm. The theme will be '**Gratitude**' as we enjoy food, fun and music, listen to Bible stories, do exciting craft and celebrate together. For more details, email Margaret: margaretjward@btinternet.com or Jenny: jenny.head@live.co.uk

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

Sunday 26th April 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A) (White)

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

Service of **Night Prayer** on **Zoom** at **6.00pm** (*led by David Mooney*)

Readings: Acts 2: 42 – 47 John 10: 1 – 10

Collect **Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:**
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father, Amen

Film Night at the **Glebe Hall, W Earls** on **SUNDAY 26th APRIL** at **7.00pm** (*doors open at 6.30pm*)
Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a few short 'trailers' followed by the main film, **BANJO BOYS** about two Malawian street performers who encounter a British travelling musician and are given the opportunity to go on a journey from the dusty streets of Malawi to global stages. As they confront the harsh realities of life as artists, they create a sound that moves audiences...
There will be an interval before the main film for the purchase of ices, snacks, drinks and wine...
EARLY BIRD TICKETS are available at just **£5.00** from **Maureen** on **01980 611311** or **07778 163180** or by email: maureenatkinson16@gmail.com

As you may know, **Bishop Andrew** has been appointed to become **Bishop of St Albans Diocese**, and a **Farewell Evensong** for him will be held in **Salisbury Cathedral** at **5.30pm** on **Thursday 30th April**. Bishop Andrew has been a good friend to us in the Bourne Valley, and this is an opportunity for as many as possible to attend to give thanks for his ministry here, and to pray for his family, and future ministry.

Look out for the **May** edition of the **Bourne Valley Magazine**, available soon, with details of Services and events coming up in the Benefice – including **Ascension Day** on Thursday 14th May; **Pentecost, aka Whitsun** on Sunday 24th May, and **Trinity Sunday** 31st May.

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.

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...

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

Although the **Benefice website address** is currently: <https://bournevalleychurches.weebly.com> details of our Parishes and Services can also be found on '**A Church Near You**' (**ACNY**) which is a national resource, offered free to Parishes. In due course, our local website address may change again, and direct enquirers to the **Bourne Valley Benefice** page on **ACNY**. In the meantime, if there is any information (photos, history etc) on the current website that you would like retained, or transferred to a new website, please let me know by 30th April. Ideally, going forward, each Parish will have someone who is willing to monitor its own 'page' and keep it up to date, thus assisting enquirers (locally and further afield) to find out what is going on, and join in, as well as to ask questions, and even *donate*...