

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 3rd May 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A) (White)

St Nicholas' Cholderton	11.00am Holy Communion (DC)
St Nicholas' Porton	9.30am Holy Communion (SR)
St Mary's W Gunner	9.30am BCP Holy Communion (POE) & APCM *
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	11.00am 'Church in the Aisle'

Readings: Acts 7: 55 – 60 John 14: 1 – 14

Collect **Risen Christ,**
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
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.*

Porton Paperback Exchange will be held from **10.00am** to 12.00 noon on **Monday 4th May** 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...!

Bourne Valley Methodist Church 'Bourne Cafe' is open every second Saturday in the month, and the next one is on **9th May**. 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 10th May 2026 – Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A) (White)

St Andrew's Newton Tony	9.30am Holy Communion (POE) & APCM *
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	11.00am Holy Communion (POE)

Readings: Acts 17: 22 – 31 John 14: 15 – 21

Collect **Risen Christ,**
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father, Amen

Christian Aid Week 10th – 16th May... Each year **Christian Aid** organises a special fundraising week, and, in the light of all the humanitarian crises in the world today, please consider supporting this year's campaign. Some collection envelopes will be available in the Benefice, but the most effective way to give is online: <https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CAM-011277> Thank you in advance for your help

Messy Church is for *everyone*, children and adults, and the **next** one is on **Tuesday 12th May** in the **Glebe Hall**, W Earls from **3.30pm** until 5.00pm, with the theme of **Courage**. Come and join in, as we share food and fun, through listening to Bible stories, doing exciting craft and celebrating together. For more details, email Margaret: margaretjward@btinternet.com or Jenny: jenny.head@live.co.uk

7:30pm on Tuesday 12th May at St Paul's Church, Salisbury... Rob Parsons is coming to town! A rare chance to hear from the boy who was once described by a teacher as "making no use of what little ability he has" Rob became an international best-selling author and founded **Care for the Family**. He will speak about overcoming life's obstacles, enduring hard times and why tomorrow doesn't have to be like yesterday. See cff.org.uk/robparsons for ticket information. Alternatively contact Philip or Debbie Seddon on **07796 465605** for reduced Group Rate.

Winterbourne Glebe Hall 'Drop-In Cafe' is on from **2.00pm** to 4.30pm on **Wednesday 13th May**. *Help with IT is available at the Cafe, if required – bring your portable devices, and just ask...!*
Call 01980 611311 for more information...

Thursday 14th May: Everyone is invited to **St Michael & All Angels, W Earls** for a Service of **Holy Communion** at **7.00pm** to celebrate **Ascension Day**. *Refreshments in Church after the Service*

This year's **Salisbury Diocesan 'Sudans Day'** will be held on **Saturday 16th May** from **10.00am** to 4.00pm in **St. Francis' Church, Salisbury SP1 3PN**. With so much focus in the news on the crisis in the Middle East, it can be easy to overlook the continuing disaster in Sudan and South Sudan, and this is an opportunity to find out about updates on current development, political and security initiatives in Sudan and South Sudan and the work of our medical, educational and deanery partnerships. Please email: sudan.secretary@salisbury.anglican.org to let the organisers know you are coming – thank you

Please remember the **Peace Vigils** held at **5.00pm** on **Saturdays** in **Salisbury**, outside the library, at the edge of the market square... everyone is welcome to these Vigils, to stand quietly in solidarity with those who suffer, and with all who long for peace in the world.

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.

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**. Ideally, going forward, each Parish will have someone 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*...