

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>

Thank you to everyone who has already supported **Christian Aid Week** so far – if you haven't yet, and would still like to donate, please visit: <https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CAM-011277>

Sunday 17th May 2026 – Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A) (White)

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

Readings: (Psalm 68: 1 – 10) Acts 1: 6 – 14 John 17: 1 – 11
(or as chosen by the preacher)

Collect **Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness
and know 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.*

Sunday 24th May 2026 – Day of Pentecost aka Whit Sunday (Year A) (Red)

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

Readings: Acts 2: 1 – 21 John 20: 19 – 23

Collect **Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

Winterbourne Glebe Hall 'Drop-In Cafe' is on from **2.00pm** to 4.30pm on **Wednesday 27th May**.
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... **Trinity Sunday** this year is on **Sunday 31st May**, when we will have **ONE Benefice Service** at **10.00am** in **St Nicholas Porton**. Please come and let's worship together on this major Church festival, as we reflect on the understanding of our loving God, experienced as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – One God in Three Persons...

Please remember the weekly **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.

We're delighted that **Porton Paperback Exchange** is so popular, but please could everyone note that 'the clue is in the name' and *paperback books* (NOT hardbacks) should be brought and *exchanged*, NOT simply left in the porch for the organisers to deal with – thank you.

The **Bourne Valley Magazine** remains a great way to publicise YOUR events, or your business, in our communities, as 100's of people living locally subscribe. If you don't yet subscribe, please contact **Priscilla Park-Weir** by email: pvpw71@gmail.com and she can put you in touch with your *local distributor*. All profits, from subscriptions and advertising, support the Parish churches in the Valley – *thank you*

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**. 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*...