



LOOKING AHEAD:



The **Christmas Tree Festival** at **Burley Church** will run from the **10th to 13th December**. If you would like your Church to take part please contact Pam Mason-Smith who will be sending out details shortly. pam.masonsmith@gmail.com

The theme this year is '**Christmas around the World**'

Sopley and Burley are decorating a tree—anyone else?



Did you manage to get to St John the Baptist Church in Boldre to see the 40ft waterfall, pond, flowers and animals all created from recycled materials?

Last day—Wed. 15th July



NEW FOREST EDGE BENEFICE

NEWSLETTER for Sunday 12th July



Please send all newsletter contributions by Wednesday evening to pam.masonsmith@gmail.com or message 07850 984571.

Services for Sunday 12th July

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| 9.00 Hinton | - Matins with Dan Sanderson |
| 9.00 Thorney Hill | - Matins with Jan Farrow |
| 10.30 Bransgore | - Communion with Rev. Phil McAvoy |
| 10.30 Burley | - Service with Jan Farrow |
| 11.00 Sopley | - Service with Pat Simpson |



St Michael & All Angels

240th ANNIVERSARY

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

@ HINTON CHURCH

Saturday 11th July 2026

2.30pm — 4.30pm



Cream Tea

SUMMER DRAW

Fantastic prizes to be won

CAKE STALL & Refreshments

PLEASE JOIN US

A Snoopy Prayer for Healing,

Dear God,
Please send Your gentle hands to touch those who are hurting today. Wrap them in comfort, fill their hearts with hope, and restore their strength little by little. Help them feel the sunshine again, even if the skies look gray. And remind them they're never alone—You're always close, and love never fails. Amen.





NEWS FROM AROUND OUR BENEFICE



St John the Baptist, Burley, had a great time celebrating their patronal festival last Sunday afternoon with Ian at Songs of Praise followed by a cream tea! Here is the lovely Burley choir who sang beautifully accompanied by Piers on the organ.



Grania is at the front proudly holding her medal awarded for her loyal service singing in Burley Church Choir since 1963 when she joined with her husband! 63 yrs!

Thank you Beryl and Bridget for organising the tea and to Liz and Pam for the delicious cakes. Be warned though —there are calls for an encore!



'Building the Kingdom of God' (we are the bricks) at Sopley with Axel, who is a member of the Children's Church. Sopley run a children's group every Sunday with a rota. Well done!

It was deja vue having Angie doing the wedding at Burley last Saturday for Will and Amelia! We are very grateful to Angie for helping out in the Benefice during this time of no Vicar.



The **IKNOW CHURCH INFORMATION SYSTEM** which will have all admin details of weddings, baptisms, services etc for the New Forest Edge Benefice as well as links to the newsletter, hall bookings and eventually the website **IS NOW LIVE!**

It should make life a lot easier for everyone involved in admin to access information. Depending on your role, you will have access to different parts of the system thus maintaining privacy.

Our Churches are all adding their electoral rolls to the system at the moment so each member of the congregation will have their own page! When the info is loaded you **WILL** (hopefully) receive an email asking you to click a link and go onto your page to check your details and add any missing information. Be assured that this is all entirely confidential and you will not be able to see any other person's information.

Challenging, but exciting times! Thank you to our administrator, Tristan, for setting all this up.



We just have to learn how to use it now! If you have any problems your Church Warden should be able to help you!

