

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>
but please see below for news about our website...

Sunday 9th August 2026 – Trinity 10 (Year A) (Green)

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

Readings: (Psalm 85: 8 – 13) Romans 10: 5 – 15 Matthew 14: 22 – 33
(or as chosen by the preacher)

Collect **Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

Winterbourne Glebe Hall 'Drop-In Cafe' is on from 2.00pm to 4.30pm on **Wednesday 12th August**.
Help with IT is available at the Cafe, if required – bring your portable devices, and just ask...!
Call 01980 611311 for more information...

Sunday 16th August 2026 – Trinity 11 (Year A) (Green)

St Nicholas' Cholderton	11.00am Holy Communion (POE)
St Nicholas' Porton	9.30am Holy Communion (DP)
St Mary's W Gunner	9.30am Harvest BCP Holy Communion (POE)
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	11.00am Holy Communion (MW)

Readings: (Psalm 67) Romans 11: 1 – 2a, 29 – 32 Matthew 15: (10 – 20), 21 – 28
(or as chosen by the preacher)

Collect **God of glory, the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen**

On **Sunday 16th August**, from **3.00pm**, Mari and I look forward to welcoming anyone who would like to come along to the **Vicarage** for an afternoon of **Petanque** and sociability. Boules can be provided, as needed, and drinks and light refreshments will be available, but feel free to bring a contribution, as you wish. It would be very helpful if you could *please let us know if you intend to come* so that, in the unlikely event that the weather is not suitable for outdoor activities, we can let you know...

The next monthly **'Drop In Cafe'** at **Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall** will be at **2.00pm – 4.00pm** on **Wednesday 19th August** Come along for a cuppa and a chat... Fresh coffee, variety of teas and squash available, with delicious home-made cakes. Everyone is welcome, and the Hall has air conditioning, if required (...!) Donations for **Breast Cancer Care** gratefully received – thank you

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.* At this time, when tensions and violence in the Middle East are escalating once again, let us all **pray** for wisdom, compassion and integrity on behalf of the leaders of the nations, that lasting peace might be achieved in all the areas of the world currently in conflict.

In order to streamline, and simplify, our **Churches' online presence**, the '...weebly.com' web address (as at the top of this 'In Touch') will soon be phased out, and **A Church Near You** (ACNY) which is a free, national resource, will become the place to go for information about our Bourne Valley Anglican Churches. The **Benefice** address is: www.achurchnearyou.com/Bourne-Valley-Benefice where there are links to each Parish, but each Parish also has its own address within the Benefice.

*** *Ideally, **each Parish should have its own local 'Editor'** so please let Peter know asap if you would like to do this on behalf of your own Parish – 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. The **copy deadline** for articles, or adverts, is the **15th** of the preceding month – so **15th August** for the September edition – do make use of this local opportunity to promote an event or activity. If you don't yet subscribe to receive the Magazine regularly, 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 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.

Could **you** help the **Bourne Valley Link Scheme**, by volunteering as a **driver** to take people to medical and other appointments...? Just an hour or two a month would really help... please contact the Coordinator on 01980 611117 – *thank you*

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***

*** *Remember **In Touch** is YOUR opportunity to **promote** an **activity** or **event** in the Bourne Valley, so please **email** details to bournevalleyoffice@gmail.com at least a week in advance, so these can be included wherever possible – thank you*

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