

THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE

BULLETIN AUGUST 2026

with details of services, events, who's who and what's what!

The FYT PARISHES

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ST MARY'S, BROOK ▪ ST PETER'S & ST PAUL'S, MOTTISTONE
ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE ▪ ST PETER'S, SHORWELL

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"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." – Hebrews 10:24-25



CLERGY THOUGHTS

In Remembrance of me....

Bishop Jonathan has directed that very soon all churches in the Portsmouth Diocese should revert to the simpler way of distributing bread and wine to that of Bread and a Common Cup. There have been many variations in how churches have distributed bread and wine over the last 40 years due to concerns during the AIDS crisis, or more recently during the Covid (ongoing) crisis. And, of course, different traditions of Christianity have developed different acceptable practices, especially of dealing with emergency ways of doing this across the years.

Theologically if Christ is 'present' to us in the Bread and Wine, then He is fully present in the Bread or the Wine – and so it is not necessary to have both to fully share in this part of our celebration – so that if we are still cautious, and many of us are, receiving the bread alone is sufficient. Therefore, we always have the choice not to have the wine, and there are people who regularly do not for different reasons but still fully take part in the celebration.

It is also good to look at, and remind ourselves of the wider picture of what we do, when we gather for the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion.

First, the 'communion' itself (a word I have avoided using too much so far) is not wholly about the bread and wine. But more refers to God's people who have gathered to celebrate their faith and worship their Lord and Saviour. The assembly of God's people is the primary symbol of 'Communion'. Hence, the 'communion' is the gathered spirit-filled community, Christ present in each and all. (Comm-union = with togetherness). There is no such thing as 'my communion' – it is always 'our communion', and together we seal that 'communion' in following Christ's instruction in remembering him.

So secondly, the instruction of the distribution of Bread and Wine, is more like the post it notes or corner-tied handkerchiefs, that we have been given to remember why Jesus came, what he taught, and what he showed us of the Father – 'do this in remembrance of me' is clear about why we share Bread and Wine. The sharing is important, but not in itself – the chief significance is in its pointing to

remembering, and therefore our living out of all that Christ has called us to be as his followers, in sacrificial life and love for his world.

What is absolutely important is that the 'what' and means of distribution do not become so important to us that we miss the point of why we are doing it. Across the centuries there have been periods in the church when the exclusive mystery, the showy performance and ritual around the bread and wine and table set up itself, has almost become idolatrous and distracted us from its true purpose, and it can become easy for it to become out of perspective for ourselves as well. There is no right or wrong way here to receive, or arrange the communion table, but there is always a good that we share together, and Bishop Jonathan encourages us to share in one of those. Doing it together matters.

So, what is most important is our regular gathering in the grace and love of Christ, his grace-filled people at ease and peace with one another, celebrating and remembering the life we have been given together in Christ. To encourage one another in living that life and love, out for the sake of his precious world.

Our means of doing this - how we receive bread and wine, though important, we should dance on more lightly, enjoy together, and through it find the wonder, the mystery, and the joy of Christ's presence with us in the life and love he draws us into, fills us with, and sends us out to share with all.

Revd Mark

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER AND ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY

OUR REGULAR SERVICES ARE INCLUDED IN THE SERVICES LIST IN THIS BULLETIN

NO Contemplative Prayer in August

Contemplative prayer is taking a break in August and will return on Monday 28th September at 6pm at St Agnes.

MOTHERS UNION CREAM TEA at ALL SAINTS

TUE 4th AUG at 2.30pm.

WED 5th AUG CONCERT 7.15pm for 8.00pm

Sandown and Shanklin Military Band in Concert at All Saints

Refreshments - Raffle - Retiring Collection

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS

Wednesdays 12th, 19th, 26th August at All Saints at 12.30pm.

Light lunches (ham, cheese, salad rolls and hot and cold drinks) served from 12 noon or bring your own. Retiring Collection for the Organ Maintenance Fund.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY AT ALL SAINTS Tea Cake and Music

MON 31st August from 2.00pm. All Welcome.

THE CRAFT GROUP will meet in All Saints on **Mondays 3rd and 17th August** from 2pm to 4pm.

All welcome for craft, tea and chat. Bring a project or join in with the church craft ideas.

MOTHERS' UNION meet in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm on the **first Tuesday** of the month.

ALL SAINTS BELL RINGERS meet on **Wednesday evenings** from 6pm to 7pm – new 'ringers' welcome.

ALL SAINTS CHOIR practice **Friday evenings** at 6.30pm. New members welcome (No audition required).

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY Meet **First Saturday** of each month. All welcome.

The **FLOWER TEAM** are happy to do special arrangements on a particular Sunday to commemorate special memories/events. Plenty of notice and a small donation would be all we need. If you would like to try your hand at arranging - contact Jan Evans at jan_evans@btopenworld.com.

CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY

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TUESDAY AFTERNOONS 4pm to 5pm, Vision Prayer. All are welcome to join us from 4pm – 5pm on Tuesdays for a time of prayer for the mission, ministry and vision of the church.

BREAKFAST

No breakfast service during August due to our summer break - our next church breakfast is on Sunday 6th September at 10am with a choice of bacon or sausage baps, croissants, fruit, tea, coffee, fruit juice. Morning Worship follows at 11am. Come for breakfast, come for the service, or come for both!

THE CHRIST CHURCH SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday 15th August at 7pm – AVE VITA AND SALUTARIS CHOIRS.

Tickets in advance via [ticketsource.com](https://www.ticketsource.com) or cash on the door. Adults £15, Concessions and students/children under 18 free.

Wednesday 19th August at 7pm - NEWCHURCH MALE VOICE CHOIR AND TAMWORTH LADIES CHOIR

Saturday 29th August at 7pm - EDWARD TAIT ORGAN RECITAL.

ST JAMES, YARMOUTH TELL ▪ TEACH ▪ TEND ▪ TRANSFORM ▪ TREASURE.

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SERVICE SWAP

Please note we have a service swap on the first and Second Sundays for this month only!

Sunday 2nd August 11.00 will be Holy Communion

Sunday 9th August 11.00 will be Morning Worship

Our other services remain as per the usual pattern

CELTIC ENCOUNTER at St James - in the courtyard garden on Saturday, 8th August at 4pm

[in church if wet]. The theme this month is 'Eagles – providing protection and care'. Refreshments afterwards. See under 'Other News' for details of all Celtic Encounters this month

YARMOUTH CARNIVAL WEEK is Saturday 15th to 22nd of August. We plan to be serving refreshments in church on some of the days during the week. Please look out for details and let April or Hazel know if you are able to help during that week.

ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET

Our Sunday services this month are:

SUN 9th AUGUST 11.00 MATINS BCP

SUN 23rd AUGUST 11.00 HOLY COMMUNION BCP

ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE

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THURS 6th AUGUST - CELTIC ENCOUNTER at 4 pm in The Olive Garden, St Mary's, Brighstone

Theme for July – The theme this month is 'Eagles – providing protection and care'.

See under 'Other News' for details of **all** Celtic Encounters this month

SUMMER AFTERNOON OF HARP MUSIC

You are invited to a Summer Afternoon of Harp Music with Merlynn Johnson in the Olive Garden, St Mary's Churchyard, Brighstone on Saturday, 15th August at 2.30-3.45 pm including refreshments.

There will be a varied programme from traditional music to songs from the shows. All welcome. Refreshments. Donations towards the Brighstone Community Mosaic Group's project for the Christmas Tree Festival. If the weather is wet, the music will be in the church.

ST SWITHINS, THORLEY

Our regular 2nd Saturday coffee morning continues to be held from 10am – 11.30am All welcome.

SUN 2nd AUGUST 11.00 HOLY COMMUNION
SUN 16th AUGUST 09.30 MORNING WORSHIP
SUN 30th AUGUST 11.00 **WHOLE BENEFICE SERVICE ***

** We are delighted to be hosting the August 5th Sunday whole Benefice service – more info to follow.*

BOOKS & JIGSAWS FOR SALE/EXCHANGE – we have a permanent feature at the back of the church.

FOOD BANK BOX - back of the Church - Please remember to support this vital service.

ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE

SUN 2nd AUGUST – MORNING WORSHIP

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE CALBOURNE VILLAGE NEWS FOR DETAILS OF OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

ST MARY'S, BROOK and ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE

SUN 2 nd AUGUST	BROOK	6.00pm	EVENSONG
SUN 9 th AUGUST	MOTTISTONE	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
SUN 16 th AUGUST	MOTTISTONE	6.00pm	EVENSONG
SUN 23 rd AUGUST	BROOK	9.30pm	HOLY COMMUNION

ST PETER'S, SHORWELL

SUN 9th AUG 11.00 MORNING WORSHIP
SUN 23rd AUG 11.00 HOLY COMMUNION
SUN 30th AUG 17:00 SONGS OF PRAISE

WED 19 th AUG	10am - 12 noon	BACON BUTTIES AT SHORWELL PARISH HALL.
TUE 25 th AUG	2pm - 4pm	CRAFT AFTERNOON AT ST PETER'S
FRI 28 th to MON 31 st AUG	10am - 5pm	FLOWER FESTIVAL, ST PETER'S.
EVERY TUESDAY	7pm-8pm	PRAYER MEETING – praying for our village & church.

No Coffee Morning this month due to the Flower Festival.

Get in touch: Barbara & Hilary: shorwellchurchwardens@gmail.com

Or David: shorwellpccsec@gmail.com

HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN (and Porphfield Village Hall)

SUN 2nd AUGUST 09.30 HOLY COMMUNION
SUN 16th AUGUST 15.00 AFTERNOON WORSHIP

CELTIC ENCOUNTER – Porphfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 11th AUGUST at 3pm

Theme for August – The theme this month is 'Eagles – providing protection and care'.

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OTHER NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE

CURATES' CORNER

I find it hard to believe that a whole year has passed since I first wrote for *Curates' Corner*. At that point I had just been ordained as a Deacon, while Charlotte had been ordained as a Priest. Now, a year later, I have also been ordained as a Priest, along with 10 others.

What an amazing service it was! Family and friends were there to share the occasion with me, and it was especially lovely to see so many of you there too. Your presence made the day even more special.





The service included the laying on of hands and the anointing with oil, marking the beginning of this new chapter in my ministry. It was a moving reminder that ministry is never something we undertake alone, but something to which God calls us and for which he equips us through the prayers and support of his Church.

As I step into this new chapter of my life and ministry, I look forward to continuing

to share in your joys and your sorrows, your successes and your challenges, and to discovering together where God leads us next.

Looking back, I can see what a wonderfully unexpected route God has taken me on. From training and being licensed as a Reader, serving in Totland and Shalfleet, to training for ordination, being ordained as a Deacon and serving in the South Cluster, and now being ordained as a Priest while continuing to serve here in the South Cluster. It certainly hasn't been a straight path, but God has been faithful every step of the way.



During the ordination service, Bishop Jonathan asked whether anyone had felt stirred by the service or nudged by the Holy Spirit. Had anyone sensed that God might be calling them in a new way? I'd like to ask you the same question.

Is God calling you to serve him in a new way?

There are so many ways to serve God and his people, and none is more important than another. Perhaps he is calling you into one of the many lay ministries within our churches—helping to lead worship, preaching, pastoral care, children's or youth work, or another area of ministry. Perhaps you are being drawn towards becoming a Licensed Lay Minister (Reader). Or perhaps, just perhaps, you sense God calling you towards ordained ministry.

If any of those thoughts resonate with you, spend some time in prayer. Listen for God's voice. And if you think he may be calling you, come and talk to one of us. We would be delighted to help you discern what God might be saying. You never know where God may lead you—or what wonderful adventures lie ahead. Following his call is an exciting journey.

Revd Jane



CELTIC ENCOUNTERS IN AUGUST

Eagles – providing protection and care.

St Mary's Brighstone in the Olive Garden on **Thursday 6th August** at **4 pm**,

St James Church Yarmouth in the courtyard on **Saturday, 8th August** at **4pm**

Porchfield Village Hall on **Tuesday, 11th August** at **3pm**.

All are welcome at these short times of Celtic style 'themed' Christian outdoor worship (inside if weather is poor). Refreshments afterwards. For further information email fytparishes@gmail.com

... ADVANCE NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY: CELTIC ENCOUNTER AUTUMN LANDSCAPES RETREAT DAY on Thursday, 15th October 10-3.30pm Shalfleet Village Hall.

You are invited to take a spiritual journey through three autumn landscapes-the night sky, orchard and field considering how they speak to us of the nature of God and our relationship with Him. There will be times for quiet contemplation in the morning session followed by a light lunch. In the afternoon there will be opportunities to engage in creative activity, a short reflective walk or simply to enjoy the quiet of the church nearby or fellowship with others. The day will conclude with Holy Communion.

All welcome. There is no charge for the Retreat Day but donations towards the cost of lunch welcome. Booking is however required. 20 places are offered. For further information and to book contact Ali or Gill or email Julia at fytparishes@gmail.com or tel: 07930 670772. Please book by **Monday, 5th October** and let us know of any special dietary requirements. There is ample parking at the Hall. There will be no other Celtic Encounter at the individual venues during October.

LECTIO AND LUNCH

This is a new Bible study small home group, meeting in Brighstone on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings in the month at 11.00 am starting on Tuesday, 22nd September. Lectio Divina is an ancient, thoughtful and simple way to meet with God through reflection and prayer based on the Bible. This group is for explorers of faith who are not so familiar with the Bible but would like to learn more how God's word speaks to each of us today and be able to ask questions.

The Lectio Divina will last for about an hour and will be followed by a simple bring and share lunch of bread, cheese, salad etc with plenty of time to chat. For further information contact Ali or Gill or email Julia at fytparishes@gmail.com/tel 07930 670772.

THANK YOU FROM STEPHANIE

A message from our visiting Ordinand Stephanie Taylor

I want to thank you for the two months that I have spent on placement in the benefice. I have been warmly welcomed and have had the immense privilege of seeing the gifts God has given being returned through lives lived to God. Whether that be hospitality, pastoral care, worship, teaching, pioneering, community outreach. It has been a joy to witness the flourishing that comes from this sharing, and I in turn feel that I have flourished being a part of this and participating in the kingdom here in West Wight. I hope very much that we will see one another again soon but for now as I return to my training parish in Newport and Carisbrooke - Grace and Peace be with you - you are in my prayers.

Blessings, **Stephanie**

MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The Men's Breakfast Club meets regularly on the last Saturday of each month 8.15am at Tennyson Cottage, Weston Lane, Totland Bay PO39 0HE. Anyone interested please e-mail chrisjagger42@gmail.com for further details. The dates for the rest of this year are: 29th August, 26th September, 24th October & 28th November.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN WEST WIGHT

There are three church schools and two youth projects within the West Wight Mission Community.

- The Federation Church Schools of Shalfleet and Freshwater & Yarmouth.
- Brighstone Church of England Aided Primary School
- The **West Wight Churches Youth Project (WWCYP)** - www.wwcyp.com
- The **South Wight Area Youth (SWAY)** - www.southwightyouth.org for School Years 6 to 13

SWAY - For more information contact us at admin@southwightyouth.org or call 01983 655181.

FROM The SWAY Team - *We've got a brilliant summer ahead at The Hub! Please look out for our latest posters with all the details.*

- *Year 6 Summer Fun – Free sessions to help Year 6s build confidence ahead of starting secondary school. Booking essential!*
- *Stay & Play – Fun play sessions for children aged 0–5 and their parents/carers, with weekly sessions starting in September.*
- *Yoof Events – July & August – Regular sessions for young people including Teen Hangout, Youth Groups and Open Hub.*
- *Hub Events – July & August – From Cuppa, Cake & Craft to Games Club, the Pantry and Cafe Church, there's something for everyone.*

SCHOOL SNIPPETS - sharing snippets of news from our associated church schools.

THE FEDERATION CHURCH SCHOOLS OF SHALFLEET AND FRESHWATER & YARMOUTH

As another vibrant academic year draws to a close across our Freshwater, Yarmouth, and Shalfleet Federation, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly wonderful year for our school family.



It has been a year marked by huge progress and growth—not only academically, but in the confidence, creativity, and kindness shown by our pupils every day. From brilliant classroom achievements to fantastic adventures on our various school trips, the children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and joy. We are also deeply grateful for our strong connection with the local community and our church parishes. Whether participating in local events, leading seasonal services, or supporting community initiatives, our pupils have loved being actively involved and shining their light beyond the classroom walls.

On behalf of all the staff and governors across the Federation, I would like to thank our families, church members, and local community for your unwavering support, prayers, and encouragement throughout the year.

We wish you all a safe, restful, and wonderful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming our children back in September and continuing our close work with you all in the new academic year.

Warmest blessings,

Lizzie Grainger

BRIGHSTONE CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



By the time many of you read this, our wonderful Y6 children will have moved onto pastures new. Many tears were shed (by pupils, staff and parents/carers!) as they said goodbye to primary school. During their Leavers' Service in St Mary's

Church, they shared their memories of their time at Brighstone, and received their Bibles, Leavers' Books and hoodies. The week before, they had taken part in the Diocesan Leavers' Service at Portsmouth Cathedral, where our two head pupils proudly walked our school banner down the aisle, another pupil had the honour of receiving the Y6 candle and another represented the Diocesan project.



Our Y6 children also had an amazing three days in London on their residential. We had a day in Legoland, a flight on the London Eye, enjoyed a river cruise, gazed in awe at the artefacts on display at the Natural History Museum, had fun at the Hercules musical and had a self-guided tour of the main London sites. We even stayed on HMS Belfast for two nights!

The sun shone down on us at Brighstone Horticultural Society's Summer Show, where the children put on another display of country dancing, including a maypole dance. Well done and thank you to all those children.



Our talented children wowed family and friends with their recent performances of You Are Special, put on in the marquee on the field. This show emphasised the importance of not judging each other, and that we are all special in God's eyes. All the children, with their dancing, acting and singing, were amazing!

This will be my last article for this newsletter as I move onto new adventures, having taught for 27 years, with 19 of those at Brighstone, including six as headteacher. It has been an enormous privilege to be part of the team at Brighstone CE Primary School and to serve this wonderful community. I leave with

immense gratitude for the support, kindness and shared commitment of our families, governors and wider community, whose partnership has helped make our school such a special place. This role has been an honour I will always treasure.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Mrs Rebecca Lennon

Headteacher

Wishing all our children and young people, teachers and school staff in the Benefice a wonderful summer. Thank you to Headteachers Lizzie and Rebecca for keeping us in touch with the schools and thanks to those who help and support SWAY and the West Wight Churches Youth Project.

THE ST AGNES CHURCH BUILDING AND HERITAGE SUPPORT GROUP



Thank you to everyone who attended our launch event on Wed 1st July. We're now looking forward to getting plenty of fundraising events booked into the calendar at St Agnes, to raise funds for a much-needed toilet and refreshment point.

You can contact the group via: staggssuppgp@gmail.com

If you are able to help by donating to project funds, please scan this QR code which will take you to the campaign Give A Little page. If you have ideas for fundraising or would like to run a supporting event for the project – please get in touch.



SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE PRINCIPAL SERVICES (& COLOURS) FOR JULY (as per the Redemptorist reading sheets & Common Lectionary 2025)		
Sunday 2 nd AUG Green	Isaiah 55:105 Romans 9:1-5	Psalms 145:8-9. 15-end Matthew 14:13-21
Sunday 9 th AUG Green	1 Kings 19:9-18 Romans 10:5-15	Psalms 85:8-13 Matthew 14:22-33
Sunday 16 th AUG Green	Isaiah 56:1. 6-8 Romans 11:1-2a.29-32	Psalms 67 Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28
Sunday 23 rd AUG Green	Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 12:1-8	Psalms 138 Matthew 16:13-20
Sunday 30 th AUG	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Romans 12:9-end	Psalms 26:1-8 Matthew 16:21-end

BRIGHSTONE PRAYER LIST FOR THIS MONTH:

Staff and residents of Brighstone Grange Care Home, Alec, Kelly Russell, Vilna Lane, Barry Cooper.

Our clergy for their health and well being.

Our Lay Readers, Lay Worship Leaders and Lay Pastoral assistants.

Give thanks for answered prayer.

And we pray for the families of all those recently bereaved.

(If anyone else leads a prayer chain or holds a prayer list in our parishes and wishes to share the names of people who would appreciate ongoing prayers, please let me know - JB/Editor)

WEST WIGHT BENEFICE ONLINE

TUESDAYS 08.30 – ONLINE MORNING PRAYER Cut and paste or right click on the following link:

[Zoom Link for Tuesday Morning Prayer](#) Meeting ID: 844 0554 0706 Passcode: 604971

MORNING PRAYER IS SAID EACH THURSDAY AT 8AM AT ST MARY'S BRIGHSTONE in the Olive Garden or in the Porch if wet!



BASICALLY BIBLE 2026

Light on the Dark Ages

JUDGES & RUTH

Exploring some of the uneasy themes and images of God and his people in the Old Testament.

Making sense of violence and war in a fractured world, through themes destruction and redemption, loss and rebellion in the Hebrew scriptures - and how they can speak in today's world.

Jepththah
Gideon
Deborah
Othniel
Ehud
Boaz
Samson
Naomi
Ruth

TUESDAY EVENINGS—7.30pm
September 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 13
7.30pm in Christ church Annex —with Refreshments

repeated on Wednesdays
Sept 16, 23, 30, Oct 7, 14
at St Mary's Brighstone—1.00pm
(Bring your Lunch)



We probably all remember some of the stories we were told in childhood of 'heroes' in the Bible, and possibly had 'Ladybird' books of them—tales of derring-do by Samson, war victories of Deborah and Barak, the misadventures of Gideon, the folly of Jephthah, the tender story of Ruth and Naomi—and many more, all of which pour out of the books of Judges and Ruth (set in contemporary times).

These were challenging times for God's people—they had just taken possession of the Promised Land—they had turned their back on God and his righteous ways—tribes were fighting tribes as well the neighbouring gentile nations, and the system of 'judges' to lead and guide and give God's counsel to his people had failed.

The twelve judges are set against stories imbued with violence, person against person, and tribe against others and sets a picture of a violence warring world, and the accounts telling a spiraling downward story of rebellion against God and his ways—yet somehow God only not is deeply faithful to his people, despite his frustration with them, but also rises victorious through it. And we see how through the promise to Ruth a Redeemer would come. This story-telling is steeped in humour and absurdity as it seek to propel its message of God on-wards through the generations.

Come along and explore these books, and the story of God and his people in these dark and difficult times—discover how these stories relate to one another, and how they set the foundation for the histories of the 'kings' to come—and how they might speak to us today as we live in a violent and often God-rejecting world.



AUGUST 2026 SERVICES IN THE WEST WIGHT BENEFICE CHURCHES

(correct at circulation).

SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST – Nineth Sunday after Trinity

09:30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	HOLY COMMUNION
09:30	ALL SAINTS, CALBOURNE	MORNING WORSHIP
09:30	HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN	HOLY COMMUNION
11:00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND	MORNING WORSHIP
11:00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	MORNING WORSHIP
11:00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	HOLY COMMUNION (Service swap with 9 th August)
11:00	ST SWITHIN, THORLEY	HOLY COMMUNION
18:00	ST MARY'S, BROOK	EVENSONG

THURSDAY 6th AUGUST

11:30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING PRAYER followed by soup lunch
16:00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	CELTIC ENCOUNTER (in the Olive Garden)

SATURDAY 8th AUGUST

16:00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	CELTIC ENCOUNTER
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SUNDAY 9th AUGUST Tenth Sunday after Trinity

08.30	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	MORNING PRAYER
09.30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP
09.30	ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE	HOLY COMMUNION
11.00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	MORNING WORSHIP (Service swap with 2 nd August)
11.00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET	MATINS BCP
11.00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	MORNING WORSHIP
11.00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	MORNING WORSHIP

TUESDAY 11th AUGUST

15:00	PORCHFIELD VILLAGE HALL	CELTIC ENCOUNTER
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SUNDAY 16th AUGUST - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

08:30	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	MORNING PRAYER
09:30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP
09:30	ST SWITHIN, THORLEY	MORNING WORSHIP
11:00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND BAY	HOLY COMMUNION
11:00	ST MARY'S, BRIGHSTONE	HOLY COMMUNION
15:00	HOLY SPIRIT, NEWTOWN	AFTERNOON WORSHIP
16:30	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	EVENING WORSHIP (refreshments from 16.00)
18:00	ST PETER & ST PAUL, MOTTISTONE	EVENSONG

SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

08:00	ST JAMES, YARMOUTH	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
09:30	ALL SAINTS, FRESHWATER	MORNING WORSHIP
09:30	ST MARY'S, BROOK	HOLY COMMUNION
11:00	CHRIST CHURCH, TOTLAND	MORNING WORSHIP
11:00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	HOLY COMMUNION
11:00	ST MICHAEL'S, SHALFLEET	HOLY COMMUNION
18:00	ST AGNES, FRESHWATER BAY	HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

11:00	ST SWITHIN'S, THORLEY	BENEFICE SERVICE *
17:00	ST PETER'S, SHORWELL	FLOWER FESTIVAL SONGS OF PRAISE

* KEEP THE DATE - Further information will be shared by email nearer the time.

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