



Wareham's Church of England Family

Summer in the Parish of Wareham

Dear Friends,

It's amazing to think that the last time I wrote an article for our magazine was about a year ago!

And what a year it's been!

Starting with my ordination as Deacon and the installation of Neil and Deborah as our Rectors, it's included getting to know each other; making friends; broken boilers; flooding and sharp learning curves. There's been tears and laughter; frustrations and joys, and undergirding it all has been your support, love and understanding.

The writer to the Hebrews said: 'Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it,' (13. 1-2).

In Britain, we think of hospitality as entertaining family and friends to dinner or coffee and cake. But, in the time when these verses were written, hospitality was so much more than that. It was the process of receiving strangers into your home and accepting them as guests. As soon as you, the host, welcomed them, by washing their feet, they were brought under your protection and thus became part of the community.

It is interesting that hospitality is also talked about in Romans within the context of brotherly love –

'Be devoted to one another in love ... practice hospitality'

Romans 12. 10, 13



which suggests hospitality is part of what it means to go above and beyond our natural inclinations. That it is a way to respond to the compassion Jesus demonstrates to each one of us, reminding us of his words in Matthew 25:40, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Now, I am *not* making any claim to be an angel, far from it! But I am so thankful for the way you extended true hospitality by welcoming this stranger into your midst and making her feel truly at home!

As I write, we stand on the brink of another chance to extend hospitality, this time to the Revd Jenny Nightingale and her husband, Chas. I know it is one we will seize with both hands.

However, maybe there are others who are already here, or poised to arrive, that feel like strangers or outsiders. They may have arrived with no warning, quietly under the radar, unsure of their welcome. We need to be careful to look for opportunities to extend the love and care of Jesus to all those he brings across our path. 'For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do,' (Ephesians 2:10). Let us all be vigilant in looking for opportunities to 'Let brotherly love continue'; welcoming strangers as guests, so that they may become friends who are integral to the community of Christ's family in Wareham and thus making Jesus known.

Shelma

The Revd Shelma Vaughan
Assistant Curate of Wareham

**Congratulations to Shelma
on her Ordination to the
Priesthood at Salisbury Cathedral
on 27th June 2026.**

**May God bless you in your future
ministry**





An exciting new group

The Friends of Wareham Parish Churches

As you cross the causeway from Stoborough into Wareham, it's hard not to be struck by the iconic and welcoming skyline ahead. Rising above the rooftops, the tower of Lady St Mary Church stands tall and unmistakable, crowned by its distinctive leaping salmon flagpole—a memorable symbol that captures the town's unique character. It's a view that feels so familiar and defining of Wareham that, if it were not there, it would surely be deeply missed

The Friends of Wareham Parish Churches is an exciting new group dedicated to preserving this historic church, alongside others in the parish—St Martin-on-the-Walls, St Nicholas at Arne, and St John the Evangelist, East Holme — ensuring they remain well cared for and fit for purpose for generations to come.

The Friends of Wareham Parish Churches has been ratified by your PCC and is a sub-committee of the PCC. Two people on the Friends Committee are PCC members as required by the Terms of Reference. The Friends reports back to the PCC, and any membership fees and monies raised will be restricted in a sub-fund of the parish bank account.

The Friends is open to anyone who appreciates these beautiful buildings, which continue to play an important role in our community, providing a focal point for life's most meaningful moments—even for those who do not regularly attend church.

By becoming a member for a small annual subscription, you'll be able to connect with others who share your interest and take part in special Friends events. Establishing this group is also vital in helping us secure major funding grants, which will support essential improvements—such as providing much-needed facilities, including toilets at Lady St Mary.

In the meantime, do get in touch at friends@warehamchurches.org.uk we would love to hear from you.

Watch this space for more information about how you can join the Friends — coming soon!



“Alpha is a way to explore what we hunger after - meaning and intimacy and relationship... In a very non-pressed, non-judgemental environment.”

- Bear Grylls
host of “Man vs Wild”.

Alpha



Wareham's Church of England Family are currently hosting an Alpha Course.

Adrian, one of the organisers gives an update on how it's going ...

We are now halfway through running the Alpha course having completed five sessions so far and it has been very encouraging.

We have around 11 regular attendees on the course plus about 5 helpers. Good friendships are being developed backed up by open and sometimes deep discussions.

Each session, we gather for a meal then watch the evening's great video provided by the Alpha network. The video is thought provoking and inspiring and leads to great discussions as we gather into groups to share our reactions, insights, questions and personal experience. There's plenty of laughter as well!

Please continue to pray for all involved as we move forward with the Course.
If you'd be interested in attending a future Alpha Course please let us know by emailing alpha@warehamchurches.org.uk or telephone the Parish Office 01929 550905

God bless from your Alpha Team Adrian, Anne, Cilla, Ginny, Neil & Shelma



The BLESSING FUND

“Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me”
Matthew 25.40

You may not have heard of the Blessing Fund, but it is a tangible way the Church Family of Wareham, demonstrates Christ's love for all. The Fund was set up to provide an immediate solution to a crisis, and it's a lifeline for families in Wareham who find themselves in urgent need.

Over the past year, 17 families have received support from the Fund. For example, providing washing machines for families who cannot afford to replace one that breaks down; cookers and other white goods for people who have to move home and have no money to provide essentials; and beds, kitchen equipment and so on when family circumstances change suddenly.

The Fund provides goods and services, not cash, targeting a specific urgent need that can be alleviated immediately. It's not limited to church-goers, or Christians. People in need can be referred for help from the Fund, from organisations such as Wareham Citizens Advice or by speaking to churchwardens, or members of clergy.

It's a blessing for those who receive – but it's also a blessing for all of us to be able to support our brothers and sisters in times of difficulty.

If you would like to contribute to the Fund either as a one-off gift, or a regular donation, please talk to the Churchwardens, or Clergy.

Are you a Church Detective ?

I'M A
CHURCH
DETECTIVE

This month sees the launch of a great new resource for children, in Lady St Mary's Church, 'Can you be a Church Detective?'

Two Church Detective Quizzes - one for younger and one for older children - aim to welcome and engage with children, coming into church, in a new and creative way. There's so much, physically, in our churches, that help to tell the Christian story and bring faith alive and that's what these resources are all about.

The Detective Quizzes will be available on entry into Lady St Mary's for visiting children and families and potentially, for school groups and classes.

Each resource also has information about what's on offer for children and younger people - publicising the Angel Voices singing group at Lady St Mary's and Sandford St Martin's Breakfast@9.

This is just the start ! We'll be sharing the resources this summer and following feedback, we'll be able to refine it and publicise it further.

This summer, why not bring your children, or grandchildren and see if you too, can be a Church Detective ?



Can you find our lovely Edward **Chapel**. We use this for small services and sometimes to pray (talk to God) somewhere peaceful. You can pray anywhere.

I'M A
CHURCH
DETECTIVE

Can you find the big table at the front of church? It is called the **altar** or **communion table**. We remember Jesus' last meal here by eating a little bit of bread and taking a sip of wine.



We love having children in church. Can you find a place with **toys** and **colouring**? We have our **family service** on the first Sunday of the month where children take a bit of our church.

I'M A
CHURCH
DETECTIVE

God made things
made plants
find in church

Angel Voices: first Sunday of the month. They then help us with community events.

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Welcome to our church

Can you be a church detective?



Follow the clues to answer the questions:

Question 1: What do people do in church?

Clue 1: We learn about God and Jesus from a special book. There are some in the **pews** (row of seats), what are the books called? Can you find a big one of these books being carried by an eagle? This is called the **lectern**. Why do you think it is there? **In church we**

Clue 2: Can you find 3 rows of pews facing each other? The choir sit here and sometimes the band. Can you find 2 musical instruments? What do you think they are for? **In church we**

Clue 3: Can you find 2 special tables under big windows? These are called **altars**, or **communion tables**. Here, we remember when Jesus had his last meal before he was killed. He had supper and ate bread and drank wine with his friends and so we have bread and wine at some services to remember Jesus. It is called **communion**. **In church we sometimes have**

Clue 4: There are lots of cushions hanging on the back of the pews. Can you find 7 with pictures of boats? What do you think these cushions are used for? **In church we**

Clue 5: Near the front, can you find some steps up to a raised platform? This is called the **pulpit**. Have a look - everyone can see you here, so sometimes the **vicar** or **rector** stands here to talk to us about Jesus and how we can be like Jesus. **In church we**

Clue 6: We often have special services. We have Christmas and Easter services and Harvest Festival and weddings and funerals and baptisms. Can you find the **font**? We use it in baptisms to welcome babies, children and adults to the church family. **In church we**



font

Question 2: Who is church for?

Clue 7: Can you find some toys and colouring?

Who do you think we love having in church? **Church is for**

Clue 8: Have a look at these photos of services in 2 of our churches. What sorts of people can you see? **Church is for**



Thank you, to Jo Bispham, a member of our congregation, who had the idea for these wonderful resources and has written and produced the material and will be helping to develop it.





Encouraging Discipleship

Home Fellowship & Study Groups

Connect – Learn – Grow in Faith

Would you like to:

- to connect more with others in our Church Family ?
- be encouraged and find support in following Jesus Christ ?
- study the Bible, learn and grow in faith ?

If so, joining a Home Fellowship & Study Group, might help.

More about the Groups:

- Currently, six home-based groups gather, across our Parish
- They meet on different days, times and with different regularity
- People of all sorts and backgrounds belong
- Learning content and sharing styles differ creatively
- A range of multi-media study resources are used
- Applying the Bible to everyday life, praying together and finding friendship, fellowship and encouragement, help to make the groups a valued part of our church community.

If you'd like to find out more, or join a group, please contact:

Hilary Goodinge

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Unsung Heroes 'Lay Pastoral Assistants'

Among the many unsung heroes of our parish are a group of wonderful people who are our Lay Pastoral Assistants.

(Often referred to as LPA's). These are people who have felt a calling to the pastoral ministry, supporting the needs within our family of churches and the communities around them. They are given training from the Diocese to prepare them to carry out this role, and are then commissioned by the Bishop.

We are blessed with 6 LPAs in our Benefice, some of whom have been serving for over 20 years! To find out more about their quiet but extraordinary work, I spoke to Mary Appleton.

What is the role of an LPA?

LPAs work under the guidance of the clergy.

The role of an LPA is to reflect God's love in the community by offering friendship, prayer and encouragement as a representative of a worshipping community.

What sort of things do you do?

We aim to support people who need a little help at difficult times. There's no judgement – just a loving presence.

We often visit the sick or housebound, who may welcome the friendly contact with the community.

We can also bring 'Home Communion' to the housebound, or those who can't get to church.

We support the bereaved or lonely; being with them in their grief; and helping where we can.

We offer a compassionate, listening ear to people during times of crisis.

We share the joy of life as we support individuals preparing for baptism, marriage or other milestones;

And we can be called to encourage & nurture people new to faith, helping them along their journey to Christ, which is such a privilege.

As part of our ministry in the parish community, we are also sometimes called to be a Foundation Governor in a local church school.

How did I get involved?

Back in the 1990's the then Rector- Peter Hardman- and Team Vicar -Revd Humphrey Squire (Julia Seal's dad)- asked if I would join an LPA training course. This is a Diocesan course and on completion you are licensed by the Bishop to work as an LPA.

Every three years LPA's have to complete Safeguarding Training and be DBS checked.

Can anyone be an LPA?

Certainly make enquiries if you feel pastoral ministry is your calling.

A heart for caring, a listening ear and a wish to walk alongside others is the start. The role is voluntary, flexible and so rewarding.

What do I enjoy doing most?

I especially love my role as a Baptism LPA and walking alongside and encouraging the Angel Voices families on their journey of faith.

*Thank you, Mary, and to all the Lay Pastoral Assistants.
If you're interested in finding out more, please speak to any of the clergy, who will
be pleased to provide further details.*



Last week I went for a walk ...

Several other people walked with me.

We walked with intention. Not all of us with the same intention; but intention nevertheless.

Before we walked, we made a commitment that we would walk slowly: slowly enough to give us time to notice: slowly enough to give us time to notice the world around us, the people with whom we were walking, and what might be going on deep inside ourselves.

Maybe this is not just a walk, maybe this is a pilgrimage.

We cross a small bridge, and in a moment of ritual, leave behind the thoughts and distractions that we do not need to carry with us this day.

Over the field and up the hill and we are already noticing. Brown butterflies, purple orchids, the view in front of and behind. The wind in our hair, the warm earth and cool grass under briefly bare feet. Water and shared snacks taste like a feast.

We begin to notice that slowing down is good.

The under hill path. Orange butterflies now as well as the brown ones and purple knapweed - what is it in us that needs to name nature rather than simply marvel at God's created world.

A spacious place under the trees and as we stop for lunch the rain arrives. Some take shelter, some simply embrace the experience.

They say that a pilgrimage should always come with an element of

challenge - maybe this is ours. A small inconvenience? Or a gift?

The rain stops. We cross a perfect meadow. We are all smiling.

Deep conversation is happening. Laughter is happening. Connection is happening.

A stile, a road, a railway line.

Ancient woodland. We walk in silence, open to whatever connection is offered here. We gather slowly and sit on the grass. The silence holds.

A few more fields. The end of the walk. Some of us may not see others again for a while - if ever - but the connection will remain.

Hilary

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Be for us our companion on the walk,
our guide at the crossroads,
our strength in our weariness,
our protection in danger,
our shelter on the path,
our shade in the heat,
our light in the darkness,
our comfort in our discouragements,
and our strength in our intentions.
So that with your guidance we may arrive
safe and sound at the end of the Road and
enriched with grace and virtue we return
safely to our homes filled with lasting joy.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen





Walk the St Edward's Way Pilgrimage



A 32 mile pilgrimage route from Wareham to Shaftesbury following in the ancient footsteps of those who carried the body of the boy King Edward to rest in Shaftesbury Abbey more than 1000 years ago.

You are welcome to walk as much or as little as you like: join for half a day up to the whole thing. There is an option for up to 12 people to sleep in village halls along the way, and everyone who walks is welcome to stay for supper with the group.

- Day 1** Wareham to Winterbourne Kingston.
(Lunch in Bloxworth)
- Day 2** Winterbourne Kingston Church to Shillingstone.
(Winterbourne Stickland for lunch)
- Day 3** Shillingstone to Shaftesbury.
(Bedchester crossroads for lunch)

Come prepared to engage with the interior journey as well as the outward one.

For more info contact Revd Hilary Bond
hilary.bond@mac.com

September 4th, 5th & 6th 2026

Led by Bishop Karen and Revd Hilary Bond

For more information contact Revd Hilary Bond
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JULY

outdoor spirituality



Thursday July 9th 12noon- 5pm.
(approx)

A pocket sized pilgrimage from Langton to Swanage. Meet at St Georges Church in Langton at 12 noon.. This is a walk of about 5.5 miles. It includes some steep bits of coast path and ends on the bus route for ease of returning to Langton. Bring a packed lunch.

Sunday July 19th 4pm.

Fire pit gathering at Holme Priory. A place that is spiritual but not religious and where whatever you bring will be valued.

Friday July 31st 2- 4.30pm.

A quiet afternoon at Holme Priory. A little bit of input, but not too much. Time and space to wander or simply sit and be. And of course tea and maybe even cake!

Everyone welcome to any or all of these.

Message hilary.bond@mac.com for more details, or just come.



Sharing in Mission: Sowing Seeds

*'To make Jesus known, in every place,
that all might flourish and grow,
seeking God's kingdom here and now.'*

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus spoke of sharing the message of the kingdom, like a farmer sows seeds (*Matthew 13 1-9, 18-23*). We seek to 'sow seeds' locally, in word and action, through our witness and worship as a Church community but also globally, through our Mission Partners.

We support the work of 3 Mission Partners, through prayer and giving financially and by sharing what they are doing. In partnership with them, we fulfil our shared calling, to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, 'to all nations' (Matt 28.19), praying that God will give the growth to seeds sown, that people's lives and communities, may be transformed.

How are our Mission Partners Sowing Kingdom Seeds ?



St Stephen's School, Terekeka, South Sudan

- Providing essential education for around 400 children (nursery – secondary)
- Offering practical Christian nurture and care, e.g. providing school meals
- Giving a future and a hope to families, through the chance of education
- Witnessing to Christian values and the Church family, in the immensely challenging context of South Sudan, where civil conflict, climate change, poverty and lack of healthcare are a daily reality.

Resources are limited at the school. Since our link began in 2005, Wareham's financial support has helped to maintain buildings, pay staff salaries, buy textbooks and charcoal for cooking.

South Sudan became independent in 2011.
It's one of the poorest countries in the world.
Only 35% of the 12.5 million population are literate.
60% of the population are Christian.
65% of the population are 25 years or younger !

Bishop Paul Modi is Chair of Governors and leads the Diocese of Terekeka. They and their family also farm and grow food to survive and drought is an ongoing threat.

Bishop Paul and his wife
Mama Edina visited
Wareham in 2022.

Shown here with
Mike and Alison Quinlan.



For Prayer

- Peace and a lasting political settlement in South Sudan
- Good harvests unaffected by drought or flooding
- Safety for teachers and pupils at St Stephen's
- Bishop Paul in his ministry in the Diocese

For more information

Contact Mike Quinlan: mike@quinlanfamily.co.uk





The Taylor Family serving in the Dominican Republic with Youth with a Mission (YWAM)

- Supporting marriage and family life through courses and counselling
- Visiting & speaking at local schools and equipping Sunday school teachers
- Hosting international mission teams
- Engaging in street and community evangelism
- Sharing the Gospel through their multimedia ministry including radio, TV & social media.

Malcolm & Yanet work in the city of San Pedro de Macoris, founding YWAM Series 23 in 2018, with a vision to see family lives restored spiritually and physically through sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Their children Patricia & Samuel, also play a significant role in their ministry, helping to show what a loving Christian family looks like and taking part in various mission projects. They are volunteer missionaries with YWAM relying on the generosity of Churches, family and friends to support them in their work.

For Prayer

- Give thanks for the large evangelistic events held this year
- God's wisdom as they minister to families
- An increase in one-time & monthly financial support from partners
- Flourishing of regular ministry activities, engaging with families, schools and city councillors of San Pedro de Macoris

For more information

Subscribe to News from the Taylor Family: malcolm@malcolmtaylor.org
Follow their social media accounts @ywamseries23
Contact info@ywamseries23.org



Ruth Guinness, based in Malawi, with Serving in Mission (SIM)



- Equipping and resourcing church pastors in Malawi & beyond
- Providing theological and missiological education and training
- Creating culturally appropriate bible study resources and courses
- Enhancing networking internationally amongst theological educators

Ruth is the 'Ministry Point Person for Theological and Missiological Education' for SIM UK. She also supports a small team of missionaries involved in theological education in Malawi. She lives in Blantyre and taught at the Evangelical Bible College of Malawi there from 2000 until 2020. She is fluent in the local language Chichewa.

Worldwide more than 90% of pastors have had no formal theological training. One of several resources Ruth has developed is, a Theological Education by Extension (TEE) course on Abraham linked to, *The Story of God and His World*, suitable for a Malawi context. Studying this has empowered church leaders in sharing the Gospel with greater confidence:

"By giving them a better foundational knowledge of God's story, they can then help others in the church to understand the Bible themselves and play their part in God's mission."

Recent Update

Ruth returned in June to the UK, to help care for her parents, Garry and Jeannette Guinness in Wareham. She gives praise to God for the timing of her return, enabling her to spend time with her aunt and uncle, before their deaths and being here with family to mourn their loss and give thanks for their lives.

For Prayer

- For lives transformed through SIM theological education
- Equipped pastors to serve God's mission
- Encouragement through networking across SIM
- Comfort, wisdom and strength, for Ruth and her family
- The government and people of Malawi

For more information

Subscribe to Ruth's News: guth.guinness@sim.org and Visit sim.co.uk

Find out more about '*Sharing the Story of God and His World*'

<https://sim.co.uk/sharing-the-story-of-god-and-his-world/>



Join us to find out more in services
across the Parish on

Mission Sunday 12th July

& St Nicholas Church, Arne Sunday 19th July

The Collection taken at all services across the Parish on these days
will go to our Mission Partners.

Digital giving, cash and cheques gratefully received on their behalf.
Please consider how generous you can be!

Further information about committing to long-term giving,
to our Mission Partners,
will be available on **Mission Sunday**.



A word from our new Team Vicar

Hello!

I am excited to join you on 16th July as Team Vicar to the Wareham Parish. When we meet, you might notice the tinge of a Black Country accent which I've not quite lost. I grew up in Wolverhampton and am currently a little under the weather with Wolves' relegation this season. However, always hopeful, positive and looking forward to greater things to come.

I am married to Chas, and we have three adult children: Adam, Tim and Emily. Adam is married to Bex, and they have two boys, Cassius and Kit. There's nothing better than getting together to play a board game. We're all a competitive bunch!

I love music; playing guitar, flute and a little keyboard. I also crochet (I've already started on making poppies for the Poppy Project 2026) and I'm looking forward to tackling the vicarage garden! I'm someone who enjoys 'giving things a go'.

Wareham is a beautiful part of the world, and we've already enjoyed a countryside walk or two with a pub meal by the river. Living in Sandford with missional responsibility in the community, I look forward to getting to know you all, working and sharing together where God's Spirit leads us. Equally in the parish, I'm looking forward to working with the clergy team, community and parishioners. There's so much going on over the summer months!

I have spent most of my working life in one context or another with children and teenagers enjoying the fun and energy that they bring. It is a privilege to lead all ages in worship, waiting on God's presence and giving him the glory.



As we look forward to the future together, my hope and prayer is that I can partner with you in proclaiming and showing the love of God through hospitality and prayer; sharing and meeting needs and witnessing to the impact and love of Jesus in our lives.

Please do stop and say hello if you see me out and about. I'm looking forward to getting to know you better.

Hoping to see you soon!

The Revd Jenny Nightingale

**On Thursday 16th July,
7pm Lady St Mary's Church,
The Revd Jenny Nightingale will
be Licensed as the Team Vicar,
of the Benefice of Wareham.**

**We would love you to join us,
to welcome Jenny as she
begins her ministry with us.**

**Please pray for Jenny and her
husband Chas, as Jenny is
licensed by the Bishop of
Sherborne, Karen Gorham.**



Can YOU help ?

Our thriving church community depends on a huge number of lovely people who volunteer, giving their time and skills to enrich Church life and our wider community. Many were recruited using the well-known 'tap on the shoulder' technique. The problem with this approach is that most of our community are modest individuals who never shout about their many skills and abilities; and rarely push themselves forward.

So this is an open invitation to **YOU!**

Could you help us out? We need people for all sorts of things – if you have a bit of spare time and energy. (Or know someone who does!). It's a great way to meet people, develop skills, and contribute to the local community. For younger people it can add to their CV or Duke of Edinburgh Award credentials.

We have a few immediate priorities:

Communications We urgently need someone to help develop and improve our parish communications and publicity, which includes regular updating of our website and helping with the magazine etc. No minimum time commitment; flexible to suit you.



Welcome & Hospitality

We need welcoming, smiley people to help serve coffee on a Saturday morning between 10 am and about 12.30am, in the Parish Hall. You don't need to be there every Saturday – any time you can spare to help would be hugely appreciated.

Do you like to cook or bake? We are hoping to set up a parish 'Hospitality Team'. A group of people who could be called on to bake cakes, help provide food for church events and so on. This would not be a regular commitment; we are looking for a number of people who we could ask to help from time to time.



If you'd like to find out more, or can offer any help with the above, or would simply like to be more involved with Church life, please contact

Churchwarden Anne Laking - Email: marthalaking57@gmail.com



Hello from Jo ...



My name is Jo Bispham, and I would like to introduce myself as the new Parish Safeguarding Officer working alongside Cilla Spurling (Sandford support).

Safeguarding is an important part of our church's life and mission. It is about ensuring that our church remains a safe, welcoming, and caring place for everyone. My role is to support the parish in maintaining good safeguarding practices, offering guidance where needed, and helping to ensure that concerns are addressed appropriately and sensitively.

I have been a member of the church community at Lady St Mary for a number of years and I look forward to working with our diocesan safeguarding team, clergy, volunteers, and congregations to promote a culture of care, respect, and wellbeing across the parish.

If you have any safeguarding questions or concerns, or if you would simply like to know more about safeguarding within our parish, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I am hoping to meet up with group leaders and volunteers over the next few months.

Please contact me on: 01929 551597 or email me on: jcbispham@googlemail.com with SAFEGUARDING in the subject line. Where there is an immediate risk of harm, call 999.

With best wishes,

Jo Bispham

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Safeguarding Update

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON DBS RENEWALS & THE NEW WAREHAM SAFEGUARDING HUB

Thank you to all our volunteers who work tirelessly across the Benefice; your work is hugely appreciated. For those who work with vulnerable adults and/or children, there are new arrangements for renewing or applying for DBS clearance.

In order to ensure our Parish responsibilities, and under the

guidance of the Salisbury Diocese, a Parish Safeguarding Hub has been agreed by the PCC for use in our parish churches.

All DBS renewals and safeguard training will now link directly with the Parish Safeguarding Hub as an automated and updated management system

Some people will be receiving notification that their DBS is due for renewal, and you will receive an email from disclosure@thirtyoneeight.org to start your application.



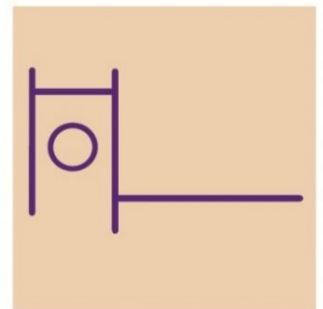
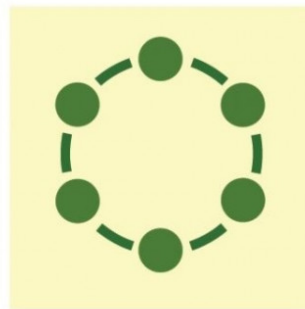
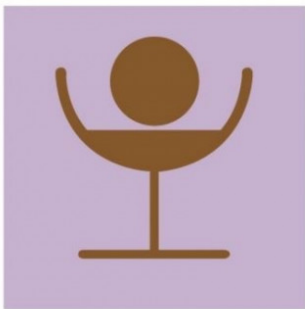
thirtyone:eight are the provider responsible for carrying out DBS checks under the new system and the application request is signed Wareham Churches at the bottom. A link is provided for you to complete the application, and guidance is available. Confirmation of your application will be sent to you.

Inspection of documents are a necessary part of DBS approvals. After receipt of your application, ID documents are checked.

There is an option to securely upload your ID documents using a phone or tablet, (or QR code using PC/laptop), as well as manual inspection of the documents by a visit to the Parish Office.

For further information, please let the Parish Office or Cilla Spurling at Sandford St Martins know if you have any further queries or concerns.

We wish to thank all those who have successfully completed their DBS applications using the new system!



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Did you know....

that there is an easy way for you to give regularly to the work of the Gospel in our parish?
No more looking for collection cash or filling in a pink envelope. Instead – use The Parish Giving Scheme!
This is a scheme run centrally by the diocese. It allows you to give whatever you wish to our Church, automatically via direct debit. Many of us pay our bills this way, and like our bills, once it's set up we can forget about it.

From the church's point of view, it vastly reduces the time and administration our volunteer finance officers need to spend counting cash or filling in paper accounts.

It's simple to start. You can set up the direct debit via:

- A paper 'Gift Form' – available from the Parish Office, churchwardens or the treasurer, Mark Lapper
- Our telephone service on 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm
- Website: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/givers/howpgsworks>
Our parish number is 340634290

If you would like any help, please speak to a churchwarden, to Mark Lapper, or visit the parish office, open Mon, Wed, Fri from 10am until noon.





Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

The Parish of Wareham offers a variety of services to mark the birth of a child, to celebrate a marriage, to mark the beginning of a journey of faith and to commemorate a life that has ended. To find out more or if you would like to speak to one of the clergy team to arrange a service, please contact us (see below).

Holy Baptism people of all ages are welcomed into the Church through baptism (sometimes referred to as Christening). If you would like to discuss being baptised or having your child baptised in the Parish of Wareham, please contact the Revd Shelma Vaughan (details below).

Confirmation is a continuing of what has begun at baptism, affirming our faith and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. If you wish to be confirmed please speak to one of the Parish Clergy.

Weddings & Wedding Blessings the first step to getting married or having a wedding blessing in the Parish of Wareham is to contact one of the Team Rectors (contact details below).

Funerals the clergy are always available to take a funeral, either in church or at the crematorium and to support people during times of need. Contact can be made directly with the Parish Clergy or via the Funeral Directors.

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