



THREE VALLEYS INFORMATION SHEET

11th January 2021

Prayer for the Day

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and
the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your
adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Compline Worship & other service details for this forthcoming week

Monday 11th January @ 6.00pm –
Compline with Rev.George Moody

Wednesday Wednesday 13th January @
6.00pm – Celtic Night Prayers via Zoom with

Rev.Richard Kirlew (please contact Richard if
you do not have the link for above).

Friday 15th January @ 6.00pm – Evening
Prayers with Rev.Anne Budgell via online
Three Valleys link.

Other Services in the Three Valleys

17th January 2021 (Actual Church Services
in Three Valleys Benefice cancelled)

10:00am Service with Communion with
Rev.Tony Gilbert. (Please note that this will
be live via Zoom and recorded. Tony has
asked me to explain that people's faces will
not be shown in recording). Contact Tony if
you do not already have the Zoom Link and
would like to join in.

24th January 2021 (Actual in Church Ser-
vices Cancelled)

31st January 2021 (Actual in Church Ser-
vices Cancelled)

(Please note that on every Sunday morning
above @ 10.00am usually via Facebook the
Rev.Anne Budgell or another Minister will
be leading a service of worship). Please
email for link.

**All the above dates are Provisional
and may have to be changed accord-
ing to circumstances/events nearer
the time.**

Advent Collect from the Bishop of Salisbury

Almighty God, give us grace to cast
away the works of darkness and put on
the armour of light, now in the time of
this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus
Christ came to us in great humility; that,
on the last day, when he shall come

again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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3valleysoffice@gmail.com Benefice Website:
www.threevalleysteam.org

Please send items for publication on the website (especially forthcoming/recent events) to itemsforwebsite@threevalleysteam.org

(Please note that every Sunday morning @ 10.00am on Facebook the Rev. Anne Budgell or another Minister will be leading a service of worship).

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Tony Gilbert

Thoughts for the day on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Thursday 24th December 2020

Christmas Eve

This will be my last thought for the day for a bit as I will be concentrating now on Christmas services and then some time off. However, from the feedback I get I gather you still like these thoughts so I will return in January.

Today I have for you two thoughts or sayings from C S Lewis who many of you will know from his famous series of Narnia books and another one incorrectly attributed to his friend JRR Tolkien who wrote Lord of the Rings. In fact, it was inserted into the dialogue of the film by the producer and did not originate from Tolkien himself but nonetheless it is worth quoting and at Christmas I think these three sayings are worth repeating.

First from Lord of the Rings

Some believe that it is only great power that can hold evil in check but that is not what I have found. It is small everyday deeds of ordinary people that keep the darkness at bay. Small acts of kindness and love. **Lord of the Rings Film**

“A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word 'darkness' on the walls of his cell.”

C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain

“The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us.”

C.S. Lewis

As I say all three seem to be appropriate thoughts for Christmas

Have Blessed Christmas

Church Video links

You may wish to watch Nick Swann's video links of the following churches: -

St. Peter's Church, Chetnole

https://youtu.be/IHvaC_h9Ry0 and also

St Michael's, Beer Hackett

<https://youtu.be/FJBU-ECA8dg>

ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPENING CHURCHES

St Andrew's Yetminster:

Open for personal prayer on Wednesdays & Sundays from 10.00am-4.00pm

Leigh, St Andrew's

The church will be open for private prayer from 10.00hrs to 14.00hrs (10.00am – 2.00pm).

Batcombe, St Mary Magdalene open 24/7

Holnest Church of the Assumption:

The church is currently closed for building works which are expected to continue until February 2021. The churchyard remains open for anyone to attend to graves. Any enquiries to Jenny Hunnisett 01963 210562

Chetnole St Peter's will be open on Wednesdays and Sundays from 10.00am to 4.00pm. There is a food bank hamper in church and we welcome your donations. Also, a restocked and extended book and puzzle exchange.

Thornford, St Mary Magdalene open on Sundays & Wednesdays – 10.00-4.00pm beginning Sunday 21st June.

Bradford Abbas – 9.00am – 7pm on Sundays & Wednesdays

Beer Hackett, St Michael's – 10.00am-4.00pm Sundays & Wednesdays

Folke, St. Lawrence's – Tuesday & Saturdays 10.00am – 4.00pm (starting 24th June)

Glanvilles Wootton – Open on Wednesdays & Sundays (10.00-4.00pm) tbc

Hermitage - open on Wednesdays & Sundays

Howell, St Lawrence's – this will be opened by appointment – phone numbers on Church notice board and porch gate.

Pulham, St Thomas A Beckett - will be open every day between 10.00am - 4.00pm for private prayer.

Please be aware that, it is now compulsory for members of the congregation (adults) to wear a 'face mask,' whilst attending a service inside the church.

Hand sanitising gel and disposable face masks will be available at the entrances to most of our churches.

Updated Guidance

Updated guidance and information around the unlocking of our churches and moving to a 'new normal' – is being issued regularly. You can contact parishsupport@salisbury.anglican.org for more information.

New Alpha Course – January 2021

(The above has been postponed until the Spring)

Bishops



Bishops Karen, Nicholas and Andrew at Salisbury Cathedral. Photo by Ash Mills

The [Bishop of Salisbury](#) is assisted by two suffragan bishops, the [Bishop of Ramsbury](#) and the [Bishop of Sherborne](#).

Please remember to share the Pew Sheet with others in your benefice, who may not be receiving a copy by email from the office plus forward me contact details of anyone who would like a copy sent directly to them – Thank you.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021



World Day of Prayer 2021

"Build on a Strong Foundation"

Friday 5th March 2021

Save the date!

As I write this article for the magazine the year has just turned and COVID-19 is still controlling much of our lives. Although we are encouraged by the prospect of vaccinations bringing the pandemic under control, I cannot see that we will be in a position to meet together as we usually do by the beginning of March.

I have been wondering how we could still celebrate with the women of Vanuatu, who have compiled the service this year. The service sheets etc. were sent out some time ago, so my plan is to broadcast the service on Zoom.

In previous years we have had meetings and a time of preparation. This may not be practical this year, but I know many of you have been willing to take part in the past and hope you may do so again by reading. We may be unable to do it exactly as it is in the book, but we will follow most of it.

Anyone who is interested in taking part or simply joining us on the day please contact liz.kirlew@btinternet.com or phone Holwell Rectory on 01963 23570, and I urge you all to keep an eye on the website www.threevalleysteam.org.uk

Many Thanks

Liz Kirlew

Ride+Stride - a record result!

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Dorset Historic Churches Trust has announced that its annual fundraising event, the Ride+Stride for Churches held in September, raised an amazing £110,000 – a record amount - in its 60th year.



There was some considerable doubt about asking the charity's members and friends to take part in a sponsored walk, cycle or canter in this challenging year with all its restrictions. But in the end, the outcome surpassed every previous year.

The beautiful and historic church buildings of Dorset are in greater need of support than ever with incomes sharply down because of the pandemic. This heartening result means that more grants can be made to churches to repair leaking roofs, to

prop up sagging walls and install better community facilities.

The Trust's Chairman, John Stokoe explained how delighted he is to announce this result.

"There was a point in the year when we considered calling off the whole event," he said.

"But we have been blessed with great supporters all over the county and I thank them all wholeheartedly."

The Channel Islands join our Cycle of Prayer

As we move forward in the discernment process that we hope will see the Channel Islands becoming attached to the Diocese of Salisbury, we have begun to pray together and for each other.



Photo courtesy Wikimedia Commons

From January, the Channel Islands' parishes and their work will be included in our daily Cycle of Prayer.

The Spirit of Christmas, 2020

As the saying goes, 'necessity is the mother of invention', and our parishes and schools have been as innovative as we have come to expect in this unprecedented year. Here's what various parishes and schools have to say about their local celebrations, many of which reached a much wider audience.



Matt Smith, Corfe Mullen:

"We at St Nicholas Church, Corfe Mullen have been enjoying filming a nativity play, lots of characters played by a few actors, our 3 Kings visited the local Alpaca rescue centre to film a scene, nearest thing we could find to camels. So much fun!"

"Last night was wonderful, please pass on our thanks to everyone involved in making it happen. My dad in Scotland tuned in too...he said he'd felt so connected to us as a result



Emily Broomhead, Chalke Valley:

"In a week when plans to celebrate have changed and many may be apprehensive about gathering together, we offer you a simply glorious way to approach Christmas. [This virtual service](#) has contributions from every parish in our Benefice, many of your favourite carols, and is simply one of the best services we have done this year."



Finally, if there is anything that you would like for me to mention in the Pew Sheet please email the office 3valleysoffice@gmail.com asap. I am hoping to continue working at the office on Monday mornings and Tuesday afternoons for the foreseeable future.

Happy New Year to you all!

Emily adds:

"Every normal year the children of Coombe Bissett School come to the Church of St Michael and All Angels to take part in their Christingle service. This year of course is not normal! It was unsafe to bring children in their separate school bubbles with their parents into church. So, we decided to take Christingles to them in bags!"

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Here is a composite picture of the Advent windows in Chetnole.

