



THREE VALLEYS INFORMATION SHEET

12th October 2020

Holnest Church project goes ahead!



Holnest Church has received a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of £74,500 towards an exciting heritage project '**Mend & Make Good**'. The grant was made possible by money raised by National Lottery players.

Additional financial support has been received from Dorset Historic Churches Trust £10k; Erskine Muton Trust 10k; proceeds from local Whist Drives £7k and Friends of Holnest Church £5k.



The project focuses on a scheme of essential repair works to the chancel roof, church windows and the repointing of the church tower and south westerly walls, preserving the built heritage of this *Grade 1 listed* church. Additionally, it includes the design, purchase and

erection of three interpretation boards illustrating the heritage of the church and churchyard '*a site of nature conservation interest*'. A further feature of the project is the delivery of a programme of heritage events and activities inside the church and in the churchyard. These will provide enjoyable, educational and skills opportunities that are of interest to everybody. The contractors are planning to arrive on site towards the end of September. For both practical and health and safety reasons the church building will be closed for the duration of the building works. Access to the churchyard to tend graves etc. will remain open, with care. Hopefully it will not be too long before we can meet again at Holnest church to worship and to give thanks and celebrate the project milestones.

The budgeted cost of the project is £129,324. Holnest Parochial Church Council (PCC) is extremely grateful for the generosity of its supporters over many years who have collectively enabled this project to proceed. Unfortunately, due to Covid19 the final push to fully fund the project has been severely hampered by the cancellation of two quiz evenings, the annual church fete with flower festival and the regular community breakfasts and countryside walks. The PCC continues to be open to receive any further donations via the churchwarden, Jenny Hunnisett 01963 210562 jenny7keith@btinternet.com or the PCC treasurer, Ben Lane ben.lane289@gmail.com. Donations may be eligible for gift aid.

Ride & Stride news!

The Yetminster team consisting of Alex, Simon, George & Lucy have raised £850.00 so far – half of which comes back to St. Andrew's Church. Well done & thank you to all who took part.

The Countrymen's club - Farm visits and cream teas

From August to October 2020, on select dates, the Countrymen's club based at Boyshill, Holnest, will be offering a cream tea and a farm walk to local men with a rural background along with their wives and carers.

You will have 1.5 hours on the farm with a maximum of 2 couples on the farm per session. Social distancing rules and relevant hygiene precautions will be strictly observed. There will be an opportunity to see the animals and some of the crafts that our countrymen have made over the years as well as the chance to talk about farming and the rural way of life.

There will be a small charge of £5 per person to cover costs.

If you are interested, please give them a call on the number below and they will let you know the dates and times available.

Rylands Farm, Boyshill, Holnest DT9 5PS
Tel: 01963 210703

Coffee & Cake Cancellations

Leigh Village Church have had to cancel their monthly coffee mornings due to the Covid restrictions but hope to re-introduce in due course.

Likewise **Coffee & Cake** on the 1st Wednesday of the month at Yetminster Jubilee Hall has been suspended for now due to the 'Rule of 6'. It is hoped that this will resume asap.

Prayer for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 – Compline - at 6.00pm via Three Valleys Team Facebook page (Rev.George Moody)

Wednesday @ 6.00pm –Celtic Night Prayers with Rev.Richard Kirelew via Zoom (please contact Richard if you do not have the link for above).

Friday 16th October @ 6.00pm – An Evening prayer service – with Rev.Anne Budgell

(Sunday morning 18th October @ 10.00am) - Online service of Common Worship Eucharist at 10.00am led by Rev.George Moody – via Three Valleys Team facebook page.

A Message from the Clergy Team

There has been some concern expressed that the clergy are not seen so much in the villages during the lockdown. We are aware of this and want to assure you that we are still available for telephone consultations or via skype, zoom and all the other electronic methods of communication

Please share the Pew Sheet with others in your benefice who may not be receiving a copy by email from the office – Thank you.

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www.threevalleysteam.org

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

The Wriggle Valley Mothers' Union

*On **Sunday October 18th** there will be a cake stall (plus other goodies) outside St Andrew's Church Yetminster after their **10am Harvest Festival** to raise money for The Mothers' Union. Like all charities the Mothers' Union have suffered from lack of funds this year and we are hoping to raise a bit of money for the incredible work they do both here in UK and overseas. Please do support us.*

For further information either contact Clare Lindsay or Margaret Shipman 872440.

Forthcoming Services

Harvest Services plus others –

Second Sunday Worship & Praise will take place at **St Andrew's School**, starting at 10.00am with Coffee & individually wrapped breakfast. Social distancing please and masks must be worn.

(Please note that every Sunday morning on facebook the Rev. Anne Budgell or another Minister will be leading a service of worship for those who would prefer not to come out yet).

18th October 2020 @ 10.00am

Harvest Festival @ St Andrew's Church, Yetminster with Holy Communion –

A collection of dry goods and tinned food for local food banks is underway. If you wish to contribute, please leave gifts in box inside of St. Andrew's Church.

Other Services on 18th October: -

10.00am Glanvilles Wootton with Holy Communion

10.00am Leigh Church with Holy Communion

10.00am Beer Hackett with Holy Communion

(On-line 10.00am service via Three Valleys Facebook).

Fourth Sunday

"On 25th October at 10:30 am in Holwell Village Hall, the Church of England is going to look a little different. 'We're trying something new,' comments team vicar, George Moody, 'rather than asking people to come to church, we want to break out of the building and find out what it means to be God's people in the community. The idea is to be welcoming to all, to listen to each other's stories, to gather as a loving community, and to worship God in new ways. We hope that many will want to join us.' The leadership team is made up of local Christians who want to give something back to their local community and this is something they feel they can offer. It's called Fourth Sunday, making it easy to remember that we meet once a month on the fourth Sunday of the month. If you're interested, just turn up. For more info email George at revgeorgemoody@gmail.com.

Annual Meetings/APCM's Announcement !

Annual meetings must normally be held each year by the end of May.

The Bishop has made special provision extending the time for holding annual meetings of parishioners to choose churchwardens and annual parochial church meetings (APCMs) to 31 October 2020. The terms of office of churchwardens and PCC members have also been extended.

You can now meet physically in a church or a church hall if the guidance for the safe opening of these buildings is followed, and good physical distancing and hygiene measures are employed.

If, exceptionally, that is not possible, another option is for the Bishop to make provision modifying the procedure for annual meetings so that they can be held remotely using video-conferencing software.

If you think you will need to meet remotely for your parish annual meetings, you should contact your Archdeacon. Diocesan registries have received advice from the Legal Office of the National Church Institutions about remote meetings, and will be able to assist in meeting particular needs that arise in their dioceses.

For more information, contact your Archdeacon.

New Blog! The Rectory Window.

The Rev. George Moody is writing a new blog called 'The Rectory Window' (therectorywindow.blogspot.com) This is based on Mark's Gospel. It will appear on a more occasional basis than his previous blog 'Look up in Lock-down' which has now finished.

'Thought for the Day'

Due to popular request, Rev. Tony Gilbert has returned to lead this, and can be viewed on the Three Valleys Team facebook page.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPENING CHURCHES

St Andrew's Yetminster:

Open for personal prayer daily from 8.00am – 12.00noon. Entry and exit through the main door only due to ongoing Tower works."

Please note: There will be no access from the south entrance around the Tower for the next three months, due to scaffolding and the Tower

works team, so please use the main north door.

Leigh, St Andrew's open daily 10am to 4pm.

With effect from 26th October the period for private prayer will end at 14.00hrs (2pm) when Summer time ends. From then on 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.

Re-opening of Churches

For the latest Gov.guidelines please refer to the link below: -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-4-july>

The change in the Government's guidance means that those of our churches, that are able to do so safely, can now open for private prayer.



Those who have been able to open up for a few hours each day or at set times during the week have found themselves negotiating the long list of measures that they need to put in place to keep us all safe.

For the first month after we are allowed back into church we intend to hold simply three services per Sunday, one service in each of the Three Valley groups (Wriggle Valley, Gifle Valley and Vale of the White hart). These will rotate through the various churches in those areas. We will also continue broadcasting a weekly service via the internet. It seems likely that initially, distancing rules will have to be observed in church and that hymn singing will not be allowed as the deep breathing needed to sing is believed to increase the risk of spreading the virus. Details of where the services are to be held will be published in the weekly electronic pew sheet, on our Facebook page and our website nearer the time

Please be aware that as of last weekend, 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.

Support service for the suddenly bereaved

Hospitals and police forces are now able to refer people bereaved in sudden ways (including by Covid-19 and any sudden illness, incident, or suicide), from day one of bereavement, into a new, government-funded, England-wide, professional, free and specialist sudden bereavement service. 'Sudden' is run by a well-established charity that helps suddenly-bereaved people through trained and named caseworkers, operating over the phone. Visit sudden.org for more information.

Re-usable Masks

(Cotton washable re-usable masks are now available from Hamish the farm shop and Leigh village stores if required).

New Director and Deputy Diocesan Secretary appointed

31 Jul, 2020 09:32 PM

The Diocese of Salisbury are delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd Canon Jonathan Triffitt to the post of Director of Mission and Ministry/ Deputy Diocesan Secretary.



Jonathan, who has been serving as Rector of Blandford Forum and Langton Long, will lead a team to support and serve resource local churches in 3 key areas: discipleship, leadership and community transformation. This will be across all levels (Benefice, Deanery and our Diocesan Board of Education schools), with an approach that is about thinking both locally and with a collective Diocesan mindset.

Zooming in on pets

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As a Diocese, we recently celebrated the Season of Creation - our now annual fixture from 1st September to 4th October, the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi - and our parishes' increasing creativity is paying dividends.



4th October, the last day of the Season of Creation, was also Animal Welfare Sunday and, for the Upper Wylde Valley Team, it was their Zoom Pet Service.

The Revd Trudy Hobson explains:

“Being rural, with many farms in and around our benefice, animal welfare is an important focus for the Team. We recognise that small changes can have a huge impact; for example, committing to using only free-range eggs, creating wildflower areas in our churchyards, encouraging our congregations and communities to create bug homes or put out food and water for the birds.

“We may wonder what our putting up a bird box, or making a bug home will actually achieve, but as we are seeing across our country, our small actions do create change.

Room to Grow

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Despite current restrictions, many of our parishes are thriving as they reach out in new ways, and some are beginning to pick up where they left off.



Cake by Julia Baker

Christ Church Creekmoor welcomed Bishop Karen last Sunday (4th October) to their Breakfast@9 Service and their Encounter Service, to rededicate a new building and recommission them in their ministry.

Christ Church has undergone a major £1.4m extension to their existing church building, creating a larger worship space and new Community Hub, including the Community Hub Café.

Celebrating despite coronavirus

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The Rural Hope Team with support from the Ministry and Mission Team are creating a series of webinars offering resources and ideas for celebrating some of our key times and seasons under the present restrictions.



Photo courtesy Pexels

With major and popular festivals like Remembrance, All Souls, Advent, Christmas and Epiphany all being covered, clergy and lay leaders are being invited to join the online sessions that will share ideas on the possibilities of this challenging time.

This coming Wednesday (9th September) at 2.00pm, the Team will launch the first in the series, celebrating Harvest.

The Revd Richard Kirlew, Rural Officer [Chaplain] for Dorset and Canon Richard Hancock, Rural Field Officer for Dorset, will join clergy and lay leaders to look at how 2 key rural festivals - Harvest and

Plough Sunday - can be celebrated in the current climate.

The Richards will explore how these 2 events, marking the end and the beginning of the agricultural year, could offer us an opportunity to do something different.

They will bring their wealth of rural experience and mission to share how these traditional festivals can take place outside of the church environment. They will also share expertise from the Diocesan Board of Education on how to link in with schools as well as giving you an opportunity to share your own ideas and plans.

The Webinar and downloads will cover the following areas:

- Promoting Food Banks [Urban & Rural]
- Schools Links and Resources [in discussion with Lizzie Whitbread, Adviser for work with young people]
- Supporting and working with Farmers and Farming Communities
- Urban Focus – Harvest and Plough Sunday in an urban setting
- Outline Liturgies that can be used for both Harvest & Plough Sunday
- Outline Sermon with rural and farming info
- NFU link and support
- Ideas from around the Diocese
- Simple Risk Assessment form for holding service in a Barn, Farmland or other venue
- Guidance on refreshments at events
- Advice on live broadcasting or recording your Harvest/ Plough Sunday service

We hope that you will join us for what will be an interesting afternoon of sharing, learning and resources.

Our clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers are invited to join Celebrating the Rural Seasons - Harvest & Plough Sunday webinar by emailing Clare Phillips (clare.phillips@salisbury.anglican.org).

Prayerwalking Three Valleys

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Pilgrimage is embedded in the rich history of Dorset and Wiltshire, with a number of routes

criss-crossing our diocesan area, and new routes are being devised all the time.



The Revd George Moody and General Andrew Graham took it into their heads to walk the whole of the Three Valleys Benefice recently - about 90 square miles of rural north Dorset.

The prayer walk took 14 hours, visited 20 church buildings in 23 villages, and covered 34 miles of backroads and footpaths.

George commented, "My hips ached after about 100 yards, but once I'd got Andrew to slow to my pace, we just kept going. The views were astonishing, the stiles challenging and it felt like the prayer kept building as we travelled.

"Andrew was the best of companions, and the final wee dram of malt at the end was a worthy reward!"

There is a plan to do it again in the first week in September next year; others are welcome to join in.

The 'rule of 6'

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New 'rule of 6' restrictions to help limit the spread of coronavirus have been announced.



Photo courtesy wallpapersafari

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who chairs the Church of England's recovery group, said:

"I welcome confirmation from the Prime Minister that places of worship can still hold more than 6 people in total, despite the new restrictions on gatherings, and the reassurance that public worship can continue.

"We will continue to work with the Government on specific areas relating to our churches and church-based activities."

What do the latest Covid-19 restrictions mean for parishes and benefices?

From Monday 14th September:

- Places of worship are Covid-secure venues so they are exempt from the 6 people limit for services of public worship and private prayer
- However groups inside church should not be more than 6, groups should not combine and there must be social distancing between groups.
- Covid-secure weddings, funerals and other stand alone services can go ahead with limited numbers.
- But, as ever, there is a lot of detail still to emerge. National Church colleagues are working hard with government departments and Public Health England to ascertain the detailed information parishes need, such as groups in other church settings, home groups, PCCs or APCMs.

• Channel Islands vote to join our Guild

- 09 Oct, 2020 10:48 PM
- **The Channel Island District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers has voted decisively to join the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers (SDGR) when the Channel Islands move from the Diocese of Winchester to the Diocese of Salisbury.**



- Mont Orgueil and Gorey Harbour, Jersey, courtesy wimbourneminsterbellringers
- Jane Le Conte, Chair of the Channel Islands District said:
- “The result of the district vote regarding our guild affiliation came in yesterday. 65% of those who participated wish to move to membership of the Salisbury DG. The remaining 34% were evenly split between remaining with the W&P and abstaining. We

look forward to building a relationship with the Salisbury Guild and wait to hear what we need to do to facilitate the move.”

Meet our new Deacons for 2020

18 Sep, 2020 10:14 PM

On Saturday 26th September, 14 new deacons will be ordained by Bishop Nicholas in 2 groups of 7 in our Cathedral during services at 9.00am and 11.00am.



They include a garden designer, a classical singer, an IT project manager who appeared on the Big Breakfast and Noel Edmund's Multi-Coloured Swap Shop, and our previous Director of Communications. One deacon is related to the founder of the first post office in Fremantle in Australia.

Dog Fouling at Yetminster Jubilee Hall -

(Garden/Children's Play area)

I have been asked to mention, that someone is exercising their dog on the grass strips at the front of the hall (car park area) and also on the grass behind the hall. This is a garden area where children regularly play.

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. Jeanette