



Parish Magazine of
St Bartholomew, Hyde
and St Lawrence
with St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate,
Winchester

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St Bartholomew, Hyde



St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate



St Lawrence

The Three Saints Benefice of St Bartholomew and St Lawrence with St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate, Winchester

Welcome

As the Church of England for Hyde, Abbotts Barton and Winchester city centre, our three historic churches together form two inclusive parishes and one friendly benefice family, where you will be sure of a warm welcome.

For all our news and lots of information, from the spiritual to the social, please make sure you are on the mailing list for our weekly newsletter (by email), or see our website www.threesaints.org.uk

Prayer requests can be sent to the Parish Office, and please let us know of anyone in our parishes who needs our practical help.

May the arrival of Spring lift up your heart and our Creator bless you with renewed hope.

Revd. Karen

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Dear friends,

Spring is sprung! Despite the often cold and wet days of this time of year, it is a joy to see the unmistakable signs of greening up in the trees, as the leaves begin to bud: signs of life and fullness to come. Although this month begins in the solemnity of Lent, it will end (this year) with the most joyous day of the Christian year: Easter Day (31st March).



Since the early days of the church, Lent has been an important season in which Christians spend time in self-examination and repentance, through prayer, fasting and self-denial, and by studying the Scriptures, as preparation for the celebration of Easter. Many of us find it easier to persevere with this by following a book or joining a Lent group.

This year we are using a course designed by the Diocese of Gloucester, entitled “**Seeking Shapes for Living**”. It is based on the Rule of St Benedict, which is at the heart of the spirituality of Winchester Cathedral and would have been the framework for the monks of Hyde Abbey. A Rule of Life is not just for monastic communities; it can help us all to shape our whole lives according our faith in Christ, so that we can live, as Jesus intends, “life in all its fullness” (John 10.10), even in challenging times.

The course invites us to look at our life through five different ‘windows’, to see what faith has to say into these areas and how it might help us to find fresh insights and practices:

- Relating** - exploring the many and varied ways our lives relate to and interact with others and our wider world.
- Praying** - making space to be intentionally with God, praying in silence, with words or art, together or alone, in a sacred space or elsewhere.
- Working** - whether paid or voluntary, official or unofficial, physical or mental, for ourselves or for others, past or present.
- Playing** - looking at the way we use our time for rest, play, creativity and inspiration.
- Growing** - through formative experiences or by intentional nurture, so that we learn, explore, develop and flourish.

It’s not too late to take inspiration from it if you aren’t already part of a group. All the course material (including suggestions for families) is available free on the Diocese of Gloucester website at www.gloucester.anglican.org/living-faith/shapes-for-living

Another idea is to meditate on the ‘**Stations of the Cross**’, a practice begun by early Christian pilgrims, who visited the scenes of Jesus’ final week in Jerusalem and walked the route from Pilate’s house to the garden where Jesus was laid in the tomb. *Churches Together in Winchester* have produced a special Winchester version this year, available from the parish churches. For each of the 14 stations, there is information about the place where you are standing and a suggestion for how you might pray, beginning at the Law Courts (thinking about Jesus standing before Pilate) and finishing at Hyde Abbey Garden (recalling Jesus’ burial). The route dots around the city and is 4.5 miles long if you follow it in order, but of course you don’t have to do it all in one go. Alternatively, if you would like to pray the Stations of the Cross in a church, you are welcome to see them on the interior walls of St Peter’s Roman Catholic Church, in Jewry Street.

However you choose to observe Lent this year, I hope that you will find this a season of spiritual growth, wherever you are on your journey of faith. Details of our special services for Lent, Holy Week and Easter can be found on pages 10-11.

As we look ahead to the fullness of Spring in all its glory, may God encourage and support you along the way with the fullness of life that is the glorious gift of the risen Christ.

God bless,

Karen

Our Services

We welcome you to the weekly services in each of our three churches.

There will not be an offertory collection during the service but donations for each church are greatly appreciated and can be left in the plate on your way in, or made online to either parish via our website. Thank you.

Access: We are unable to provide disabled access to the church of St Swithun, but there is level access to St Bartholomew (from Hyde Church Path) and to St Lawrence.

Online services from St Lawrence and St Swithun's

Our Sunday services at St Lawrence and St Swithun's are routinely live-streamed. You can join us on Zoom using meeting number 828 4610 0818 and passcode 3Saints20. We are pleased to welcome you online.

We currently live-stream very simply using a mobile phone. Please bear with us if there are any temporary problems with our online broadcast and forgive us if there are any significant technical issues. We strive to ensure that all of our online events are held safely and without technical hitches but it is impossible to eliminate these completely and so we apologise in advance should there be any disruptions.

Regular Services

Our general pattern of worship continues as below, with changes for special occasions.

SUNDAY	St Bartholomew	St Lawrence	St Swithun
1 st	10am <i>All Together</i> service	10am Holy Communion	6pm Evensong (BCP)
2 nd	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Worship	6pm Holy Communion
3 rd	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion	6pm Evensong (BCP)
4 th	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Worship	6pm Evensong (BCP)
5 th	10am Benefice Communion alternately at St Bartholomew & St Lawrence		6pm Evening Prayer (Common Worship)

Midweek Holy Communion

1st Wednesdays, 10.30am at St Lawrence
3rd Wednesdays, 11.30am at St Bartholomew

MAGAZINE COPY: Copy deadline for the April 2024 issue is **Sunday 17th March** - but, as usual, the Editors would prefer to receive material earlier. Please send contributions to the joint Editors:

- Diary and notices to Jill Bath, jillbath@btinternet.com
- Parish news, reports and articles to John Stanning, john.stanning@yahoo.co.uk, or by post to the Parish Office.

MAGAZINE ADVERTISING: Please contact the Parish Office.

Church Family News

Revd Amanda: In recognition of Revd Amanda now having the Bishop's Permission to Officiate, rather than a licence to the benefice, her title is now changed from Assistant Priest to Honorary Associate Priest. We are delighted that her greatly valued ministry continues!

Andrew Sexton: Tony Sexton writes "Following a stroke and a year in hospital, my son Andrew Sexton is now happily settling down into a Care Home in Bristol. I and my family take this opportunity to thank you all for your mindful prayers and thoughts during his rehabilitation."

Lesley Williams RIP: Lesley's ashes will be interred at St Bartholomew's on **Friday 8th March**, prior to a Thanksgiving Service in the church at 2pm. Please spread the word to any of her Winchester friends - all are welcome.

For your Prayers

Please pray for the new Bishop's Chaplain, **the Revd Theresa Ricketts**, as she settles into Winchester (*see article on page 8*)

Please pray for **Malcolm Bruce** training for ordination and **Nick Goulding** working for the Bishop's Permission to Preach.

The **Lent groups** have begun. Please pray for those leading the groups and for all participants to benefit from the course "Seeking Shapes for Living", which looks at how faith leads us to live life in all its fullness.

Please pray for the **sick and housebound** and all who care for them; and for the departed and all who mourn.

Please pray for our **Children & Families ministry**, including our links with St Bede School and our Little Wrigglers toddler group.

Care Homes: Please pray for the staff and residents of Abbots Barton Care Home, where Revd Karen continues to take monthly communion services.

The Downs Benefice: Please pray for their new Rector, the Revd Kevin Rogers, who will be licensed on **Tuesday 19th March** at 7.30pm at St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt. The service will be followed by a Welcome Reception in Sparsholt Memorial Hall.

Benefice News

St Bartholomew's: Hats, gloves and scarves at the ready! There is no heating at St Bartholomew's. The PCC is making good progress with plans to have a new heating system installed over the summer, following the recent failure of the oil tank. In the meantime it may still be cold in church, but blankets are available and please come warmly dressed!

The Advent collection for Kisiizi Partners raised £1,775.50 for the orphan project. Very grateful thanks to all donors!

The Recycle Sunday event in January at St Lawrence Church in aid of the Winchester Hospice was a huge success - thank you! Please see a report on page 18.

Lorraine Curtis writes that she has "been very touched, and also embarrassed, by the many expressions of gratitude that I've had for my work in the [Hyde Parish] Hall. I feel privileged to have been able to serve God, and St Bartholomew's, in this way."

The Julian Group meets on Zoom **every Tuesday** at 2.30pm for half an hour, reflecting on the same reading, and helping us to keep in touch this way. If you would like to know the reflection please contact Sue Tisdall on 851621.

The Benefice Prayer Group meets on the **third Monday of each month, so 18th March**. New members warmly welcome. If interested please contact Sue Tisdall 851621 for more information.

The West View & Neighbours Prayer Group prays for the residents of West View and Alleyne House and for their neighbours, **on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 27th March.** If anyone would like to know the prayer topics, please contact Alys: alys_blakeway@yahoo.co.uk or 868581.

St Bartholomew's Midweek Communion: the monthly midweek Communion service is on the third Wednesday of the month at 11.30am, **this month Wednesday 20th March.**

St Lawrence Midweek BCP Communion: This service takes place once a month, at 10.30am **on the first Wednesday of the month (6th March).** Many thanks to Revd Amanda for enabling this.

St Bartholomew's is open to visitors every Saturday 10am - 1pm. Opening the church on Saturdays is proving very successful but more volunteer welcomers are needed to join the team. Please contact Jeannette Archdeacon (864556) if you can help welcome people (with another person).

Men's Breakfast: The next meeting is on **Saturday 9th March at The Old Vine** at the usual time of 8.30am. See the report and further information on page 9.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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| Sunday 10 th March | Mothering Sunday:
St Bartholomew and St Lawrence: special services at 10am
St Swithun: Holy Communion at 6pm |
| Sunday 24 th March | Palm Sunday:
St Bartholomew: Holy Communion at 10am
St Lawrence: Morning Worship at 10am
St Lawrence Parish Room: Lunch at 12.30pm in support of
Christian Aid
St Swithun: Palm Sunday Evening Service at 6pm |
| Holy Week | |
| Monday 25 th } | |
| Tuesday 26 th } | Zoom: Compline with brief homily at 7pm |
| Wednesday 27 th } | |
| Thursday 28 th March | Maundy Thursday:
St Swithun: Holy Communion at 7pm |
| Friday 29 th March | Good Friday:
St Bartholomew: The Easter Garden - worship and activities
for all ages at 10am, followed by drinks and hot cross buns
St Lawrence: At The Foot of the Cross at 2pm, followed by tea
and hot cross buns in St Lawrence Parish Room |
| Sunday 31 st March | Easter Day:
St Bartholomew: Family Communion at 10am
St Lawrence: Holy Communion at 10am
St Swithun: Evensong at 6pm

British Summer Time begins (clocks go forward at 2am) |
| Sunday 14 th April | APCM for St Bartholomew parish |
| Sunday 21 st April | APCM for St Lawrence with St Swithun parish |

Details of some of these events are in the following pages



Hyde Parish Coffee Mornings 2024

Although we no longer have use of the Parish Hall, the 'regulars' were determined that we continued to have our monthly Coffee Mornings. By a majority decision it will now be held in the Church on the **3rd Tuesday of each month, so the next one will be on Tuesday, 19th March.** We meet from 10.30-11.30 am for coffee or tea, biscuits and our usual raffle, as well as companionship.

In 2023 we raised just over £600 for 'The Giving for Living' Appeal and are grateful for the support we receive from the small band of helpers. However, more help would be welcome as well as more 'friendly faces' - we are open to everyone. As you know, we feel quite deeply about keeping up the social side of our beautiful and precious ancient church, so do join us when you can. You will be very welcome. As most of you know, the church can be nippy, so thermals might be the order of the day!

Daphne and Denis Marlow

Men's Breakfast

We meet again on March 9th, at the usual time of 8.30am and at The Old Vine. All are welcome! And bring friends.

Last month we discussed various topics, including the uproar in Spain about a new image of Christ in the style of a very modern young man, including a six-pack. Then we moved onto nudes and images of Mary with a breast exposed, feeding Christ. In March we will investigate why some Christians are upset by Tate and Lyle, plus some other topics of interest, old and new. We title ourselves Men's Breakfast and I was approached by one of our congregations and I just knew she was going to demand of me: Why Men's? I was expecting the question and before I could stop her, her question flummoxed me: "What would you do if a female turned up?" I squirmed, panicked as only a Man can do, but, before I could run away, she moved on, just content to see me squirming.

I hope to see lots of you on Saturday 9th March. Let me know if you are joining us so we can organise your breakfast. Come prepared, please, with an answer to her question. For the best reply to her question, I will pay for your coffee.

Richard Stead - 01962 865556 or 07850596172 or richard@regchem.com

Easter Lilies

If you would like to buy lilies in memory of loved ones departed (suggested donation £4 per name) please put names on the list in Church. For information please contact Julia Wainwright (St Bartholomew's) or Judith Chong (St Lawrence with St Swithun).

Deadline: 10th March

The list of names will be displayed in each church on Easter Day.



New Chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester

The Diocese of Winchester is thrilled to announce that the Revd Theresa Ricketts will be the new Chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester.

Theresa has been Vicar of St Mary the Virgin, Cuddington, in the Diocese of Guildford, for the last six years. She served her curacy in Weybridge and trained for ordination at Westcott House. She is passionate about parish ministry, and has also enjoyed serving in a range of diocesan roles, including leading an Occasional Preachers course, leading workshops for parishes in vacancy, and coordinating the team of Vocations Advisors. Before she was ordained in 2014, Theresa had careers in both the Civil Service and as a History teacher. Outside church life, she enjoys running, novels and catching up with friends over coffee and cake.



Theresa is delighted to be joining the Diocese of Winchester as Bishop's Chaplain, bringing her skills and experience to this vital role. She is particularly keen to put her passion for parish ministry into practice within the diocese.

She says: "I am excited to be able to serve both Bishop Philip and the Diocese of Winchester in this role, and am looking forward to meeting and working with new people, both in the central team and the parishes across the diocese."

Bishop Philip says: "I'm delighted that Theresa has accepted my invitation to be my chaplain. She brings a wealth of valuable experience, including leading a growing parish church, alongside skills which will be of real help to me in my work in the diocese, and more broadly too, such as in the House of Lords. I think she's a real answer to prayer!"



SPACE IN THE CITY

Spiritual

Six talks on spiritual traditions that have shaped lives and religious practice over the centuries and how they still influence our flourishing today

at St Lawrence Church, The Square, Winchester

Wednesdays 17, 24 April and 1, 8, 15, 22 May 2024

12.30 - 1.15pm

Admission free Donations are most welcome



St Bart's Little Wrigglers

A friendly group for parents/carers and children
in St Bartholomew's Church, Hyde

Everyone is welcome

- Every Wednesday in Term time
- 10am - 11:30am
- £1 per child
- Drinks and snacks

For information
 'St Bartholomew, St Lawrence & St Swithun'
 or www.threesaints.org.uk/families

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You are invited to join us for a special

## FAMILY SERVICE

to celebrate

## MOTHERING SUNDAY

on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

at 10am at St Bartholomew's Church, Hyde

and at 10am at St Lawrence Church



Mothering Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent  
 which will be marked as we celebrate  
 Holy Communion at St Swithun's  
 at 6pm



## Palm Sunday, 24th March



10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's Church, Hyde  
 10am Morning Worship at St Lawrence  
 6pm Palm Sunday Evening Service, St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate

On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus arriving in Jerusalem on a donkey, hailed as King with shouts of "Hosanna!"

After the morning service,  
 please join us at our

# Palm Sunday LUNCH

in St Lawrence Parish Room, Colebrook Street

on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 12.30pm

Homemade soup, bread and cheese, fruit

All welcome - no need to book, just turn up

Donations to Christian Aid

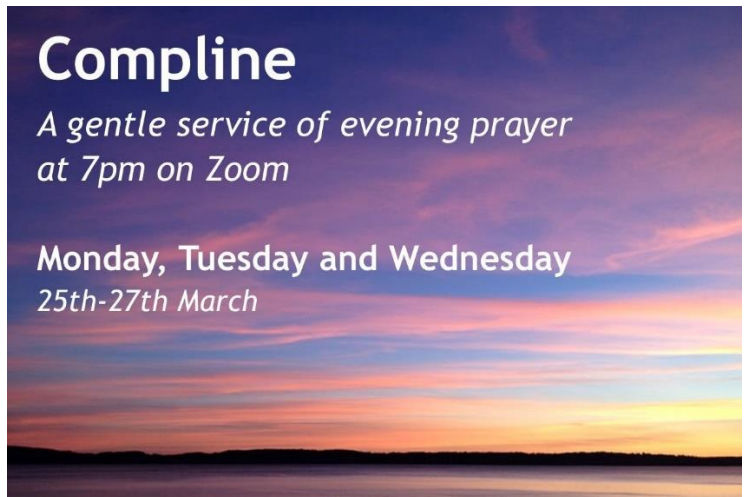
## Holy Week

Holy Week services with a short homily. For the Zoom codes, please see page 4 of this magazine or [www.threesaints.org.uk/services](http://www.threesaints.org.uk/services)

## Compline

*A gentle service of evening prayer  
 at 7pm on Zoom*

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
 25th-27th March



## Maundy Thursday

7pm Holy Communion  
at St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate



We gather in the 'Upper Room' to remember Jesus' Last Supper with his friends.

All ages welcome as we explore the story of Easter with activities and worship. And hot cross buns!

## The Easter Garden



**Good Friday, 10am**  
at St Bartholomew's Church, Hyde  
The Easter story and activities for families,  
with drinks and hot cross buns

## Good Friday

2pm  
At the Foot of the Cross

at St Lawrence

followed by drinks and hot  
cross buns



A reflective hour of readings and hymns.

**Easter Day**  
at 10am

*Alleluia.*  
*Christ is risen!*

**at St Bartholomew's: Family Communion**  
(followed by Easter egg hunt)  
**and at St Lawrence: Holy Communion**

There will also be Evensong at St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate at 6pm

## Winchester Churches Christmas Project 2023

From the Christmas Project organisers:

Over Christmas we offered help to 38 adults and 60 children (27 families and 4 single people) - a total of 102. Our 54 volunteers from 15 different Winchester churches have been brilliant. We have also been supported by some volunteers from Home-Start. Thank you all!

Some of our volunteers have been in touch to tell us of their experiences but there is still more feedback to come, including some from the referring agencies. As always, some cases went really well and others have proved a bit trickier. One can never know in advance because we work with individuals, not stereotypes - each with their own particular issues and situations.

The items provided this year have been many and various - Christmas presents, Christmas food, a trampoline for energetic children, tablets to enable schoolwork, children's mattresses, a new microwave oven, a new set of saucepans, pantomime tickets and Marwell Zoo membership.

A flavour of the feedback from volunteers:

*"Overall both [my Christmas Project partner] and I would say, it was an enjoyable if somewhat humbling occasion"*

*"She [the mum] was delighted and very appreciative"*

*"Our 'mum' was in tears (of joy)"*

*"It was difficult to persuade the couple to buy something for themselves"*

*"She was absolutely thrilled."*

*"She was very grateful to everyone involved in the project"*

Thank you to everyone for your support through prayers, donations and as volunteers.

*Helen McTiffin  
(Joint Co-ordinator with Janet Stewart)*

### Recycle your old Christmas cards!



Both Christmas cards and birthday cards may be brought to St Lawrence Church and given to Rodney Targett for handing over to be recycled as new cards.

This labour of love by a group of people in Salisbury brings in several hundreds of pounds each year to support the work of The Sudan Medical Fund in both Sudans.

The Sudan Medical Fund was founded by Bishop and Mrs Baker in about 1983. The fund is administered by doctors (and others) in England and by doctors, nurses and paramedics in Sudan. When need is identified and items bought, no money is paid until it is confirmed that the necessary items have reached their destination.



*You are invited to join us at the monthly*

*St Lawrence Coffee Morning*

*The next Coffee Morning is on*

*Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

*10-11.30am*

## Electoral Roll Revision

As usual at this time of year we're revising our parish electoral rolls. Please make sure that you're on your parish's roll so that you can vote at your annual meeting!

The qualification for being on the roll is that you're baptised and *either* that you're resident in the parish *or* that you've attended church regularly for the past six months or would have done so if you could. If you're not sure which parish you live in, go online to [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) and enter your address or postcode.

There will be a notice in each church showing the formal revision period, but you needn't wait for that. After the formal revision period the names of those on the roll (but no other information) will be posted on church notice-boards for two weeks.

If you're not sure whether you're on your parish's roll and want to be, or if you're on the roll and have moved house in the past year, or if you have any questions about the electoral roll, please see your electoral roll officer: Jeannette Archdeacon for St Bartholomew's parish or John Stanning for St Lawrence with St Swithun parish. If you don't find them in church you can contact them via the Parish Office.

## Please come to your parish's Annual Meeting

Each parish has two annual meetings every April: a brief **Annual Meeting of Parishioners** whose only business is to elect the churchwardens - anyone resident in the parish, as well as anyone on the electoral roll, can vote. That meeting is followed by the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** when the Rector reports to the parish and we elect PCC members. Anyone may attend the APCM but only those on the electoral roll may vote.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April** St Bartholomew Annual Meetings  
in St Bartholomew's Church after the morning service (about 11.15am)

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April** St Lawrence with St Swithun Annual Meetings  
in St Lawrence Church after the morning service (about 11.15am)

**Elections:** Nomination forms will be available in Church in March for the election of churchwardens and PCC members. If you are interested in being nominated, please talk to your churchwardens to find out more. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office.



Our illustrated lecture series returns for a second year, this time with leading experts in crafts that would have been much in demand at Hyde Abbey:  
**stonemasonry, pottery and stained glass.**

Please save the dates:

**18th April ... 16th May ... 13th June**

**St Bartholomew's Church, Hyde, 7.00pm**

All proceeds in aid of the Giving for Living @ St Barts Appeal  
Full programme and ticketing information will be available at  
[www.threesaints.org.uk/arts](http://www.threesaints.org.uk/arts)

## Update on Safeguarding

We naturally would like to think of our churches as safe places for everyone, with a particular duty of care towards the vulnerable (children and adults) - it is a theological as well as a statutory responsibility. As you know, those in leadership roles in our benefice and volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults are expected to have DBS checks and carry out their core safeguarding training, usually online, so they have a basic awareness of safeguarding and good practice.

For members of the congregation who are not directly involved in such work, knowledge of safeguarding could be obtained from reports in the news, television documentaries, investigations and enquiries concerning the sad and devastating consequences for some victims. Regretfully, during 2024, we will probably become aware of more individuals and organisations where safeguarding practice has been overlooked or the procedures have failed. This is why safeguarding is and always will be so important.

Safeguarding is governed by Acts of Parliament, statutory guidance documents and policies but there is not a “one size fits all” set of national safeguarding rules, and practices will vary according to the organisation and individuals that need to be protected. In the Church of England (CofE) work is undertaken by the House of Bishops, National Safeguarding Teams, the Diocese, Ministry team and individuals within our parishes. If you are interested in further reading, there is a lot of information on the CofE website under the heading “Safeguarding: A safer church” ([www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)). The practices, however, do not stand still and are reviewed and evolve. In October 2023 a set of National Safeguarding Standards was published by the Church that were developed through a consultation period and build upon existing policies and procedures. They are:

1. Culture, leadership and capacity
2. Prevention
3. Recognising, assessing and managing risk
4. Victims and survivors
5. Learning, support and supervision

The standards are described as broad statements of what the Church wants to achieve in safeguarding work and to identify its strengths, as well as areas for learning and development. They are a direction of travel and so far we are not aware of the full extent of the standards adopted, or what changes might be involved and should be made. We will look at them in due course and in the meantime, our safeguarding practices and policies will continue through the Ministry team, the parish safeguarding officers and volunteers with the assistance and help if needed from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

*Kathryn Whelan, PSO St Lawrence with St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate*  
*Rosie Duffy, PSO St Bartholomew*

## Friendship

'Blest be the ties that bind' –  
 With cords,  
 To uninitiated eyes, unseen,  
 But clear to those,  
 Whose inner eye perceives,  
 With crystal clarity.

The ties which draw  
 tightly inwards,  
 Bringing together,  
 'cross time, generations,  
 experience, eternity (?),  
 To comfortable mutuality.

To sit together,  
 In quiet joy,  
 Or conversation –  
 By respect oiled,  
 To flow effortlessly,  
 Towards a gentle maturity.

With thoughts, anxieties,  
 Together thrown,  
 Exchanged,  
 Like burdens shared –  
 In trust,  
 To 'birth' that greater whole!

*Norman de la Mouette.*  
 05.02.2024.

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A prayer of St Benedict

Our benefice's Lent home groups are following some words and ideas of St Benedict. This is one of his prayers which are often used in the Cathedral:

Gracious and Holy Father, give us the wisdom to discover You, the intelligence to understand You, the diligence to seek after You, the patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You, and a life to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus, our Lord. Amen

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## Being in the minority

"The minority situation of the church is not first a problem, but rather a privilege and calling. If I go to church as the only one from my street or my family, I do this also on behalf of my street or my family. To be a Christian at that moment means to be a priest on behalf of those who live in my neighbourhood, to offer sacrifices on behalf of the family. Parents go to represent their children, children to represent their parents, neighbours to represent each other."

Stefan Paas, *Pilgrims and Priests: Christian Mission in a Post-Christian Society* (SCM Press, 2019), p.213

quoted by Bishop Graham Tomlin at the Winchester Diocese Clergy Conference in January

## Thanksgiving service for the Revd Peter Seal former Rector of St Matthew with St Paul



### Thanksgiving Eucharist for the life of **Nicholas Peter Seal**

6 December 1957 – 9 February 2023

Monday 12 February 2024  
11.00am

The Revd Dr Jonathan Rowe, present Rector of St Matthew with St Paul, greeted everyone. He told us that Peter had a phrase for the churches in his parish: 'Pilgrims on a journey'. This phrase would become the theme of the thanksgiving service.



There were about 20 robed clergy including the Bishop of Basingstoke and Dean Catherine Ogle, and representatives of local clergy. Our Rector Karen and Revd Amanda were also present.

Tributes were paid by Peter's son, Dr Philip Seal, and by Professor Bill Lucas, Churchwarden of St Paul's. The sermon was given by The Very Revd Catherine Ogle.





The service was almost two hours long. It included the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows with Bishop David throwing water from the font over the congregation, and Holy Communion for around 250 people.



During the service a memorial stone to Peter was blessed by the Revd Mary Copping, Asst Priest in the parish. The words of the memorial were read out:

‘Canon Peter Seal  
Rector 2001-2021  
Joyful Pilgrim’

The prayers of intercession were given by Katie Seal, Peter’s daughter, with another member of the parish.

The music was glorious. The talented Churchwarden Bill Lucas sang The Peruvian Gloria; musicians from the parish (pianist, violinist and flautists) played beautifully, also accompanying one of the hymns. The wonderful choir included our former organist Tom Jesty. It was such a joy to listen to.

The following Sunday at St Lawrence, Revd Amanda used the communion prayer which Peter had loved to use:



Come to this table, not because you must  
but because you may.  
Come, not because you have all faith  
but because you have some faith  
and would like to grow in it.  
Come, because you love the Lord a little  
and would like to love him more.  
Come, because he loves you,  
and wants to give you everything.  
Come, because all is ready, and we are his body.

I knew Peter Seal as a student, and after the service met up with the two boys he shared a house with. It was lovely to reminisce after so many years. One of them had looked forward to meeting up more frequently with Peter after they had both retired, but Peter tragically died after only having enjoyed retirement for 17 months.

It was a wonderful, uplifting service, and a great tribute to honour Peter’s ministry and service. Here is the link to the service:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=hm0OX1PYoA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hm0OX1PYoA)

*Report by Caroline St Leger-Davey  
Stills from the recording taken with permission*

## RECYCLE SUNDAY

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

for supporting the chosen charity of this year's **RECYCLE SUNDAY**

### THE WINCHESTER HOSPICE



Our 4<sup>th</sup> Recycle Sunday took place on 28<sup>th</sup> January in St Lawrence Church after the morning service. There were 2 goals: 1) Recycling 2) Donating to an agreed charity.

The Church of England expresses its mission in what it calls “The Five Marks of Mission” and the 5<sup>th</sup> Mark is ‘the Care of Creation’. Caring for Creation can take many forms and it can involve a group of people or individuals, so Recycle Sunday has proved a successful way for our United Benefice to do both.

Parishioners from both parishes were encouraged to bring any unwanted or unused gifts to the church. A charity to give donations to was chosen, and this year it was the Winchester Hospice, a particularly relevant charity for the parish of St Lawrence as last year it had benefited two of our beloved parishioners.



It was of huge benefit having Lizzie Baron, as a long-standing Ambassador for The Winchester Hospice, at the event to explain the vital financial requirements of the Hospice.

The total raised (not including Gift Aid) is an incredible £1,804. It is such a joy to know that by the huge generosity of our two parishes we are supporting a vital community charity which may at some point in our lives touch us. A cheque was officially handed over to the Winchester Hospice on 6<sup>th</sup> February. The unrequired gifts were taken to the Mountbatten Hospice in Weeke, thus still supporting hospice work.

Thank you to all who participated and for the incredible generosity of the parishioners of both parishes.

*Chris Pilgrim – Environmental Officer*

Thank you all so much on behalf of the patients, their families and friends. Your amazing generosity will help transform their lives through the care and support they receive from all the Hospice Team

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*Liz Baron  
(Ambassador for Winchester Hospice)*



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### Cathedral visitor passes

Winchester Cathedral provides a few visitor passes to each local parish. They are available for parishioners to borrow for free entry to the Cathedral. St Bartholomew parish's passes are kept in the vestry; to borrow St Lawrence with St Swithun parish's passes, please contact Sara at the Parish Office.

If you live in Winchester, do consider supporting our Cathedral by joining the Friends. For £25 a year (single membership) you get unlimited free access to the Cathedral as well as other benefits. See [www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/support-us/friends](http://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/support-us/friends) or ring the Friends' office on 01962 857244.

## Winton WI



Join our friendly group of ladies for talks on topics including local history, horticulture, cookery and literature. Social events are also organised.

St Lawrence Parish Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, 2-4pm. Refreshments available.  
Please contact: Sheila Powell - [sgpowell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sgpowell@hotmail.co.uk)

### Driving Miss Daisy

Driving Miss Daisy is a Companion Driver service based in central Winchester. Kate Hampton and her team have Wheelchair Accessible vehicles and can accompany you to your appointments, arrange outings, help with shopping and provide a companion service. All companions are Dementia Friends, First Aid trained, and have enhanced DBS.  
Contact Kate on 0333 014 6211 or email: [winchester@drivingmissdaisy.co.uk](mailto:winchester@drivingmissdaisy.co.uk)  
Website: [www.drivingmissdaisy.co.uk/winchester](http://www.drivingmissdaisy.co.uk/winchester)

### Bishop's Commission for Mission Taster Evening on 6<sup>th</sup> March

In April 2024 we will be offering BCM Worship and BCM Pastoral programmes. If you would like to find out more about BCM and these programmes in particular then you are warmly invited to join us online on 6<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm - 8pm. We will unpack the details of these programmes and there will be plenty of time to ask any questions you may have. All are welcome and there is no obligation to go on to take the training afterwards.



Please contact Wendy Atkinson at [wendy.atkinson@winchester.anglican.org](mailto:wendy.atkinson@winchester.anglican.org) to receive the Zoom link.

For more information about BCM, see [www.winchester.anglican.org/winchester-school-of-mission/bishops-commission-for-mission](http://www.winchester.anglican.org/winchester-school-of-mission/bishops-commission-for-mission)



## HYDE WI



Monthly meetings for women.

Other activities include:

Book Club, Supper Club, Walking Group, Allotmenters & Craft Group.

Local community involvement/support + National & County WI events

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# WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

## Lunchtime Concerts at Winchester Cathedral

Tuesdays at 1.15pm - 1.50pm



Brighten up your lunchtime with musical performances from local musicians, and pupils of schools and colleges from around the county.

The 2024 Lunchtime Concert Series takes place at the Cathedral, in the Lady Chapel, from 1.15pm - 1.50pm.

General admission fees apply. Seats for the lunchtime concerts are limited and are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

### Lunchtime Concerts Programme

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | Musicians from Bedales - instrumental solos & ensembles, <i>works by Beethoven, Chopin &amp; Piazzola</i>         |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> March</b> | Laurie Sawbridge piano - <i>works by Bach, Schubert, Chopin &amp; Rachmaninoff</i>                                |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b> | Cantores Episcopi - Winchester College close harmony group - <i>Music for Lent &amp; Passiontide</i>              |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b> | Charlotte Du Cann voice Ben Salwey piano - <i>Debussy Ariettes Oubliées &amp; original compositions</i>           |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>  | Maria Willsher voice Nick Salwey piano - <i>songs by Schubert, Fauré, Vaughan Williams &amp; Strauss</i>          |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b>  | Eleanor Holmes violin Nick Salwey piano - <i>Bach solo Sonata in G minor &amp; Beethoven Spring Sonata</i>        |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b> | Alfred Fardell piano - <i>Schubert Sonata in A major D959</i>                                                     |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b> | James Burke clarinet Nick Salwey piano - <i>Weber Concertino &amp; Brahms Sonata in E flat op. 120 no. 2</i>      |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b> | Toshi Ogata voice Jack Redman piano - <i>Songs by Fauré &amp; Finzi, arias by Donizetti, Verdi &amp; Mascagni</i> |

Events, artists and programmes may be subject to change.

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Winchester College - Music Diary

Please find the full diary for this term via
www.winchestercollege.org/learning/music



Winchester Catholic History Society

Wednesdays at 6.30pm, normally at St Peter's Parish Centre, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RY unless otherwise noted

Wednesday 20 March at Winchester College: Professor Gerard Kilroy
'Cardinal Pole'

Friday 19 April at Winchester College: The Countess of Carnarvon
'Highclere and the Pharoah'

NB Note different day and venue

Lectures last for an hour with questions afterwards
Non-members £5 at the door, students £2.50 with ID
www.winchestercatholichistorysociety.com

Hampshire County Council Future Services Consultation

Hampshire County Council has launched a public consultation to understand people's views on proposals to reduce some local services and help the Authority address a £132 million budget shortfall faced by April 2025.

The Future Services Consultation runs **until 31 March 2024**, and signals the next stage in plans to ensure it can focus support on protecting children from harm, social care for older people, and supporting adults and children with disabilities and additional needs - while meeting its legal duty to deliver a balanced budget in 2025/26.

The consultation sets out options to help lower costs in future, providing only those services that the County Council is legally required to deliver:

- **Adult social care charges:** Proposals to change the way contributions towards non-residential social care costs are calculated, so that the amount someone pays towards their non-residential care and support increases from 95% to 100% of any assessable income remaining, once standard outgoings and living costs are paid for.
- **Adult social care grant schemes:** To withdraw funding from grant programmes that assist voluntary and community organisations: the Council for Voluntary Services Infrastructure Grant, the Citizens Advice Infrastructure Grant, the Local Solutions Grant.
- **Competitive (one-off) grant schemes:** To withdraw grant schemes which provide one-off grants to the Leader's Community Grants, the Rural Communities Fund (including country shows) and the Parish and Town Council Investment Fund.
- **Hampshire Cultural Trust grant:** To reduce the amount of grant given to Hampshire Cultural Trust to manage and deliver arts and museums services.
- **Highways maintenance:** To reduce planned maintenance, incorporating larger-scale structural repairs, surface treatments on roads, and drainage improvements.
- **Highways winter service:** To review and revise the criteria used to determine which roads should be treated as part of the Priority One network.
- **Homelessness Support Services:** To stop funding services that support people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness that the County Council does not have a legal requirement to provide.

- **Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs):** To provide a sustainable, cost-effective Recycling service within a reduced budget. This might involve introducing charging for discretionary services, reducing opening times or reducing the number of HWRCs.
- **Library stock:** To reduce how much is spent on new library stock.
- **Passenger transport:** To withdraw all remaining passenger transport funding that the County Council is not legally required to provide, including funding for community transport (Dial-a-Ride, Call and Go, Taxi Shares, Group Hire Services, and Wheels to Work), subsidies for bus routes not commercially viable, funding to extend the Concessionary Travel Scheme (older and disabled persons bus passes), and a review of potential impact of reductions on the school transport service and social care budgets.
- **Rural countryside parking:** To introduce car parking charges at rural countryside car parks (such as nature reserves and conservation sites) that the County Council manages.
- **School Crossing Patrols:** To decide if alternative safety measures exist or could be put in place so that SCP could be safely withdrawn or funded by other organisations.
- **Street lighting:** To reduce the brightness of streetlights further and to extend the periods that streetlights are switched off during the night (by 2 hours) - where it is considered safe and appropriate to do so.

Feedback can be provided by using the consultation Response Form, available online via the consultation webpage: www.hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation

Responses can also be emailed directly to Hampshire County Council at insight@hants.gov.uk, or write to Freepost HAMPSHIRE (please also write PandO, IEU, FM09 on the back of the envelope).



Churches Together in Winchester Update

Easter is early this year and therefore our preparations for celebrating Good Friday are well advanced. Again, this year we plan to have an interactive act of witness in the Outer Close of the Cathedral, seeking to share the wonder and mystery of Good Friday. We are seeking to offer the story of Jesus and his death in a dignified and yet accessible way at the variety of levels in which children, young people and adults approach the story.

Good Friday is an awesome day for Christians and what we have planned has both dignity and also activities for families to take part in. Come and join us for some of the time between 11.00am and 2.00pm.

Pentecost - a day when in the power of the Holy Spirit we give thanks to God the Father and celebrate our faith in Jesus and his transforming grace. We expect to have a city-wide celebration of our shared faith, mission and ministry on the evening of Pentecost which this year is 19 May. Book the date in your diary now and watch out for details.

General Election - this will take place sometime this year and we plan to have a meeting at which the main candidates speak and answer questions from the audience. Date and time are of course waiting on the PM to decide when to call an election!

I write this on the feast of Candlemas when we celebrate the light of Christ coming into the world. May the joy and peace of the light of Christ be yours,

Howard

Revd Howard Mellor (Chair CTiW)
hmellor49@gmail.com

Law Courts Chaplaincy needs volunteers

Since November, a small team from Winchester City Centre Chaplaincy has worked with the courts, led by Her Honour Judge Morris, to restart this service after a 4 year break. Chaplains are called above all simply to listen and be a calming presence to both staff and visitors at the Courts. If you are interested in joining the team please contact the Revd Tim Searle at chair@winccc.org.uk to find out more or try out a shift.

“Crown and Coronation”

Immersive Light and Sound Show at Winchester Cathedral

4th - 8th March 2024



The show features stunning imagery in exquisite detail spanning across the centuries. Visitors will journey through more than 1,000 years of royal history, encompassing the reigns of some of the most famous English monarchs, including William the Conqueror, Elizabeth I, and Queen Victoria. It will also bring the spectacle, significance, and shared experience of Coronations to life, demonstrating the pivotal role of the Crown Jewels, part of the Royal Collection, within the ceremony.

When you walk past the Old Minster to enter the cathedral, you'll be walking past the very place that Edward the Confessor's Coronation took place (by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York on Easter day, 3rd April 1043). When you're inside the cathedral, watching the projections on the cathedral's historic 'Great Screen', you'll be standing in the steps of Queen Mary I (Mary Tudor) and Prince Philip II of Spain on their wedding day in 1554.

Book your tickets on the Cathedral website at www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk



Part II: Ongoing until 9 March 2024

The second part of the Winchester Film Festival takes place in February and early March. There are award winning films that will astonish, entertain, broaden horizons, provoke debate and reflect the burning issues of our time - selected from 5 continents and over 60 countries. They will stimulate audiences with panel debates, in-depth presentations and audience Q&As.

More details and to book: www.winchesterfilmfestival.com



Concert by the Quiristers of Winchester College

Saturday 16th March 2024

6.30pm for 7.00 - 8.30pm

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EARTH HOUR
 Saturday 23rd March 2024
 at 8.30pm



Earth Hour is your time to switch off from distractions and focus on our world - joining millions across the globe. Take an hour for Earth. Every year in late March, millions of people across the globe unite to show that they care about the future of our planet, by switching off for 60 minutes (hence the logo).

In the UK and around the world, nature - our life support system - is in crisis. We all need nature, and nature needs us to stand up for it. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by the scale of the challenge - to restore our natural world and prevent catastrophic climate change.

Our leaders have promised us a better future - for nature, wildlife, and all of us. We have the solutions, and now's the time for action. By 2030, our natural world could be recovering all around us. Together we can make small, positive changes to bring our world back to life. We all have a part to play - and Earth Hour is a great place to start.

Facts About Earth Hour

1. **It is one of the world's biggest environmental movements** - for nature and climate, organised by WWF and partners across the world - but led by the Earth Hour community.
2. **A humble beginning with more than a decade of history** - It has been 16 amazing years since Earth Hour began in 2007 as a small grassroots movement in Sydney, Australia.
3. **It is more about rebuilding connection than just switching off** - Earth Hour is the moment when local and global communities unite and switch off to show they care about the future of our planet.
4. **It is truly a spectacular, global event** - Every year, hundreds of millions of people, famous landmarks, local businesses and community groups across the world take part in Earth hour events and activities.
5. **Desperate times led to creative solutions** - In 2020, Earth hour went fully digital for the first time in the UK. As well as switching off lights, many people connected online by joining digital events and live streams during the hour.
6. **Earth Hour is helping to tackle deforestation** - The world's first 'Earth Hour Forest' was launched by WWF Uganda, in East Africa as part of their Earth Hour 2013 campaign to restore 2,700 hectares of degraded land.
7. **Your friendly neighbourhood Spider-man got a bit more environmentally-friendly** - Spider-Man was the first superhero to become a global ambassador for Earth Hour, in 2014, bringing much-needed attention and global outreach for the Earth Hour movement.
8. **Earth Hour made it to space** - In 2015, Italian astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti joined the Earth Hour movement from space by holding a sign 'Change Climate Change' floating inside the International Space Station.
9. **It led to a brilliant green innovation for charging phones** - There are 'solar trees' set up across Shanghai for Earth Hour, which allows the public to charge their mobile devices with renewable green energy.
10. **Earth Hour is happening this month** - So, at 8:30-9:30 pm local time on **Saturday 23rd March 2024** switch off to show to show you care about the future of our planet.

Christine Pilgrim – Environmental Officer

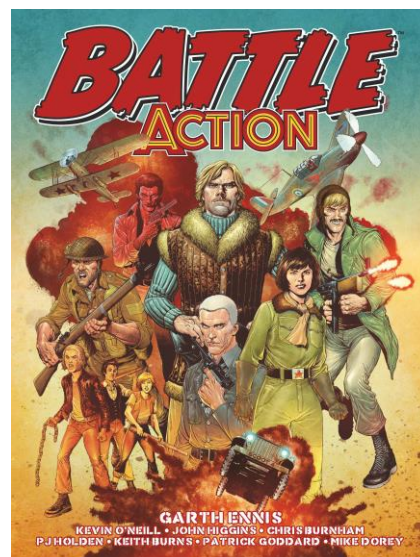


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Saturday 9th March 2024 at 7pm



This is a recorded interview with Garth Ennis, the acclaimed writer of *The Boys*, *Preacher* and *Battle Action*, discussing how his childhood enthusiasm for comics led to a career writing for 2000 AD, Marvel and DC Comics. Ennis discusses the landscape of British War comics in the seventies and their decline in the eighties, and describes how writers re-invigorate classic characters for contemporary audiences.

This is a chance to hear from one of the leading comic book writers, whose literary achievements have recently been translated into successful television series. The interview will be followed by a live Q&A.

Garth Ennis began his career on *Crisis*, 2000 AD and the *Judge Dredd* Magazine, for which he wrote *Judge Dredd*, *Strontium Dogs*, *True Faith* and others. Outside of the *Galaxy's Greatest Comic* he is known for *Preacher*, *The Boys*, *Hitman*, *The Punisher* and a great many war comics including *War Stories*, *Battlefields*, *Out Of The Blue*, *The Stringbags* and *Sara*.

Watch it here: www.soho.org.uk/whats-on/garthenniswarcomics/

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Booking is essential and tickets are now on sale.

You can find more information on the other pieces in the programme and buy tickets on the website: www.southernvoices.co.uk

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Lay Vocations Morning

Saturday 6th April, 9.30am - 12.30pm

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Do you think God might be calling you to use your gifts to serve Jesus Christ? But unsure of what your next step might be?

Join us at All Saints Church Hall, St Leonards & St Ives where Bishop David will share about God's calling on our lives and how we can respond to that call. The Winchester School of Mission team will share about the pathways available and afterwards the team will be on hand to answer your questions.

- Do you already serve or want to serve but would value training and networking opportunities? - Come and find out more about the Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM) available in Pastoral Care, Worship, Children, Youth & Families Ministry, and Beyond Church Walls.
- Do you feel called to preach regularly in your church? - Our Bishop's Permission To Preach programme could help you flourish.
- Would you like to explore licensed lay ministry? - We can help you explore the pathways available.

All are welcome to join us for this morning, designed to help you prayerfully consider your response to God's call on your life - no strings or expectations attached.

Please contact Tracey Nicholls at tracey.nicholls@winchester.anglican.org to book your place.



The 2024 Festival runs from **Friday 3 - Monday 6 May**.

General booking has opened!

Bookings can again be made via the **Box Office at the Theatre Royal Winchester** (Tues - Sat 10am - 1pm): in person, by phone 01962 840440, or email boxoffice@playtothecrowd.co.uk

www.winchesterchambermusic.com



**Mayfest is a celebration of music, dance and song
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in venues across Winchester, including at ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

Performances include dance 'sides', consisting of different types of Morris dance, sword dancing, clog dancing and Appalachian dancing. This will take place in the High Street, Cathedral Close and St Maurice's Covert. More details to come.



Fairtrade Fortnight

will be from

Monday 9 September - Sunday 22 September 2024

(not in the Spring as before)

2024 is their 30th birthday, so they will use the occasion to highlight how 30 years of working together has made the Fairtrade Mark a leader of life-changing impact for farmers and workers across the world. More details to come.

What is Renew Wellbeing?

“Renew Café” is a new wellbeing café offering “a quiet safe space, where it’s OK to not be OK”. All are welcome every Thursday 2pm-4pm at the Salvation Army Hall on Parchment Street.

Drinks and light refreshments, crafts, games and wellbeing activities will be on offer, or you can just chat. www.renewwellbeing.org.uk

Renew Wellbeing spaces work on three principles: being prayerful, being present and being in partnership.

Exciting new café!

On 1 February 2024, Renew Wellbeing is opening a wellness café right here in Winchester!

We would love to see you there!  

Find us at: Every Thursday
Salvation Army Hall on From 14:00-16:00
Parchment Street,
Winchester, SO23 8AZ To find out more, contact
Alison Dolphin at:
wellbeingcafeandhub@gmail.com

How to get here

 Park at River Park car park, or at nearby St Peters or Middle Book Street

 By train, Winchester train station is an 8-minute walk away

 By bus, the bus station is an 8-minute (mostly 8-10) walk away from the Salvation Army Hall and there are bus stops close by on the 8330.

 Solex Mind wellbeing centre, also on Parchment Street, is just one minute away!

renewwellbeing.org.uk

Looking for a welcoming brew and some great company? Keen to learn new skills or enjoy some down time? We're excited to announce the launch of Winchester's very own Renew Wellbeing Café.

Every Thursday from 14:00 - 16:00, the Salvation Army Hall will transform into a welcoming sanctuary for connection and community.

In addition, once a month, the Anna Chaplaincy is organising some Vintage Fun at United Church. Each afternoon offers friendship to break the isolation some find when growing older.

Finally, Winchester's community radio station has a very special offer for local charities and non-profit organisations. Free advertising, sponsored by local companies. If people in your church run companies or lead charities, they can get involved in Winchester Radio.

Bridge replacement works at Tunbridge, Garnier Road

Garnier Road has finally reopened to all traffic following a £1.4m scheme by Hampshire County Council to replace Tunbridge.

Cllr Nick Adams-King, the county council's cabinet member for universal services, said: "I'm pleased to confirm that work to refurbish Tunbridge has been completed allowing us to now reopen Garnier Road to all vehicles. The new bridge provides a structure that has a lifespan of 120 years and which meets modern traffic carrying standards. I appreciate that the scheme has caused some local disruption, and I would like to thank people once more for their patience whilst the construction work was underway. This was a complex engineering challenge not least due to the presence of numerous utility cables that were embedded within the bridge."

The work on the bridge began last March and has seen the road and top section of the bridge be replaced. Several ecological measures have been added to the bridge to safeguard wildlife, including bat roosts and swallow nest cups. New safety fencing has also been provided alongside a new highway drainage system to reduce the risk of flooding on Garnier Road.

One of the businesses impacted by the closure of Garnier Road was the Handlebar Café. The café lost £10,000 in the first three months of the closure and faced further disruption by the works. Heather Evans, the director of Bespoke Biking CIC, which operates the Handlebar Café, told the *Chronicle*: "We are really delighted the road has reopened and that they managed to do it in February. It has been nearly a year, and it has had a massive impact, but the community has really supported us."



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Saturday 27th April 2024

St. Michael's Church, Winchester College

Mendelssohn Elijah

(selected choruses)
directed by Sarah Baldock



Timetable	10.00am Registration 10.30am Rehearsal 1.00pm Lunch break 2.00pm Resume rehearsal 3.30pm Tea and Cakes 4.00pm Run through performance 5.15pm Finish
Location	St Michael's Church, St Michael's Passage, Culver Road, Winchester, SO23 9JF
Parking	There is no parking available on site (except for disabled) and the nearby streets are restricted to 2 hours so please use city centre car parks or the park and ride.
Refreshments	Tea and coffee will be served in the breaks, with home made cakes in the afternoon break. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and there are plenty of cafés, supermarkets and bars 5 minutes walk away.
Cost	Singers: £20 (including score hire), £5 students under 25 Audience: £5, accompanied children fee of charge
Tickets	From www.winchestermusicphilharmonicchoir.org.uk Tickets might be available on the day but advance booking is advised.

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Breast Walk Ever Hampshire 2024

on Sunday 12th May 2024

Against Breast Cancer funds pioneering research into new treatments, tools for earlier diagnosis and advice to reduce the risk of recurrence and secondary spread. Working with expert scientists we want to increase the survival rates of all breast cancer patients and ultimately, discover a vaccine against breast cancer.

The event in aid of 'Against Breast Cancer' is set in the rural grounds of the IBM in Hursley, near Winchester, where there is free on-site parking, refreshments and toilets.

The walking routes are 10K, Half and Full Marathon. Whichever route you choose we are sure there is something for everyone, with just a little preparation. Dogs are welcome too! There is no age limit; participants under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Take part and help fund ground-breaking research into secondary spread, the main cause of breast cancer related deaths, much of which is carried out in nearby Southampton.

Each route is fully signposted and marshalled with support stations at regular intervals.

Please see the website for more details:

www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk/events/breast-walk-ever-hampshire



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The benefice comprises two parishes, working together but legally distinct entities: each is a charity in its own right.

St Bartholomew Parish Directory

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Postcodes for our sites

Please send all post to the Parish Office for the benefice:
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- St Lawrence Church: The Square, SO23 9EX
- St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate Church: St Swithun Street, SO23 9JP
- Hyde Parish Hall (close to St Bartholomew Church):
55 Hyde Street, SO23 7DY
- St Lawrence Parish Room: Colebrook Street, SO23 9LH
(in front of the Parish Office)

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SERVICES IN MARCH 2024

1	Friday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	St Lawrence
3	The Third Sunday of Lent	10.00am	All Together Service and Baptism of Dottie Purvis ...	St Bartholomew
		10.00am	Holy Communion	St Lawrence
		12noon	Baptism of Ned Giblin	St Bartholomew
		6.00pm	Evensong	St Swithun
6	Wednesday	10.30am	BCP Holy Communion	St Lawrence
10	Mothering Sunday / The Fourth Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Mothering Sunday Service ..	St Bartholomew
		10.00am	Morning Worship	St Lawrence
		6.00pm	Holy Communion	St Swithun
17	The Fifth Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Morning Worship	St Bartholomew
		10.00am	Holy Communion	St Lawrence
		6.00pm	Evensong	St Swithun
19	Tuesday	10.30am	Coffee Morning	St Bartholomew
20	Wednesday	11.30am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew
24	Palm Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew
		10.00am	Morning Worship	St Lawrence
		6.00pm	Palm Sunday Evening	St Swithun
	Holy Week			
25	Monday	7.00pm	Compline	Zoom
26	Tuesday	7.00pm	Compline	Zoom
27	Wednesday	7.00pm	Compline	Zoom
28	Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Holy Communion	St Swithun
29	Good Friday	10.00am	The Easter Garden	St Bartholomew
		2.00pm	At the Foot of the Cross ...	St Lawrence
31	Easter Sunday	10.00am	Family Communion	St Bartholomew
		10.00am	Holy Communion	St Lawrence
		6.00pm	Evensong	St Swithun

APRIL

3	Wednesday	10.30am	BCP Holy Communion	St Lawrence
5	Friday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	St Lawrence

Services at St Lawrence and St Swithun churches are normally 'live-streamed' on Zoom: please see www.threesaints.org.uk/services for details.