

Wellsprings Benefice Newsletter

Marathon Organ Challenge

Ian Tomlinson, our organist at Christ Church, Bulkington, is taking on a marathon organ challenge on Saturday 6th October.

Ian will play all 571 hymns in Hymns Old and New back-to-back. He expects it will take him more than 14 hours.

Ian aims to raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK and Friends of Christ Church, Bulkington.

Ian said: "In the few days after my diagnosis, I was thinking about how I could make something positive out of a poor situation. The parochial church council were looking for money-raising activities and the idea was born. I am planning to raise funds for both the church and Prostate Cancer UK. I am hoping to achieve £500."

You can donate to Ian at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/hymn-book-challenge>

Upcoming services

Please note that the **Harvest Service at Bulkington this Sunday is at 4pm**, not 6pm as previously listed. Apologies for any confusion.

This Sunday 6th October (Trinity 19)

8am	Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Communion	Worton
9:30am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
11am	Communion	Potterne
11am	Harvest Service	Seend
4pm	Harvest Service	Bulkington

Next Sunday 13th October (Trinity 20)

8am	Communion (BCP)	Seend
9:30am	Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
11am	Communion	Bulkington
11am	Communion	Potterne
11am	Morning Praise	Seend
6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Potterne

In the benefice...

Harvest Service Donations | Harvest Services and Devizes and District Foodbank

As usual this year we will be donating our Harvest Festival collection to Devizes and District Foodbank. Please find attached a list of the items which they are currently most in need of. Please bring any of these along to one of our harvest services and we will ensure they get to the Foodbank. You can also make a financial donation at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/12800>.

Do You Enjoy Singing Christmas Carols?

Why not join the choir for the **St. Mary's, Potterne Carol Service on Sunday 15th December at 6pm.**

The choir will lead the singing of many of your favourite carols and sing some carols on their own. Rehearsal will be on Thursday evening at the church. If you are interested in singing in the choir please contact John Starling at: jwstarling@btinternet.com / **07881 813779**



Seend School Storytellers

Seend School Storytellers are looking for new volunteers to bring Bible stories alive to the children! We go in during term time fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons, alternating with the Benefice clergy. Two of us go in together, one reading the story the other introducing and finishing with prayers. We're only there for half an hour max but it's very rewarding and the children enjoy our visits. There's also the chance to join in with other School activities, including Christingle and Pop-up Cafés!

So, get in touch with our organiser – Jan Ellinger: jancrabtree5@hotmail.co.uk or Len Murray: seendlen@gmail.com. You will be required to have a valid DBS certificate which can be sorted out through our Safeguarding representative.

Outside the benefice...

QUEST

Saturday 5th October 5pm

'Living true to the bible or true to ourselves'

For our October Quest we will be hearing from Quest's very own David Gray about his story as a gay Christian and his struggle with the question: should we live true to what some people tell us the bible says or live true to ourselves?

5pm to 7pm at the Quaker Meeting House, Devizes, SN10 2AE

Retreat Opportunity

There is a place available at the retreat centre, Ty Mawr, near Monmouth in Wales (where we held our Summer Solstice retreat) from 28th to 31st October. If you are interested in going along or would like some more details please contact Rev Adrian.

Threads through Revelation

An inspiring exhibition of astonishing textile art at Victoria Methodist Church, Bristol. 'Threads through Revelation' consists of fourteen enormous silk stitched panels. Textile artist Jacqui Parkinson has reimagined the extraordinary visions from the book of Revelation in a spectacular sequence of huge, 3m high panels, with powerful designs and eye tingling colours. Open until 14th October. Mon/Weds/Fri 11am – 4pm Tues/Thurs/Sat 11am – 6pm. Admission free. A flyer is attached.

Best wishes and every blessing from all of the Ministry team