

Wellsprings Benefice Newsletter

Our New LLM: Mark Harrison

We have a new Licensed Lay Minister coming to the Benefice!

Mark Harrison has been taking services in our churches, primarily Sunday Evensong, since last Summer, but he will be formally licensed to the Benefice as a Licensed Lay Minister at Evensong in **St Mary's, Potterne**, at **4pm on Sunday 9th February**. Mark will sing the service and preach and will be licensed by the Archdeacon of Sarum, the Ven Alan Jeans.

Mark had previously been licensed to St John's, Devizes, and has a notably wide range of singing experience. He teaches physics at secondary level.

Please do come and support him and give thanks for all he is doing in the Benefice.

Upcoming services

Please be aware that from the start of February there will be some changes to our regular pattern of services, in particular on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. You can check the times of services in this news letter, on the notice board and pew sheet in church or on our website. If you have any queries do contact the benefice administrator or one of the church wardens.

This Sunday 26th January (Epiphany 3)

8am	Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
9:30am	Family Service	Worton
11am	Communion	Bulkington
11am	High Eucharist (BCP)	Seend
11am	Morning Praise	Potterne
4pm	Evensong (BCP)	Seend

Next Sunday 2nd February (Presentation of Christ in Temple)

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

In the benefice...

Seend APCM

Seend's annual meeting will be on **29th April at 7.30pm in Holy Cross**. We have at least one vacancy on the PCC and a churchwarden vacancy so if anyone feels they can serve in this way to please speak to Gerry, Caroline or Len.

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.

...and outside the Benefice

Alpha Course

The church of St Michael and all Angels in Melksham is running an Alpha Course beginning **Tuesday 28th January**. There will be an afternoon session and an evening one. The Alpha Course is a great way to discover, discuss and refresh the Christian faith. The course runs for several weeks (about six). Each session begins with a meal and will take place at the Kings Arms, Melksham in their meeting room. For any further information you can contact Jane Goman 01380 827121 or look on the Melksham Church website.

Best wishes and every blessing from all of the Ministry team