

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.

A Thank you message from Devizes and District Food Bank

Dear Wellsprings Benefice,

Firstly, apologies in the delay in sending this thank you email. We have been unprecedentedly busy during the Christmas period and then staff sickness has meant we have been a little slower at getting these out this year.

Thank you for supporting our Harvest Appeal!

Your support this year, particularly during such uncertain times, means that we're able to continue to provide vital food and supplies to people in crisis over the coming months.

We received an amazing 2900.6kg of food, and we couldn't be more grateful.

From everyone at Devizes and District Foodbank and the people we serve, thank you.

Your support really does make a difference, and we hope you'll consider supporting us again in the future.

The amount donated by St. Peter's Church, Poulshot was: 52.8kg.

The amount donated by Christchurch, Worton and Marston was: 42.5kg.

The amount donated by Holy Cross Church, Seend was: 41.9kg.

The amount donated by St. Mary's Church, Potterne was: 30.5kg.

The amount donated by Christchurch, Bulkington was: 27.5kg.

Kind regards

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Devizes and District Foodbank

<https://devizesdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/>

Visit us on Facebook: @devizesdistrictfoodbank

Donate online: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/12800>

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 2nd February (Candlemas/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

Next Sunday 9th February (4th before Lent)

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

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.

...and outside the Benefice

Alpha Course

The church of St Michael and all Angels in Melksham is running an Alpha Course beginning this week. The Alpha Course is a great way to discover, discuss and refresh the Christian faith. The course runs for several weeks (about six).

There will be a morning session and an evening one:

The morning session will start on **Wednesday 29th January at 10:30am at St Barnabas Church, Beanacre**.

The evening session will start on **Tuesday 28th January at 7:30pm at the Kings Arms, Melksham in their meeting room**. This session will begin with a meal.

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