

## Wellsprings Benefice Newsletter

### Lent Course - Learning About Prayer

In our Lent course this year, we will learn about, and have a chance to experience, different kinds of prayer, from the Daily Office to Lectio Divina. It will have plenty of time to pray - as well as to learn. It will run from **7 - 8.30 pm** on four successive **Thursdays, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April** in the **Rectory, 9 Coxhill Lane, Potterne, SN10 5PH**. If you would like to reserve a place please contact Sarah at [contact@wellspringsbenefice.co.uk](mailto:contact@wellspringsbenefice.co.uk) or on 07516 224057.

### Renewal of the Electoral Roll

Every six years the Church of England is required to update its Electoral Roll. The Electoral Roll is your parish church's register of electors and joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can have your say and vote on church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and stand for election to the PCC. In addition, those who live outside the Parish but are on the Electoral Roll enjoy all the rights and privileges that go with being resident in the parish (for example, baptisms and weddings). However, if you live outside the Parish you must have been worshipping in your local church for a minimum period of six months. With your name on the Electoral Roll you will be supporting your church and the strength of the church can be seen in our local area, and across the Diocese. If you would like to join the Electoral Roll please contact your Electoral Roll Officer before the end of March. All who are on the current Electoral Roll will be contacted by the Officers. The Officers are:

<b>Maureen Allchin</b>	<b>(Bulkington)</b>	<b>07421 137462</b>
<b>Sheila Gover</b>	<b>(Potterne)</b>	<b>01380 727978</b>
<b>Kate Hunloke</b>	<b>(Poulshot)</b>	<b>01380 828333</b>
<b>Anne Ewing</b>	<b>(Seend)</b>	<b>01380 828931</b>
<b>Alison Cross</b>	<b>(Worton)</b>	<b>01380 721883</b>

### Lay Worship Leaders' Course

Have you ever thought of becoming a Lay Worship Leader? Lay Worship Leaders are commissioned by the Church to plan and lead worship in the parishes where they live. They are vital in ensuring we can continue to provide worship every Sunday in all five of our churches, and also take the lead in other acts of worship like the Celtic Service. You probably have more of the right skills and talents to be a Lay Worship Leader than you realise!

The Rev'd Robert Sanday from Cannings and Redhorn Benefice is running a training course for new Lay Worship Leaders, starting in March. I hope that some people from this Benefice will take up his offer to join the course and to be commissioned later this year. If you want to discuss whether God is calling you to this ministry further, speak to me or to one of our existing Lay Worship Leaders - Paulette Bremner-Milne, Liz Futter, Ruth Gillett, Sheila Gover, Nicky Hunloke, Jean Lane, Len Murray, or Sue Noad.

### 80th Anniversary of VE Day in Potterne

Planning for this event is coming on apace and Potterne RBL will be distributing leaflets around the village giving details of all the events **8th - 10th May**.

St Mary's will be concentrating on the Grand Draw and providing a Bottle Tombola, as these two "stalls" will provide the bulk of our income.

There are a number of ways you can be involved, for example:

Bottle Tombola - Volunteers to collect in various locations within the village; help to set up the stall and run it on the day.

Grand Draw - People to distribute tickets to known recipients; people to help Mary in her quest for prizes; people to make up hampers; people to help on the stall on the day; help deliver prizes not claimed at the time of the draw.

Or provide items for the above stalls.

Please contact Rev Gerry or Will or Ann Worth if you are able to help.

## Upcoming services

### **This Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March (Lent 2)**

<b>8am</b>	<b>Communion (BCP)</b>	<b>Potterne</b>
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Worton</b>
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Morning Praise</b>	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Morning Praise</b>	<b>Potterne</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>High Eucharist (BCP)</b>	<b>Seend</b>
<b>4pm</b>	<b>Evensong (BCP)</b>	<b>Poulshot</b>

### **Friday 21st**

<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>Potterne Village Hall</b>
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### **Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March (Lent 3)**

<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Communion (BCP)</b>	<b>Poulshot</b>
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>Worton</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Seend</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Potterne</b>
<b>4pm</b>	<b>Evensong (BCP)</b>	<b>Seend</b>

## **In the benefice...**

### **Poulshot APCM**

Poulshot APCM will be on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm in St Peter's.**

### **Seend APCM**

Seend APCM will be on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Potterne APCM**

Potterne APCM will be on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm in St Mary's**. We will have a vacancy for a church treasurer. If you feel you are able to help please speak to the church wardens or Gerry.

#### **Worton APCM**

Worton APCM will be on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May in Christ Church at 10:45am** (following on from the main 9:30am service). We will also have two church warden vacancies. If you feel you are able to help please speak to Gerry, Jean or Heather.

#### **Bulkington APCM**

Bulkington APCM will be on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm in Christ Church**.

### **...and outside the benefice**

#### **Deanery Evensong**

Our next Deanery Evensong will take place on **Sunday 30 March at 6pm in St Mary the Virgin, Bishops Cannings**.

For those who would like to sing, please feel free to turn up to the rehearsal on the day – the rehearsal will start **promptly** at 4.15 pm. Singers will be rewarded with a cuppa and sandwich between the rehearsal and the service. We will have drinks and nibbles for choir and congregation afterwards, as usual - a good chance to get to know one another better across the Deanery.

A flyer is attached.

### **...and also**

#### **Property to Rent Sought**

Single parent with 2 boys looking for a 3 or 4 bedroom property for a 12 month rental , as a matter of urgency. If anyone knows of such a property please text 07910316163

**Best wishes and every blessing from all of the Ministry team**