

Wellsprings Benefice Newsletter

On behalf of all in the Wellsprings Benefice team we would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Blessed 2026.

This will be the last benefice newsletter before Christmas. The next one will be in the New Year. In the meantime, if you need to check times of services please go to our website at <https://wellspringsbenefice.co.uk>.

The readings for services up to and including Sunday 4th January are attached.

Memorial Service for Robert Hunt-Grubbe

A memorial service for Robert Hunt-Grubbe, late of Eastwell Manor, Potterne, will take place at 2pm on Tuesday 6th January in Salisbury Cathedral. All are welcome. Robert was an active member of the congregation at St Mary's as well as many good causes in the county and beyond.

Gerry's Next Photo Talks

Some more of Gerry's photo talks will take place, to raise money for church funds, in the first half of 2026. On 27th February, there will be a talk on Kyrgyzstan in Potterne Village Hall; on 20th March, there will be a talk on southern Africa in Worton and Marston Village Hall; and on 5th June, there will be a talk on Armenia in Poulshot Village Hall.

Tickets are £7.50 per talk or £20 for a ticket covering all three.

More details including links to book online tickets are here:

<https://www.gerrylynch.co.uk/phototalks26/>

Lent Course 2026 – The Bible Course

Have you ever wondered how the whole story of the Bible hangs together from Genesis to Revelation? What does King David have to do with St Paul? And where does Jesus Christ come into it all?

This year's Lent Course will answer those questions and more. 'The Bible Course', put together by The Bible Society, will allow you to see the big picture, looking at the overarching sweep of Scripture and how it all hangs together.

As the course runs over eight sessions, we will need to start a little bit before Lent.

The plan is to run the course over eight successive Thursday evenings, from 7-8.30 pm, starting on Thursday 5th February and finishing on Thursday 26th March.

This is a professionally-produced course with videos and other attractive teaching material.

As there is already a Friends of St Peter's Fundraiser booked for Thursday 19th March, we will need either to meet earlier or on the Wednesday of that week. Perhaps we might meet a little earlier and have something to eat.

If you are interested, it would help Gerry if he could get a general sense of numbers – e-mail him on rev@gerrylynch.co.uk or text him on 07521 440622.

The Mytr Club

The Mytr Club is a group for men associated with the churches of the Wellsprings Benefice to meet up socially for a curry and a glass of soda pop... or something stronger if preferred.

It can be quite isolating being a young or young-ish man in church these days; this is a place to learn you are not alone, in some good company. This is a group for men aged between 20 and 55.

The first meeting of the club will take place at 7.30pm on Friday 2nd January in Potterne Rectory, 9 Coxhill Lane, Potterne, SN10 5PH. Please let Gerry know if you can come on rev@gerrylynch.co.uk or 07779 780 739.

Any help with doing the cooking would be particularly appreciated.

(The origins of the name will be explained at this meeting).

Outside the Benefice...

Candle Wax for Ukraine

Ukraine still needs our support. Nearly 400kg of candle wax has been collected from our local churches and communities for the Ukraine Centre in Bournemouth so far. It is used to create cooking candles and candles for villages without electricity. When Christmas is over, please use your leftover candle wax (used candles or waste wax can be taken out of votive candle holders) by donating it to the Ukraine Centre. David Wheeler has organised various collectors across the diocese. If you have spare candle wax, please email him

davidwheeler912@btinternet.com

One Year Job Opportunity with the Diocese

The Diocese of Salisbury is recruiting four Parish Safeguarding Systems Assistants, and would be especially pleased to see members of the church community consider taking on this important role.

The four assistants will be essential in providing support to our parishes as new DBS processes and systems are implemented. They will offer practical guidance, training and encouragement to parish teams, and those with either safeguarding officer or parish experience may be particularly well suited.

The four posts are offered on a 12-month fixed-term contract, for 14 hours per week, to be worked flexibly. You can find the full job advert here:

[DBF Vacancies - The Diocese of Salisbury](#)

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team is particularly keen to hear from individuals who are passionate about safeguarding and who have the necessary experience – this is a fantastic opportunity for anyone who would like to contribute to safeguarding across the diocese and be part of an important, positive change.

Carol Concert

The Bell Inn, Great Cheverell 7pm Monday 22nd December

On Monday 22nd December at 7pm there will be a carol concert at The Bell Inn, in Great Cheverell. SN10 5TH. An evening of Christmassy music, yule tide merriment and festive cheer guaranteed! No cost, or need to book, just turn up.

Upcoming services

This Sunday 21st December (Advent 4)

8am	Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Communion	Worton
11am	Morning Praise	Potterne
11am	High Eucharist (BCP)	Seend
4pm	Evensong (BCP)	Poulshot
6pm	Carol Service	Bulkington

Wednesday 24th (Christmas Eve)

2pm	Blessing of Crib	Bulkington
6pm	Carol Service	Worton
6pm	Carol Service	Poulshot
11pm	Midnight Mass	Potterne
11pm	Midnight Mass	Seend

Thursday 25th (Christmas Day)

9am	Family Communion	Worton
9am	Festal Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
10am	Festal Communion	Bulkington
10:30am	Festal Communion	Seend
10:30am	Festal Communion	Potterne

Next Sunday 28th December (Christmas 1)

10am	Benefice Service	Bulkington
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Wednesday 31st December

3pm	Celtic Service	Poulshot
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Best wishes and every blessing from all of the Ministry team