

Wellsprings Benefice Newsletter

There won't be a newsletter next week as I will be away. Details of upcoming services can always be found on our website www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk.

Sarah

Lent Course Last Session

Just a reminder that the final session of the Lent course will take place on Thursday 9th April at 7.30pm in Poulshot Village Hall, when we discuss Revelation and the Tree of Life. All are welcome.

Safeguarding Training

Are you an LWL, LPA, Open the Book Volunteer or a PCC member? If so, you need to ensure that your safeguarding training is up-to-date. This is a Church of England requirement and, as I'm sure you can imagine given news reports over recent years, we are being pressured to ensure that we are fully compliant with all safeguarding regulations.

Until now it has been necessary to complete these courses online which has been difficult for some people, but Becky Wilson, our safeguarding lead, has now completed her training so that she can teach these courses face-to-face. We have arranged two sessions where you will be able to complete the Basic Awareness and Foundation level courses (the minimum for all the above roles) in one sitting. They will take place at Poulshot Village Hall on:

Monday 27th April 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Friday 22nd May 9:30am – 12:30pm

If you would like to book a place on either course please email Sarah at contact.wellsprings@gmail.com.

We are hoping that this will make it much easier for many of you to complete the training requirements and ensure that the benefice is fully compliant with the rules.

Friends of St Peter's, Poulshot

Shrewton Silver Band in Concert

Saturday 25th April 7pm at St Peter's

The much acclaimed Shrewton Silver Band returns to Poulshot! Get ready for an awesome concert with the band playing your favourite tunes in this beautiful historic church. Bring your friends, enjoy the atmosphere and tap your feet to some great music. Tickets £10; available on the door or in advance via bit.ly/ShrewtoninPoulshot. Cash bar. A flyer is attached.

Volunteers' Day

5th June 10am at Emmaus House, Wilton

Join Bishop Stephen, Bishop Karen and DBF staff for a day to resource, support, and celebrate those who volunteer and serve in churches across the Diocese of Salisbury. Open to anyone serving in any capacity, the day includes a choice of practical sessions, drop-in conversations and a thank-you lunch hosted by Bishop Stephen and Bishop Karen. The event will close with a short time of worship.

5th June, 10am onwards, Emmaus House, The Avenue, Wilton, Salisbury SP2 0FG

For queries regarding the day email: comms@salisbury.anglican.org

To book and find out more, click on this link: [Volunteers Day](#)

Churches of Wiltshire Meeting

Dear All,

Please find attached an invitation to a meeting with lunch on 25th April. I am hoping that someone from each parish, especially rural churches, can attend. We will be meeting to discuss and exchange ideas; suggestions for new events, and details of previous successful fundraising, to share contacts and resources. Parish Giving overall in the Diocese is decreasing year on year, and we need to boost our fundraising, and to attract those who no longer give to our churches or attend our events.

We're very open to suggestions for the Agenda, so if you have experience you would like to present on e.g. ticketing via Eventbrite, or marketing locally online, and would like a 5-10 minute slot to address the meeting, please let me know. It would be helpful if everyone would come armed with contact details of people/venues you've found useful in the past. The earliest possible RSVPs with name of person attending and from which parish/benefice would be very welcome, as numbers could veer wildly! Please supply an email address/phone number as if very well-attended there'll need to be further joining instructions for parking etc.

Most importantly please note there are 2 Wilsfords in Wiltshire! We are the one near Pewsey; so be sure to use the postcode on the invitation, SN9 6HB.

Best,

Clarissa Reilly

Churchwarden and Diocesan Synod Member

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Exploring God's Call to Licensed Ministry (lay or ordained)

29th April 7pm on Zoom

This online event led by the Diocese of Salisbury Vocations team is for those who are exploring whether God might be calling them to minister as an LLM or priest. Sometimes we can be aware that God is prompting us to something, but we're not sure what that is or what to do about it. Here's where to start! This introductory evening is led by Karen Hutchinson, Head of Vocations, with contributions from lay and ordained ministers and students.

How do I discern God's call today?

What's my response?

What do licensed lay ministers do?

How would I become a priest?

Can I train for licensed ministry while still working full-time?

For these and other questions, join us online for this opening conversation. Book here:

[Exploring God's Call to Licensed Ministry \(Lay and Ordained\) - Diocese of Salisbury Learning Hub](#)

The Open the Book Team in Potterne and Worton needs your help please!

Open the Book (OtB) is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable. As invited guests in school, storytelling teams prepare and present a 10–15-minute scripted Bible story to a school assembly, involving the children as much as possible

We attend Five Lanes School assembly on a Friday morning every fortnight in term time to narrate and enact a story from the Bible.

When we started (about 15 years ago) there was a Potterne team and a Worton team, each with 5 or 6 members. We now have a joint team and number just four members. We are looking to increase our team, so if you would like to know more about this valuable outreach role, please have a chat with Jean Lane at Christ Church, Worton or Jackie Sawyer at St Mary's, Potterne.

Contact details:

Jean Lane: phone: 01380 722069, email - joje@talktalk.net

Jackie Sawyer: phone: 07810 132936, email - jackiesawyer50@gmail.com

Many thanks.

Jackie

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 **17th April** (please note the change in date – these are definitely the correct details!!) there will be a talk on Kyrgyzstan in **Potterne Village Hall**.

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/>

Outside the Benefice...

Dates for the diary...

Sam Park's Institution, Induction and Installation as Rector of the Lavingtons, The Cheverells & Easterton is on **Monday 20th April, 7pm at All Saints, West Lavington**.

Devizes Chamber Choir

"A Spring Concert"

Saturday 11th April 7:30pm at St Andrew's Church, Long Street, Devizes

The choir will be singing Coleridge's Requiem, Pergolesi's Magnificat and Bach's Cantata BWV6, with cello, lute, strings and organ. Tickets £14 on the door, in advance from Devizes Bookshop or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/devizes-chamber-choir. A flyer is attached.

Upcoming services

This Sunday 12th April (Easter 2)

8am	Communion (BCP)	Seend
9:30am	Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
9:30am	Family Service	Worton
11am	Communion	Bulkington
11am	Communion	Potterne

6pm Evensong (BCP) Potterne

Next Sunday 19th April (Easter 3)

8am Communion (BCP) Potterne

9:30am Morning Praise Bulkington

9:30am Communion Worton

11am Morning Praise Potterne

11am High Eucharist (BCP) Seend

4pm Evensong (BCP) Poulshot

Best wishes and every blessing from all of the Ministry team