

## Wellsprings Benefice Newsletter

Unfortunately there won't be a newsletter next week as I will be away (again!). Details of upcoming services can always be found on our website [www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk](http://www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk).  
Sarah

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> April 6:30pm – 9:30pm**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9:30am – 12:30pm**

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

#### This Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://bit.ly/ShrewtoninPoulshot). Cash bar. A flyer is attached.

### Volunteers' Day

#### 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**5<sup>th</sup> June, 10am onwards, Emmaus House, The Avenue, Wilton, Salisbury SP2 0FG**

For queries regarding the day email: [comms@salisbury.anglican.org](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> 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)**

### **29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:joje@talktalk.net)**

**Jackie Sawyer: phone: 07810 132936, email - [jackiesawyer50@gmail.com](mailto:jackiesawyer50@gmail.com)**

Many thanks.

Jackie

### **Gerry's Next Photo Talks**

One more of Gerry's photo talks will take place, to raise money for church funds:

On **5<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### **Upcoming services**

#### **This Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April (Easter 4)**

<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Communion (BCP)</b>	<b>Poulshot</b>
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Morning Praise</b>	<b>Worton</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Bulkington</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Potterne</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Seend</b>
<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evensong (BCP)</b>	<b>Seend</b>

#### **Next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (Easter 5)**

<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>Matins (BCP)</b>	<b>Poulshot</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Potterne</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Seend</b>
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**Best wishes and every blessing from all of the Ministry team**