

# Wellsprings Benefice Newsletter

## A Weekend of Growth and New Life

We have just had a weekend of growth and new life in the Benefice!

On Saturday, Dan King from was confirmed in Salisbury Cathedral by the Bishop of Sherborne. Dan, aged 26, started attending church entirely on his own initiative in 2024 and has been a faithful worshipper at Christ Church ever since. Dan was one of five adult men baptised in the benefice over the winter between Advent Sunday and early March.

Then, on Sunday Robin Boyd and Andrew Ritchie were commissioned as Lay Worship Leaders by the Archdeacon of Wilts at Evensong in St Peter's, Poulshot. This means we now have a team of ten people across the Benefice trained to lead morning prayer and evensong.

Photos of both events are attached.

There is growth and new life in the Church of England, locally and further afield - the Holy Spirit is not finished with us yet. Which brings us to the next subject...

## Pentecost

This Sunday is Pentecost, or Whitsun. All five of our churches will have a service of Holy Communion at either 9.30am or 11am for this, the third most important festival in the Christian year after Christmas and Easter. There will also be Evensong at Seend at 6pm. Do make an effort to attend and give the Holy Spirit a chance to move in your life.

Best regards,  
Gerry Lynch

## Brian James Funeral

The funeral of Brian James, past church warden of St Peter's, Poulshot, will be held at St Peter's on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm**. Janet and the family have asked us to pass on an invitation to anyone who knew Brian and would like to attend.

## Interment of Revd Canon Keith Hugo

The interment of the ashes of Revd Canon Keith Hugo (vicar of St Mary's, Potterne, from 1977 to 1989) will take place in the churchyard of St Mary's on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 12:30pm**. His family have asked us to pass on an invitation to any of Keith's friends and former parishioners who would like to attend.

## Deanery Evensong - Trinity Sunday

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 6pm at All Saints' Church, All Cannings

We had some feedback that our last Deanery Evensong, with Bishop Andrew in Seend on Palm Sunday, was our best ever, and we hope to build from there.

Simon Chadwick from Etchilhampton will conduct the choir; Nicholas Hale from Market Lavington will play the organ, the Rev'd Gerry Lynch will sing the service and preach. We will have drinks and nibbles after the service, and a chance to get to know people from other churches, as always at these Evensongs.

New singers are always welcome. If anyone would like to join the choir, the rehearsal starts at 4.15 pm sharp! Contact the Rev'd Gerry Lynch on [rev@gerrylynch.co.uk](mailto:rev@gerrylynch.co.uk) or 07521 440622 for more details.

### **“Cluster Service”**

#### **Corpus Christi Eucharist at 7pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, at St Nicholas, Bromham.**

We will once again be joining with Bromham and Rowde Benefice for a “cluster service”, bringing together the two benefices to share a holy day celebration. This will be a Eucharist for Corpus Christi at **7pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, at St Nicholas, Bromham**. All are warmly invited to attend.

### **Safeguarding Training**

#### **Last chance to get booked on the course this Friday!!!**

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.

We have another session where you will be able to complete the Basic Awareness and Foundation level courses (the minimum for all the above roles) in one sitting. It will take place at Poulshot Village Hall on:

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

If you would like to book a place please email Sarah at [contact.wellsprings@gmail.com](mailto:contact.wellsprings@gmail.com). Please do be aware that if you do not complete this training in the near future you will be asked to step down from your role as we are being put under pressure to ensure that we are fully compliant with recent regulations.

### **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](#)

### **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.

**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)

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> May (Pentecost)**

9:30am	Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
9:30am	Communion	Worton
11am	Communion	Bulkington
11am	Communion	Potterne
11am	Communion	Seend
6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Seend

#### **Next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May (Trinity Sunday)**

10am	Benefice Service	Bulkington
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**Best wishes and every blessing from all of the Ministry team**





## CHORAL EVENSONG

All Saints' Church  
All Cannings  
SN10 3PF  
Trinity Sunday  
31 May, 6 pm

Choir rehearsal at 4.15 p.m.  
Drinks and nibbles afterwards

