

Wellsprings Benefice Newsletter



Hello!

As a newcomer to the Wellsprings Benefice, I have become very aware over the last few weeks, of just how much work volunteers do within the Church community. I am slowly getting to know you all and putting names to who does what! The value of volunteers is recognised in the Diocese of Salisbury Grapevine extract included further on in this newsletter and extends a thank you to all those who support so much. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Best wishes

Gill Murray

Wellsprings Benefice Administrator

Confirmation Classes

Last month at Salisbury Cathedral, Dan King from Worton was confirmed, which he described as "the continuation of a journey" of faith. We have at least one person in the Benefice aiming to be confirmed at the next Salisbury Cathedral confirmation on 31 October. We will therefore be running confirmation classes over the summer and/or early autumn.

If you would like to be confirmed, or would just like to chat about what confirmation involves, please contact me on rev@gerrylynch.co.uk or 07521 440 622. You can't be confirmed twice, but if you were confirmed when you were younger but have lapsed from Christian practice, you can renew your original confirmation vows - please contact me if you would be interested in that.

Diocese of Salisbury Grapevine Snippets of the Week

Courageous Christian leadership

A day to thank and resource volunteers

Last Friday, the first Volunteers Day organised by the DBF sought to celebrate and support volunteers and those who serve so faithfully in our parish churches. More than 80 people attended.

The day built on last year's volunteer celebrations and allowed volunteers to connect with those in similar roles, as well as the diocesan staff team. The day included an introduction and worship by Bishop Karen, a range of workshops and drop-in sessions.

As we were reminded in a final prayer from Bishop Karen, "If every wall should crumble, and every church decay, we are your habitation."

Thank you to all who serve their communities through the local church. Your time, dedication and prayerful support offers vital hope to our communities in challenging times.

It's not policy, it's personal

"Safeguarding in the Church of England is not simply about compliance with guidance or completing the right forms. It is about people..."

- Bishop Robert Springett

The "It's Not Just Policy, It's Personal" campaign which ran from 1st-14th June 2026 reminds us that safeguarding is rooted in care, compassion and creating safe spaces where people feel heard and supported.

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

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

Upcoming services

This Sunday 21st June (Trinity 3)

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| 8am | Communion (BCP) | Potterne |
| 9.30am | Morning Praise | Bulkington |
| 9.30am | Communion | Worton |
| 11am | Morning Praise | Potterne |
| 11am | High Eucharist | Seend |
| 4pm | Evensong(BCP) | Poulshot |

This Wednesday 24th June

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| 5pm | Celtic Service | Poulshot |
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Next Sunday 28th June (Trinity 4)

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| 9.30am | Morning Praise | Worton |
| 10am | Summer Service In the Marquee | Village Green Poulshot |
| 11am | Communion | Bulkington |
| 11am | Communion | Potterne |
| 6pm | Evensong(BCP) | Seend |

Every Tuesday, 9am Said Matins at Poulshot

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

Best wishes and every blessing from all of the Ministry team

Please visit our website www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk for more details of all our services, latest updates and to keep in touch.