



Wellsprings Benefice Newsletter

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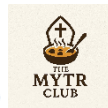
Part of my work involves contacting our talented organists to play at life events such as marriages and funerals. To be able to hear live music is a special experience and a favourite hymn or tune can be brought to life and feel so much more when played well on a beautiful instrument. Often a piece of music reminds us of a special time or person. I have always enjoyed listening to the radio. Sometimes I catch 'Desert Island Discs' on Radio 4 and I enjoy listening to the chosen tracks which trace the guest's life. Which songs would you choose?

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Gill Murray

Wellsprings Benefice Administrator



This Friday - Mytr Club Summer BBQ

The next Mytr Club event for younger men in the parish will be a summer barbecue in Potterne Rectory on Friday 7 August.

It does help us to know numbers for catering, so let Gerry know if you can make it - but if you find yourself free at the last moment, we should be able to cater for you.

Bring a friend: Why not bring along a friend, especially someone who is curious about Christianity? Our current age range is 19-53. Anything 18 or over and under about 55 is fine.

Date and Time

We are meeting at **7 on Friday 7 August**

9 Coxhill Lane, Potterne, SN10 5PH



Deanery Evensong, 30th August 2026

The next Deanery Evensong will take place at St Matthew's Church, Rowde, SN10 2PF, on 30 August 2026, at 6pm.

For those of you who'd like to sing, we will start our rehearsal at 4.15 pm sharp. There will be a cup of tea and sandwich at 5.30 pm for the choir, and new singers are always welcome! If you're thinking about singing for the first time and wondering what's involved, please contact the Rev'd Gerry Lynch on rev@gerrylynch.co.uk

or 07521 440622.

There will be drinks and nibbles afterwards for everyone.

Music will include the Mag and Nunc from Stanford in B Flat, an arrangement of Michael Tippett's Deep River, and the spiritual Steal Away.

Message from the Rev. Caroline

Over the last month or so I have been saying goodbye at our Sunday services around the Wellsprings Benefice to those of you who I have seen in our various church congregations. You will be missed! To anyone I haven't seen I send love and best wishes. Thank you for the prayers offered and the presentation gifts of plants, flowers and gift vouchers. Also for the cards signed by the congregations and the very kind messages and personal encouragement. The children and parents of our Worton family service made beautifully decorated clay hearts which had been displayed in a lovely frame...these will take pride of place in my new home, thank you so much! Please all be assured of my good wishes, thoughts and prayers, may you continue to deepen and grow in faith as you serve God in the church and the world, with Much Love and Many Prayers, Caroline

Evening Home Group for working Adults

Are you interested in joining a home group that meets in the evening, for people who work during the day, to pray, socialise, and explore faith together? There are at least four people interested in attending one. If you'd like to join them, let Gerry know on rev@gerrylynch.co.uk or 07521 440 622.

Confirmation Classes

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.

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

Open the Book (OtB) is an exciting storytelling project. As invited guests in school, teams prepare and present a 10–15-minute scripted Bible story to a school assembly, involving the children as much as possible

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

Devizes Churches Holiday Club

Devizes Churches Summer Holiday Club Committee are running sessions from 17th to 21st August at Southbroom St James School, 9.45-12.30pm. They will welcome primary school age children (year 1-7 from Sept 2026) from Potterne, Worton, Bulkington, Seend & Poulshot to attend. For full details, including activities and sign-up information, please visit their website: <https://sites.google.com/view/dct-holidayclub/home>

Rev Gerry's Photo Talks Autumn 2026

If you missed some of Gerry's photo-illustrated talks the first time they ran, he is repeating three of his talks this autumn - all for church funds. Don't miss these excellent opportunities to travel the world in your imagination. Proceeds are for church funds and you can book through the links below.

Kyiv Before the Invasion

7.30 pm, Friday 25 September, Potterne Village Hall

A journey through a thousand years of Ukrainian history and a city more beautiful than you ever imagined.



[Click to book ticket for £7.50.](#)

Why On Earth Kyrgyzstan?

7 pm, Friday 16 October, Irene Usher Memorial Pavillion, Seend

A photographic introduction to this magnificent but little known country on the roof of the world.



[Click to book ticket for £7.50.](#)

Change and Charm in China

7 pm, Friday 20 November, Poulshot Village Hall

High tech cities harbour ancient temples in a vast country which has never been more prosperous, or more powerful.



[Click to book ticket for £7.50.](#)

Upcoming services

This Sunday 9th August (Trinity 10)

8am Communion (BCP) Seend
9.30am Communion (BCP) Poulshot
9.30am Communion Worton
11am Communion Bulkington
11am Communion Potterne
6pm Evensong (BCP) Potterne

Next Sunday 16th August (Trinity 11)

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

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.