



## Wellsprings Benefice Newsletter

### Hello!

The time saved commuting by working from home has enabled me to return to my early morning walks. In the heat of the summer, this time of day is ideal for me, and I enjoy looking at the gardens, the fields in the background and a quick chat with the dog walkers as we share the village recreation ground. I also get the chance to check the village noticeboard. Having been brought up in a village the other side of the Salisbury Plain, I realised early on the benefits of having a community on my doorstep. Plenty to do locally if you want the chance to join in. This week's newsletter includes details of a church fundraiser, a 'Buffet and Bingo Night' at Potterne Village Hall and information about the 'Wiltshire Ride and Stride' in September.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Gill Murray

Wellsprings Benefice Administrator



### Buffet and Bingo Night

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 7pm for 7.30pm start or 'Eyes Down'!

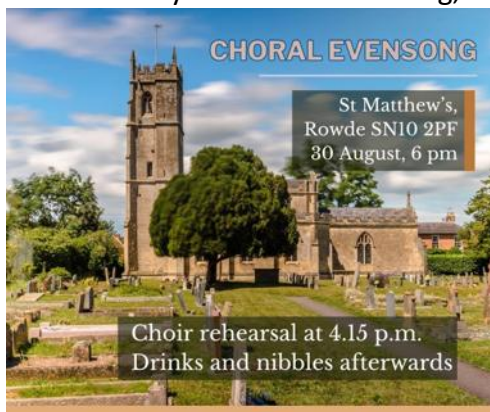
£5 per person which includes a ploughman's buffet. Bingo books £2 each. Bar and raffle. Plus CASH prizes.

Contact Nesta on 07704377287

### Deanery Evensong, 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:joje@talktalk.net)

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

## Wiltshire Ride and Stride for Churches 12<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**WILTSHIRE CHURCHES' OPEN DAY**

Join us on a bike, on foot or on horseback to keep Wiltshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses looking beautiful and open for the future by raising money for your own church and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.

**Contact:**  
whct.rs@btinternet.com  
www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk  
01380 831199

**Your Local Organiser:**  
Catherine Bridger  
cathbridger@hotmail.com

**Wiltshire Ride + Stride**

Worton and Marston are taking part in the Wiltshire Churches Open Day on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Join us on a bike, on foot or on horseback to keep Wiltshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses looking beautiful and open for the future by raising money for your own church and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. Local organiser – Catherine Bridger. Email [cathbridger@hotmail.com](mailto:cathbridger@hotmail.com).

**Christ Church will be open all day with cakes and refreshments available.**

We have a Just Giving sponsorship page too <https://www.justgiving.com/page/whctsept26> Further general information can also be found on the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust page if needed <https://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride/>

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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   |

**Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August (Trinity 12)**

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|--------|-----------------|------------|
| 9.30am | Communion (BCP) | Poulshot   |
| 9.30am | Morning Praise  | Worton     |
| 11am   | Communion       | Potterne   |
| 11am   | Communion       | Bulkington |
| 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**

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