



Wellsprings Benefice Newsletter

Hello!

After the Celtic Service yesterday, I enjoyed chatting, amongst other things, about Salisbury Cathedral. We agreed that it is a magnificent ancient building and said how much we enjoyed the stunning views of the spire, seen through the Refectory glass roof. A clever piece of design which allows us to benefit from modern material and ancient architecture at the same time. I have lived in several old buildings, and my husband believes, that whilst living there you also assume the role of 'caretaker' and with this comes responsibility for maintenance. Our churches like all properties need maintaining and shortly some of our members will be walking and riding, to raise money for them and the Historic Churches Trust in the Ride and Stride event. Please support Catherine, Liz, Anne and Len and our churches, with your donation. Links to the Just Giving pages and how to pass on donations are included below.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Gill Murray

Wellsprings Benefice Administrator

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.

Tearfund Global Week of Prayer



Tearfund, the Christian development agency, is inviting churches to join the 24-7 Prayer Global Week of Prayer (6–13 September), praying for the 800+ million people living in extreme poverty, with a free guide, slides, and a virtual prayer room available to support participation. The email also promotes a new WhatsApp channel for emergency prayer requests. [Find out more through this link](#)

Digital Conference Saturday 12th September 10am – 4pm

St Francis Church in Salisbury

Whether you feel confident online or are still finding your way, the day is designed to be practical, encouraging and useful.

What to expect

Two keynote talks in the morning: Matt Batten, Director of Communications at the Diocese of Bangor, will speak on using AI to support ministry, and Joe Hartropp, Church of England Digital Labs Manager, will share tips for using digital tools for mission on a budget.

Two practical workshops in the afternoon: you can choose from:

1. AI Prompts & Preaching - Matt Batten
2. Making Digital Part of Your Mission - Joe Hartropp
3. Using Social Media to Build Connections - the diocesan Communications team

There will also be time to meet with others and share ideas.

Tickets are £6 per person and include entry to the conference and refreshments throughout the day. Lunch is not provided, so please do bring your own.

You can book your place here:

<https://learning.salisbury.anglican.org/courses-events-resources/digital-conference-2/>



Wiltshire Ride and Stride for Churches 12th September 2026

A promotional poster for 'Wiltshire Churches' Open Day' on 12th September 2026. The poster features the 'RIDE + STRIDE for Churches' logo at the top. Below it, the text reads: 'WILTSHIRE CHURCHES' OPEN DAY'. A large blue banner with white text says '12th SEPT 2026'. Smaller text describes the event: '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.' It also includes contact details: 'Contact: whct.rs@btinternet.com, www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk, 01380 831199' and a QR code. A box for the local organiser states: 'Your Local Organiser: Catherine Bridger, cathbridger@hotmail.com'. A small photo of a church is at the bottom right.

Wiltshire Ride + Stride

Worton and Marston, Bulkington and Seend are taking part in the Wiltshire Churches Open Day on 12th 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.

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

Christ Church, Bulkington will be open all day and there will be simple refreshments.

Holy Cross Church, Seend will be open with bottled water and biscuits for those making it up the hill!

How to sponsor our churches:

Worton and Marsden <https://www.justgiving.com/page/whctsept26>

Bulkington - Our organiser is Liz Futter, who will be cycling and would appreciate sponsors. Email lizfutter@mailcan.com or phone 01380 828485.

Seend – Len Murray and Anne Ewing are taking part. Their Just Giving page is:
https://www.justgiving.com/page/anne-ewing-3?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=EM

Ride and Stride more information:

Further general information can also be found on the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust page if needed <https://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride/>

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

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 30th August (Trinity 13)

10am	Benefice Service	Potterne
6pm	Deanery Evensong	St Matthews Church, Rowde

Next Sunday 6th September (Trinity 14)

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

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.