



Wellsprings Benefice Newsletter

Hello!

I had an interesting day out last Saturday with a friend at The Frome Agricultural and Cheese Show. It had a friendly atmosphere, very family orientated and lots of very good-natured dogs on leads who were happy to join their owners for a walk and some new smells! My friend and I decided that we would spend much of our time watching the arena events and visiting the many exhibits in the surrounding tents. I'm not a great shopper, so this is my ideal and I really enjoyed what I saw. Handicrafts, floral displays, spinning, horses, cattle and dog displays amongst others. However, the overall thing which impressed me, was how much effort people had put into their exhibit or performance – whether that was hours cleaning and grooming animals or displaying a stall on spinning and weaving – there was a sense of 'I have done my best and I want to share my interest with you'.

Members of our Benefice were also 'doing their best' last Saturday when they took part in the 'Ride and Stride' to raise money for both Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and our local churches. Bob Mitchell and Catherine Bridger have given updates below.

Plus, there's news about 'What the Rev. Caroline did next...'

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Gill Murray

Wellsprings Benefice Administrator

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Don't forget this weekend...

"Cluster" Quiet Day, St Matthew's Church, Rowde

Saturday 19 September 10am – 3pm

Theme: Transitions

Autumn is a time of transition – often beautiful (mists and mellow fruitfulness), sometimes practical (clearing the gutters) but occasionally scary if the winter storms begin early. This quiet day offers a short time of peace, reflection and companionship to help us prepare for what is to come.

You're very welcome to join us for as long or as little as you would like. We'll provide tea, coffee and biscuits throughout the day. If you would like lunch, please bring your own or there is a village shop nearby.

There will be times of prayer and worship and plenty of space to be with God.

If you would like to come, please contact Norma Fergusson on vicar@rowdebromhambenefice.co.uk or 07799 545035 and bring a note book, pencil and bible.

On the day, park in Rowde Court Road and walk through the churchyard

The Patch in Potterne opens as a community hub

The Patch is finally beginning to open!

Please join us on September 20th starting at noon to 5pm.

There was no village fête this year, so it would be lovely to mingle with everyone, come and let us know how Your Community Hub can help you!

Looking forward to seeing you there.

The Patch team



Wiltshire Ride and Stride for Churches 2026



Worton and Marston, Bulkington and Seend took part in the Wiltshire Churches Open Day on 12th September. Many thanks to you all for 'doing your best'.

'A Mammoth Effort'

Catherine Bridger and Tony Brewer from Christ Church, Worton, rode themselves into the record books with a mammoth effort in Saturday's Ride+Stride cycling a total of 84.29 miles and visiting 66 churches. A truly amazing performance to help swell the coffers of both Christ Church and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and help preserve our heritage. Congratulations to both from Bob Mitchell.

Catherine wanted to add that the link is still open if anyone wants to sponsor them. She also added that on Sunday, understandably, she had her feet up!.

How to sponsor our churches and many congratulations to all who took part:

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

Bulkington - Our organiser is Liz Futter, cycled and would appreciate sponsors.

Email lizfutter@mailcan.com or phone 01380 828485.

Seend – Len Murray and Anne Ewing took part. Their Just Giving page is:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/anne-ewing-3?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=EM

Come and Sing Evensong at Salisbury

Singers are invited to join the RSCM for its Come and Sing Service which is at Salisbury Cathedral.

The time commitment is 2.15 pm - 6.30 pm on Saturday 26 September.

Singers will have the chance to join with the Cathedral Choir under Director of Music, David Halls. Repertoire will include Stanford's Service in C and Richard Shephard *And didst thou travel light*.

The cost of the afternoon is £15 for adults and £5 for under 18s.

You can book here: <https://www.rscm.org.uk/whats-on/celebration-day/>

Gerry is going along and is happy to share transport.

Caroline O'Neill's licensing

Our recently moved Team Vicar, the Rev'd Caroline O'Neill will be licensed as Team Vicar to the Cannings and Redhorn Benefice on Tuesday 6 October at 7 pm at St Mary the Virgin, Bishops Cannings. All are welcome to attend.

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 132036, 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 20th September (Trinity 16)

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

Next Sunday

27th September (Trinity 17)

9.30am	Morning Praise	Worton
9.30am	Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
11am	Communion	Potterne
11am	Harvest Communion	Bulkington
6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Seend

Every Tuesday, 9am Said Matins at Poulshot

Wednesday 30th September Celtic Service 5pm at Poulshot

Churches are open for private prayers 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.