



Wellsprings Benefice Newsletter

Hello!

Last weekend for me was wonderfully noisy. On Saturday afternoon, I went to see the Salisbury Big Band at a Tea Dance in Market Lavington. Based on a 1930's /40's theme, the music and singing together with some amazing dancers dressed of that era, made for a very enjoyable time. In contrast on Sunday, I visited the Crofton Beam Engines near Great Bedwyn for their Autumn Steam Up. A remarkable example of early 19th century engineering, these magnificent machines although huge, were surprisingly quiet despite their size, except for the hiss of steam and the thud of wood on blocks as they moved like a sea saw up and down. An assortment of full size and miniature traction engines completed the steam experience with a pleasant smell of oil and coal for steam fans.

If you fancy something to do this weekend, why not pop along on Saturday to the Bulkington Harvest Lunch? Liz Futter has shared details below of the delights on offer.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Gill Murray

Wellsprings Benefice Administrator

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Bulkington Harvest Lunch

There will be a Harvest Lunch on Sat. 3rd Oct. in Bulkington Village Hall 12.15 for 12.30. This will be a Ploughman's followed by homemade crumbles and custard. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children. This will include tea, coffee, squash, or water. All are welcome.



For catering purposes it will be useful to know if you are coming. Liz Futter 828485.

Our Harvest service is on Sunday 4th Oct. at 4pm in the church. Non-perishable gifts of food will be given to Devizes Food Bank.

The church will be decorated on Fri or Sat. and will be open every day from 9am to 5pm, so do pop in to see the displays of autumn flowers and fruit.

Rev. Caroline's Licensing

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.

Albert Webb Funeral Streaming

Rev Gerry has shared details of Albert Webb's funeral service which will be streamed – you can watch it live online at 12.30 pm on Thursday 8 October.

Got to the website <https://watch.obitus.com>

Username: boha3510

Password: 446438



A service of Remembrance for a Baby Lost

Sunday 11th October 4pm at St James' Southbroom Devizes

Run in partnership with a SANDS group which meets in St James for those who have lost a child before, during or after birth.

"An opportunity for anyone who needs a space to come and simply be - to remember, to reflect, to cry, to receive comfort. Whether recent or many years ago the loss remains and this is a space and time to remember"

Hope, resilience and action: Stories from South Sudan

The Christian Aid Autumn 2026 Roadshow comes to Wiltshire on Wednesday 14 October. From 7 pm, at St Francis Church (postcode SP1 3PN) hear directly from Christian Aid partners as they share stories of change from the communities in which they work. Join us to meet others from churches near you, and discover that hope and change is possible, even in one of the world's forgotten warzones.

Entry is free, but please book online. Sign up here: caid.org.uk/Roadshow

St Mary's, Potterne Sunday Lunch

Jackie Sawyer has provisionally booked a table for Sunday Lunch at 1pm, 1st November at the Fox and Hounds, Nursteed Road, Devizes. The menu includes roast beef, roast chicken (smaller portions available on both), lamb shank, a vegetarian option and pub classics. We will need to pre-order nearer the time and I will forward menus to those interested in due course. If you would like to come or need more information, please give me a ring on 07810 132036 or email: jackiesawyer50@gmail.com

I look forward to hearing from you!



The Patch Café in Potterne is now open!

Please come and have a cuppa with us.

If you wanted to be part of our Community Asset, we always welcome Trustees and Volunteers.

Our opening times are:

Monday from 10am to noon

Tuesday from 10am to noon

Wednesday from 10 am to noon

We hope to extend our hours subject to extension of our volunteer team.

The Patch team

info@thepatchinpotterne.org

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

The remaining photo-illustrated talks this season. 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.

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 4th October (Trinity 18)

8.00am	Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9.30am	Communion	Worton
9.30am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
11am	Harvest Communion	Potterne
11am	Communion	Seend
4pm	Harvest Evensong (BCP)	Bulkington

Next Sunday 11th October (Trinity 19)

8.00am	Communion (BCP)	Seend
9.30am	Family Service	Worton
9.30am	Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
11am	Communion	Potterne
11am	Communion	Bulkington
6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Potterne

Every Tuesday, 9am Said Matins 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.