



Wellsprings Benefice Newsletter

Hello!

Last Saturday brought me a change in perspective. Spending a gift voucher, Phillip and I booked a trip on the Kennet and Avon Canal aboard the Barbara McLellan barge. It was a sunny afternoon as we arrived at Baileys Barn Car Park in Bradford on Avon and we enjoyed the walk through the trees onto the wharf, where we spied the barge in green and red livery. Fitted out with bench seats and tables she sat proudly in the water. After a light lunch in the canal side café, we were expertly shown to our seats by the Canal Trust volunteers and began our journey to Avoncliff, via our first lock. There followed the change in perspective. From being on land, we were cocooned amongst the bricks and wood of the lock and then the greenery of the canal bank. Being on the water was very calming – no current just smoothness and no familiar noises to distract you. It reminded me of being in the stalls of a theatre just before a show starts, all is still with anticipation, and you are looking up at the stage waiting for the play to begin. Sitting low in the water, you are close to nature, you can see clearly inside other boats as you go by. Admiring their mini gardens and wood piles, promising warmth on winter evenings. It was a magical journey, especially the view from the viaduct at Avoncliff, up into the hills around Bath, splendid in their autumn tints. Sometimes a change in perspective is all you need to appreciate things just a little bit more.

Highlights for this week are the Churchyard Tidy Up at Seend on 31st October, the forthcoming Sunday lunch on 1st November organised by your friends at St Mary's, Potterne and a Christmas Concert on 12th December also in Seend. Diaries at the ready everyone!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Gill Murray

Wellsprings Benefice Administrator

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Come and join us in a churchyard tidy-up! Holy Cross, Seend

Saturday 31st October from 10:00am – 12:30(ish).

Bring your loppers, rakes, brooms, secateurs - we will supply the tea and biscuits!

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!

Rev Gerry's Photo Talks Autumn 2026

The remaining photo-illustrated talk 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.

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.](#)

"The Spirit of Christmas"

Holy Cross Church, Seend

Saturday 12th December at 7:30pm

Tickets £12 pp (£10 in advance) £4 students/children (£2 in advance) in aid of Seend Church.

www.wegottickets.com/ThePhilomelSingers or telephone 07977 576647

A concert of superb choral and other music for the Christmas Season with guests: Justin Chen, Roseanna Hawkins, Patrick & Taliesin Williams

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served!



The Patch Charity Shop and Café in Potterne – a tempting update!

We just accomplished week 3, we had tremendous support, lots of people coming back, yes, how can you go wrong £3 for a refillable cuppa and a piece of homemade cake.

We have been blessed by the community baking amazing things and finding little treasures in our charity cupboard, which is overflowing!

We also have started our "Old School picture board" as everyone is coming along with their pictures to share. So please drop by with yours to add on!

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.

By the way, our AGM is on November 12th @18.30 if you want to be part of the Community Hub, it is the place to be!

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.

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

Upcoming services

This Sunday 25th October (Last after Trinity)

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

Wednesday 28th October 3pm Celtic Service Poulshot

Next Sunday 1st November (All Saints/All Souls)

8.00am	Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9.30am	Communion	Worton
9.30am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
11am	Communion	Potterne
11am	Communion	Seend
4pm	All Souls Service	Bulkington

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.