



Wellsprings Benefice Newsletter

Hello!

Are you reading this 'in your own time', at your pace or are you hurrying through onto the next task. I heard this phrase yesterday and it made me think. These are not words you hear often in our fast-paced world. We are more used to being hurried along, responding to technological beeps from our phones, the supermarket tills and requests from strings of emails.

I visited a friend in hospital this week, who is recovering from a hip operation. One of the many things she praised the hospital staff for, was that they encouraged her to move 'in her own time'. In not feeling pressured, my friend was less anxious and more confident in taking those important first steps with her new hip. Similarly at the weekend, I had friends over for lunch and deliberately set the table and planned our meal, so that it would encourage us not to rush but linger over our food, enjoying catching up together in 'our own time'

Giving someone your time and allowing them to go at their own pace is often appreciated, particularly when life in general may seem busy and sometimes stressful. Perhaps we should treat ourselves today and do the next task 'in our own time'. We might enjoy it more and even make a difference to how someone else is feeling.

Just a reminder that there is the 'Churchyard Tidy Up' at Seend this Saturday, 31st October and Sunday lunch on 1st November organised by your friends at St Mary's Church, Potterne. 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 1st November (All Saints/All Souls)

8.00am	Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9.30am	Communion	Worton
9.30am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
11.00am	Communion	Seend
11.00am	Communion	Potterne
4.00pm	All Souls Service	Bulkington

Next Sunday 7th November (Remembrance Sunday / 3rd Sunday before Advent)

10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service	Bulkington
10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service	Potterne
10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service	Poulshot
10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service	Seend
10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service	Worton
6.00pm	Communion	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.