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*"Rejoice in the Lord always. I
will say it again: Rejoice!"*

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

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The Church of England in Ringwood,
Poulner, Bisterne, Ellingham, & Harbridge
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ABOUT US

The Parish of Ringwood with Ellingham and Harbridge lies on the western edge of the New Forest and the south-western border of Hampshire. It is part of the Diocese of Winchester, in the Deanery of Christchurch, within the Church of England.

Ringwood Parish is proud to be part of Ringwood Benefice

What is Ringwood Benefice?

Ringwood Benefice is a family of six Church of England churches, covering the communities of Ringwood, Poulner, Ellingham, Harbridge, Bisterne, and St Leonards and St Ives.

We share a common vision to

'Discover Life & Make a Difference'

This vision seeks to deepen our life together in Christ and our own personal discipleship, and then to share this life across our communities, homes, and workplaces.

We have four 'big' goals to live out our vision:

Goal 1

Family

Have a toddler group, Messy Church, and All Age service in Ringwood, Poulner and St Leonards & St Ives.

Goal 2

Worship

Grow three new worshipping communities.

Goal 3

Community

Launch two social enterprises in Ringwood and Poulner that foster community.

Goal 3

Ministry

Revitalise, reimagine, and re-establish rural ministry.

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THE CHURCH OF ST PAUL

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MINISTER'S LETTER

Revd Ian Whitham

FINAL WORDS

As you all know, on the 30th of June 2021 I will no longer be the Associate Minister of the Ringwood Benefice. In fact, due to the Winchester Diocese pastoral reorganisation this post will no longer exist after that date.

It feels strange to write this as I cannot believe how quickly the last four years have gone since I arrived here in 2017. I also cannot believe how much has happened in those four years, including a pandemic.

It has been a roller-coaster ride at times, there have been good moments and difficult moments I guess like any parish ministry. However, the highlight for me has been getting to know you all over the years. I can honestly say you have been so encouraging. I really cannot remember how many times people have supported and encouraged me, I just know it is a lot of times.

I am going to miss you all very much, though I am sure I will pop in from time to time. Nevertheless, I am so grateful to you all for allowing me to journey with you over the last four years. I am sure that it was not easy at first, having to inherit an Associate Minister but you all embraced me with generosity and kindness of heart.



I want you all to know that you will always be in my prayers and thoughts, and I am sure under Matthew's and the rest of the benefice leadership you will go from strength to strength as we emerge from COVID-19.

As for me and what is the next part of my journey all I can say as I write is I have no idea! That said as I am currently getting ready for an interview for a job in a few days' time and I am continuing to apply for different posts. I am sure that God will open a door somewhere hopefully soon, and once again thank you for all your prayers and encouragements in this particular area. It has not been easy, as you can imagine for myself and my family it feels like the future is on hold at the moment.

So, what final words of wisdom can I give to you? Well, I could say things like never judge a book by its cover, or never send an email in anger. Or quote to you from the book of proverbs or a quote

from the beatitudes, or some wise words that Jesus spoke in the gospels. Or I could even tell you all a joke, like the chicken and the frog one which I've never told you. Maybe I will do a short video of it and put it up on my Facebook page one day, it will make you smile. Though I do feel I need to share a wise quote I received from Rev Michael Anderson just the other day which is, "Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards". I like that one.

However, what I really want to say is this, keep your eyes firmly fixed upon Jesus Christ and fully put your trust in him. In life things can and do go wrong. People will let you down, organisations and institutions will let you down, that's just life, but Jesus will never let you down. We may let Him down at times, but He will never fail you. I say this as someone who has been a Christian for more than 40 years. I am always reminded of that famous poem, Footsteps in the Sand when things are difficult in life, because in moments like that we will often ask the question, "Where is God?" and God says, "I'm right here with you." As that poem demonstrates he is in fact carrying us.

So that is it everyone, my last magazine article, God bless.

Rev Ian Whitham, signing off for the last time.

PRAYERS AND THANKS FOR REVD IAN WHITHAM

Prayers in thanks and for Ian will be made at the Benefice service on May 30th at SPSP 10.30am.

A celebration is planned at All Saints Church, St Leonards & St Ives on Sunday 20th June. For more details please contact Lisa on 01425 461512.



We would love to give Revd Ian a token of our thanks for his ministry among us. Please pass any donations to the Wardens or the Benefice Office.

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WE REMEMBER...

TONY AND PEGGY WILLIAMS

Thinking about Peggy Williams especially in May on the first anniversary of her death and of her husband, Tony, who died almost twenty years ago.

They were faithful members of the Parish Church for 30 & 50 years respectively.

They were both members of the Ringwood & District Action Group of the Bible Society, and Tony was treasurer when I was secretary for over 30 years.

Tony was the instigator of the Spinners and Weavers Guild, producing the lovely tapestry which you can see in the Lady Chapel today.

Peggy was a member of mothers' Union for over 40 years, and when I became leader of Ringwood Branch in 1982 she became my secretary. Later too when I became Deanery Chairman she again took on the role of secretary.

We attended many meetings together including Annual Meetings in various parts of the British Isles.

We all miss them very much.

Joy Snell



THANK YOU

To Ian,
Thank you for everything you have done for us. We wish you all the best for the future, you and your family will remain in our prayers. We will miss you.

MORNING PRAYER

Download the free 'Zoom' App on any device
and enter the Meeting ID & Password

Monday 7.30am - Morning prayer
Meeting ID: 307 879 502 Passcode: 489898

Wednesday 8.15am - Prayer & Bible study
Meeting ID 842 5692 5855 & Passcode: 489898

Thursday 7.30am - Morning prayer
Meeting ID: 307 879 502 Passcode: 489898



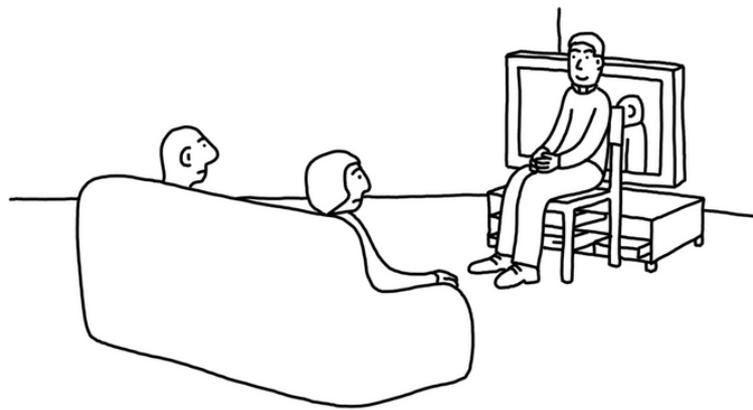
ST PETER
& ST PAUL
RINGWOOD

Can you spare some time?
Volunteer for the fundraising team!



Please contact the office if you can help

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



JUNE

04 Wedding at Parish Church

05 Wedding at Parish Church

06 First Sunday after Trinity

13 Second Sunday after Trinity

19 Baptism Connecting Rite meeting
10am at Ringwood Parish Church

20 Third Sunday after Trinity

Father's Day

Baptism at Ringwood Parish Church

26 Wedding at Ellingham

27 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

29 Feast of SS Peter & Paul

ONLINE CHURCH

WATCH ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE

Every Sunday:

- 11.00 Live-streamed service of Holy Communion - Watch online <https://cutt.ly/GkhjiDa> or call 01425 543304 and press 1 to listen live
(Sunday Live will resume in September)

Every Tuesday

- 2pm Thought for the Day

GENEROUS june READINGS

- Week One - 6th June
The Overflow of Grace
2 Corinthians 8.1-9
Mark 3:20-end
- Week Two - 13th June
Fair Shares
2 Corinthians 8:10-15
Mark 4:26-34
- Week Three - 20th June
The Administration of Grace
2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5
Mark 4:35-end
- Week Four - 27th June
Sowing and Reaping
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Matthew 16:13-19

LET'S
CELEBRATE

Ordinations Weekend July 2021

3rd Revd Kay will be ordained Priest

4th Sandra Matthews will be ordained
Deacon



Please remember that it is a legal requirement to wear a face covering in church buildings unless you are medically exempt.



GENEROUS june

WHAT IS GENEROUS JUNE?

Generous June is an initiative that seeks to engage churches, communities and individuals with generosity throughout the month of June.

Working together to understand generosity

Our aim is to join together across our many varied cultures, traditions and contexts, to share in developing our understanding of God's generosity, and how it can influence all aspects of our day to day lives.

Why June?

Generous June will start on 1st June 2021. The reason that June was chosen as a good month for a generosity campaign was not just because "Generous June" rolls off the tongue!

June's position in the Christian calendar makes it a perfect place to reflect on what has come before, with Christmas, Easter and more recently Pentecost taking place, and to look forward to what is to come for the remainder of the year.

Generous June offers individuals within our churches an opportunity to engage

with the theme of generosity in a number of different ways.

Generosity is a key part of our discipleship and walk with God; through the available resources, we are encouraging everyone to reflect on their own position on generosity and see how it can affect their day to day lives.

- **Daily reflections**

We encourage you all to listen to and/or read the daily reflections on www.generousjune.co.uk/

A number of the Daily Reflection Booklets are already available in church. If you can't view them online please contact the office to collect a copy.

- **Sunday Services**

Throughout June our services will reflect on giving and generosity, enabling a wider conversation around these themes.

- **Podcasts**

2021's podcasts will be arriving online soon.

The Generous June resources are a combination of new content and refreshed content building on existing effective resources developed across the Stewardship and Generous Giving Network of the Church of England.

The daily reflections are a combination of shared material between the Diocese of Winchester and the Diocese of Sheffield. All new content is written by contributors across both partner Dioceses, including lay and ordained.

REGULAR SERVICE PATTERN

ST PETER & ST PAUL

RINGWOOD

1st Sunday:

- 11:00 Morning Prayer

2nd Sunday:

- 11:00 Holy Communion

3rd Sunday:

- 11:00 Morning Prayer with Baptism

4th Sunday:

- 11:00 Holy Communion



ST PAUL'S

BISTERNE

1st Sunday

- 18:00 Evensong with Holy Communion

3rd Sunday:

- 10:30 Matins

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

POULNER

1st Sunday:

- 10:30 Morning Worship

2nd Sunday:

- 10:30 Morning Worship

3rd Sunday:

- 10:30 Holy Communion

4th Sunday:

- 10:30 Morning Worship



The Well

6.30pm

1st & 3rd Sundays

when sung
worship returns

WEEKDAY HOLY COMMUNION

ST PETER & ST PAUL, RINGWOOD

Every Wednesday at 10:30

ST MARY & ALL SAINTS

ELLINGHAM

1st Sunday:

- 11:15 Holy Communion

2nd Sunday:

- 17:30 Evensong

3rd Sunday:

- 11:15 Matins

4th Sunday:

- No service

ALL SAINTS

HARBRIDGE

4th Sunday:

- 10:00 Matins

5TH SUNDAY

JAN, MAY, AUG & OCT 2021

Where a month has a fifth Sunday a whole Benefice service usually takes place in one of the churches - Details will be made available beforehand.

8AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION

1st Sunday:

- St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood

2nd Sunday:

- All Saints, St Leonards & St Ives

3rd Sunday:

- St John the Baptist, Poulner

4th Sunday:

- St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood

5th Sunday:

- St John the Baptist, Poulner

CURATE CORNER

Sam has asked me to write a few thoughts for a new spot in the Link magazine ... 'Curate's Corner'. Of course, soon, Ringwood Benefice will have two curates, Sandra will be ordained as a Deacon on July 4th and I will be ordained as a Priest the day before. So what brings us to this place of ordination?

Well, I can't speak for Sandra, but I can talk a little about my calling. I believe that God has a calling for each of us to use what we have to reflect His glory and draw others into the knowledge and love of God. Each of us loved, created and known by God, which we read in Psalm 139. We have different gifts and skills that are shaped and moulded by our genetics, our personality, our circumstances and our life experience. One of my favourite bible verses is Ephesians 2:8-10 'God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.' In this passage we read that God saves us by grace, our faith is not about how good we are, but that Jesus transforms us by His grace, and we are re-created to do the good things that God planned for us to do.

I wonder what good things God plans for you to do?

I often find that the things I feel passionate about, the things I long for and the needs of people around me, are

the very same things that God places in me and stirs me to get involved in. In my last Parish, I was aware that we had no children's or youth leader, and because I enjoyed the work and thought it was really important to have someone lead our children's and young people's work. I was encouraged by some friends to take on the paid role for a year and found that I loved working with children and young people, their joy and energy was infectious and I loved learning about our faith together, that most times I would learn from their simple faith about who God is and what is valuable to Him.

As a Mum, I recognised that some people in our village were isolated and lonely. I enjoyed the company of a friend who was training to be a counsellor, so I decided I wanted to learn how to listen better to others. This took me on a journey of exploring counselling and mental health, realising that wholeness and reconciliation are at the heart of the gospel, that Jesus came to bring life to us in all fullness, that Jesus wants to bring healing and restoration to us and our world.

What gifts and skills has God placed inside you? What yearnings, longings and passions do you see and feel for yourself and those around you? God is calling you to use what you have, like the young boy's loaves and fish, which God blesses and uses to feed others around you?

As you wonder about this question, 'What good things has God plans for you to do?' I would be really happy to listen and pray with you. If that would be helpful, please do get in touch with me at kaypead@ringwoodbenefice.org.uk



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A LETTER FROM BISHOP DEBBIE

Dear Friends,

I wanted to contact you all directly with an important update. Bishop Tim has today informed me that he will be stepping back from his role as Bishop of Winchester for the next six weeks, so that he can focus on discussions about future leadership and governance reform in the Diocese. I fully support his decision. Bishop Tim and Lambeth Palace have requested that, over this period, I temporarily take responsibility for the Diocese and I shall be working with the team at Wolvesey to ensure full continuity.

I realise that, even before today's news this has been an enormously challenging 15 months for us all as a diocese and as a church - as it has been for the entire country. On behalf of Bishop Tim and the team, I wanted to thank you once again for all you have been doing for your parishes and your communities, in such trying circumstances. As the country begins to emerge tentatively from the

long shadow of COVID-19, our anticipation continues to be tempered, by necessary caution. We will, of course, continue to be led by Government and National Church of England guidance, so that we can all stay as safe as possible.

Finally, during these next weeks, every Monday morning at 9am from 24th May, I will be offering Diocesan Prayer on Zoom, with the exception of the Bank Holiday. You are very welcome to join me if you would like to do so.

With my prayers for you all,

Bishop Debbie

Diocesan Morning Prayer will take place every Monday morning at 9am - except 31 May 2021 (Bank Holiday Monday).

Zoom Meeting ID: 967 5185 8032
Passcode: 182672

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29TH JUNE: ST PETER & ST PAUL

ST PETER

St Peter (d.c. 64AD), was originally called Simon. Jesus gave him the name of Cephas (Peter) which means rock.

A WITNESS

He was one of the three apostles who were privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the Agony in the Garden.

THE ROCK

Jesus told Peter that he would be the rock on which His Church would be built, that the 'gates of hell' would never prevail against it. Peter and the apostles would have the power of 'binding and loosing', but Peter would be personally given 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'.

FORWARDED

Jesus forewarned Peter of his betrayal and subsequent strengthening of the other apostles. After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Peter before the other apostles, and later entrusted him with the mission to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ's flock.

ST PAUL

Paul (d.c. 65) originally called Saul.

A PERSECUTOR

So keen was he to defend the god of his fathers that he became a persecutor of Christianity, and even took part in the stoning of Stephen. He hunted Christians down and imprisoned them

DAMASCUS

While on his way to persecute Christians in Damascus he was suddenly given his vision of Christ. It was the decisive moment of Paul's life – Paul suddenly realised that Jesus was truly the Messiah, and the Son of God, and that He was calling Paul to bring the Christian faith to the Gentiles

MISSIONARY

Paul made great missionary journeys and lived a life full of hazard and hardship. He was martyred in Rome during the persecution of Nero. He was a great thinker. His epistles played a major part in the later development of Christian theology.

COMPASSION UK

**ON SUNDAY 30TH MAY RINGWOOD
BENEFICE OFFICIALLY PARTNERED
WITH COMPASSION UK
WWW.COMPASSIONUK.ORG**

Nearly 385 million children are currently living in extreme poverty. Poverty has a face. It's a girl forced to marry because her family can't support her. A boy sent to work on the rubbish heap, rather than the classroom. From the womb to early adulthood, we advocate for children, giving those born into the toughest of circumstances the opportunities they deserve.

How does it work? Through Christians in partner churches standing with the children, by sponsoring them.



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Through sponsorship, children are provided with:

- School resources and uniforms to help defeat illiteracy and provide critical skills.
- Medical check-ups to fight back against disease and keep children healthy.
- Nutritional meals to prevent malnutrition.
- Christ-centred guidance through the local church to overcome fear and hopelessness.
- Vocational training to equip them for the future.
- Recreational activities to protect from crime, violence and danger.
- A one-to-one relationship with you their only sponsor, with letters translated into their native language to bring real hope and positive change.

**PLEASE STAND WITH US AS WE
SEEK TO RELEASE CHILDREN FROM
THE WORST LEVEL OF POVERTY IN
THE WORLD, IN JESUS NAME.**



SPONSOR A CHILD AND SAVE A LIFE

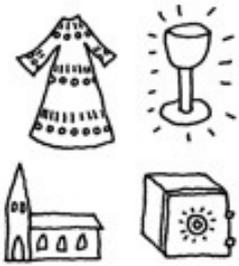
Sponsor a child today and give them critical support during COVID-19 and beyond. Child sponsorship with Compassion is an opportunity to provide a child with food, clean water, shelter, clothing and medical care during the Coronavirus crisis.

Children in poverty are disproportionately impacted by global pandemics like COVID-19, so your sponsorship is more important than ever before.

More information about sponsoring a child can be found online at www.compassionuk.org/sponsorship/ or call 01932 836490.

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WHY I DO NOT CONTRIBUTE



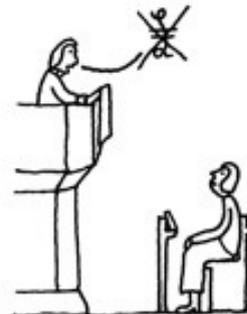
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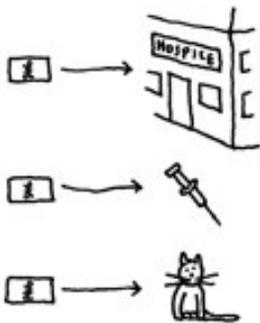
I GIVE MY TIME AND TALENTS INSTEAD



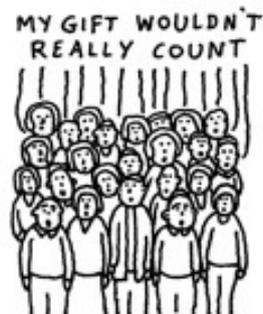
CHURCH ISN'T THE PLACE TO TALK ABOUT MONEY



DOESN'T THE GOVERNMENT PAY FOR IT?



I GIVE TO OTHER CHARITIES



WHAT I COULD GIVE WOULDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE



THE MONEY WON'T BE WELL-SPENT



OUR VICAR DOESN'T DESERVE TO BE PAID



SOMEBODY UPSET ME ONCE

CartoonChurch.com

Available for hire
St John's Church Hall
Linford Road, Poulner

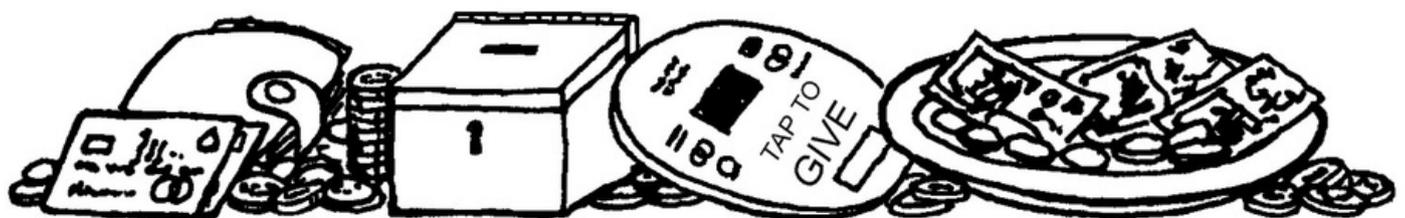
One large room with excellent kitchen
One smaller room with kitchenette
Ideal for meetings, functions, parties, etc.
Parking available

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stjohnshall@ringwoodbenefice.org.uk

Available for hire
Ellingham Church Hall

Well-equipped,
seating up to 80 people
Large and modern kitchen
Ideal for meetings, functions, parties, etc.
Ample parking spaces and use of garden area

To make a booking contact
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HOW CAN WE SHOW GENEROSITY TO EACH OTHER?

IDEAS

- Plan a date night or a meal with friends
- Choose to listen first
- Share our possessions
- Say thank you and be grateful
- Write an encouraging note
- Ask how someone else is doing
- Share a skill with someone
- Offer to help

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER

Ask that God will continue to reveal to you all the resources he has blessed you with. Pray that you will be able to reveal Jesus in your community, family, household, workplace and at school by choosing to live a generous life for Jesus together.



GRACE



GRATITUDE



GENEROSITY



20TH JUNE FATHERS' DAY A TIME TO CELEBRATE MALE ROLE MODELS

In the UK, USA and Canada, the third Sunday in June is Father's Day. Father's Day began because in 1909 there was a woman in Spokane, Washington, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd. That year she heard a church sermon about the merits of setting aside a day to honour one's mother. Mother's Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States at this time. But Sonora Louise Smart Dodd knew that it was her father who had selflessly raised herself and her five siblings by himself after their mother had died in childbirth. So the sermon on mothers gave Sonora Louise the idea to petition for a day to honour fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart.

Sonora Louise soon set about planning the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane in 1910. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and a 'Father's Day' was appointed. Sonora Louise had wanted Father's Day to be on the first Sunday in June (since that was her father's birthday), but the city council didn't have time to approve it until later in the month. And so on 19th June, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane.

Gradually, other people in other cities caught on and started celebrating their fathers, too. The rose was selected as the official Father's Day flower. Some people began to wear a white rose to honour a father who was dead, and a red one to honour a father who was living. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day - a permanent, national holiday.

DO YOU HAVE AN UP TO DATE WILL? If not, we have some great news!

Winchester Diocese and Farewill have joined together to offer Ringwood Parish a number (40) of free wills.

Farewill is the number one online will writing company and have been deemed an excellent partner for the Church of England.

We hope that when you are completing your will, you would remember the church where you worship and leave a modest legacy that will help to ensure the future of that church.

If this offer is of interest to you and you would like to have more information, then please contact Russ Doody on 01425 480256 or info@wdresources.co.uk



Hilfield Youth Camp

HILFIELD YOUTH CAMP: 14TH - 22ND AUGUST 2021

Do you have children or grandchildren aged 13 - 17 years old (school years 8 up) who would like to meet other young people from all over the UK on a fun holiday, while exploring a Christian theme?

This camp is built on friendship, community and faith and is held at Hilfield Friary so draws on the Franciscan tradition.

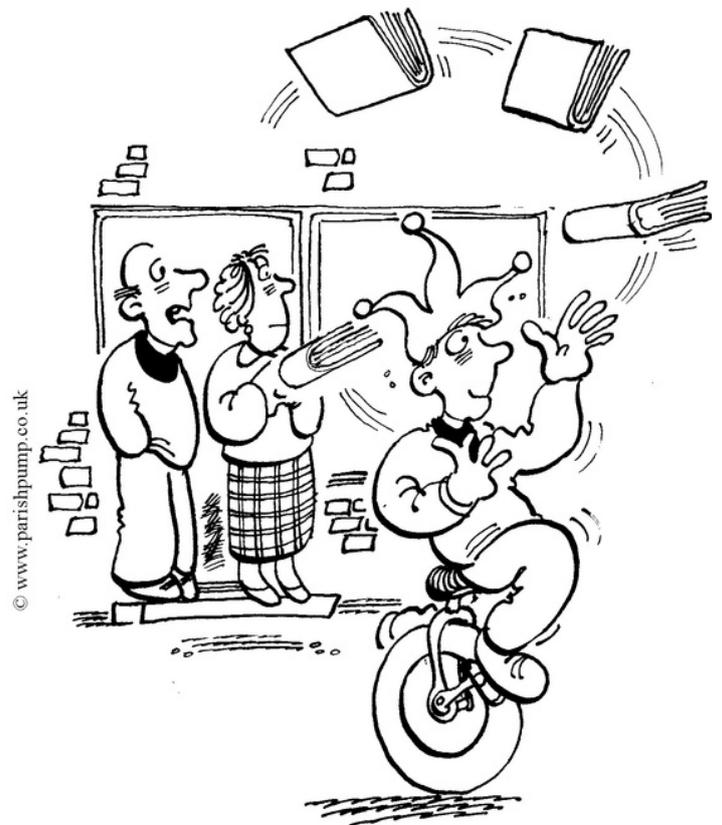
The young people are involved in all aspects of the camp from cooking meals to planning and leading worship. All the young people are supported to get fully involved and to use the gifts and skills they bring. As well as getting involved in lots of activities throughout the day and evening, including trips to the beach, adventure activities, challenges and games.

Through all this the leadership has a caring and encouraging style, allowing individuals to express their feelings and positively recognise the validity of their own views and ask questions about faith and life. There is a lot more information to be found on the website www.hilfieldyouthcamp.co.uk/

The camp is run by an experienced team of Christian volunteers.

Bookings can be made through the website. The camp cost £150 for the full 9 days. This includes all activities and food. Financial help is available for those who might struggle with the full cost of the camp, details are available of financial help through the website.

If you would like more information, please get in touch with Revd Kay, or visit www.hilfieldyouthcamp.co.uk/



...I think I must have missed that module when I was at theological college!

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If you would like to receive the Link magazine by post, the price will be £14.00 for a year. Please send your payment to the Benefice Office, along with your address details. Thank you.



Another great big HELLO to Messy Church fans

We're still here come wind or rain 🕶️. And we thought it was nearly Summer. Doh! Did you have fun watching May's Messy Church? "YES" we hear you shout! It was all about how important Friends are when we follow Jesus. But, if you missed it FEAR NOT because you can tune into the Ringwood Benefice YouTube channel at any time and catch up.

We can't hold Messy Church at St Peter & St Paul in Ringwood or at St John's in Poulner, just yet 😞. BUT, we all know there's a light at the end of this very long tunnel 🌟, so stay tuned to the Ringwood Benefice website to keep up with any news. In the meantime, there's no need to be glum about it because we've produced another fun ONLINE Messy Church 🤗 for you to join in with. So, keep your eyes peeled for June's Messy Church at the end of the month. You see, we haven't forgotten you, have we?

Bye for now and stay safe.

The Messy Church Team

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

JUNE NEWS

Mothers' Union members were delighted to be able to meet together in the Parish Church on 11th May for a service; the first time since December. The Service was taken from our Mothers' Union Prayer book and led by Sue Brinkman and Stella Roberts.

As in past years, members were each given names of couples to be married in the Benefice. Each member was linked with one or two couples. We will continue to pray for the couples for this year, for their wedding plans and wedding day. If possible, we will attend their Wedding Service. Cakes were made for presentation boxes that were given to couples at the Marriage Day Service on 16th May.

Our next Branch Meeting on 8th June will be a Holy Communion Service, which will be led by Rev. Terry Roberts.

Some members will be attending the Mothers' Union Festival in Winchester Cathedral on Thursday 10th June at 11.00am. This service will be Live Streamed on the Winchester Cathedral YouTube and Facebook.

The Mothers' Union is giving special treats as a thank you to families of NHS workers and those working on the front line during COVID19, and I am delighted that one family from Ringwood will be receiving one of these treats as a day out to Marwell Zoo.

Stella Roberts

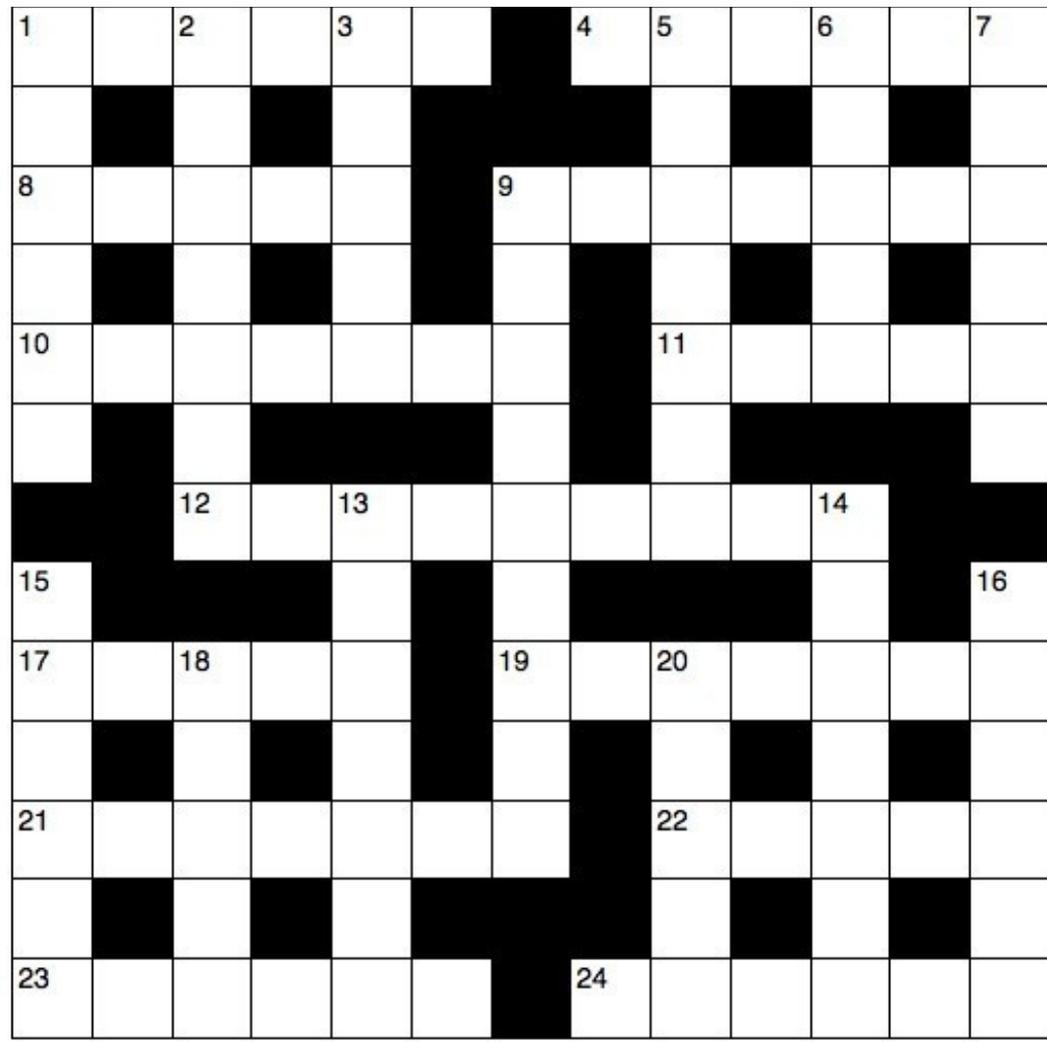
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Alban	gods
martyr	condemned
persecution	death
Roman	execution
emperor	serenity
Diocletian	died
priest	site
converted	town
soldiers	name
sacrifice	doorstep

CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
- 4 Place of learning (6)
- 8 'When Moses' hands grew __, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it (Exodus 17:12) (5)
- 9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)
- 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)
- 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
- 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
- 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
- 19 So clear (anag.) (7)
- 21 'I have just got —, so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)
- 22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)
- 23 Musical beat (6)
- 24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

Down

- 1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)
- 2 Art bite (anag.) (7)
- 3 'The people of the city were divided; some __ with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)
- 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)
- 6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)
- 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)
- 9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)
- 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)
- 14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)
- 15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)
- 16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)
- 18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)
- 20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)

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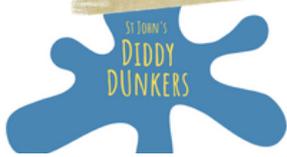
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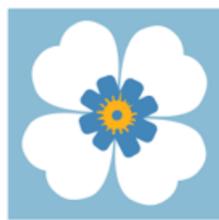
We commend into God's hands
7th Allen Roland Carey, aged 86
24th Connie Hobbs, aged 93

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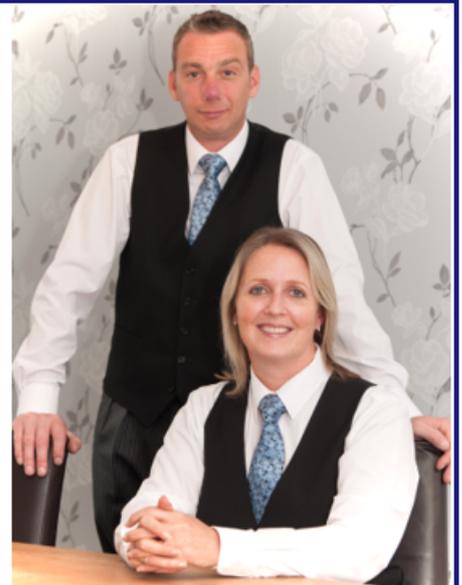
22nd David Habbin & Jessica Ross
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The Parish held no baptisms during May



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Benefice morning prayer meetings

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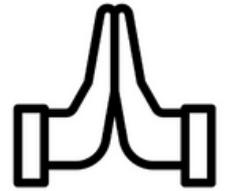
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