



PARISH OF
RINGWOOD

Ringwood Link



**The Church of England in Ringwood,
Poulner, Bisterne, Ellingham, & Harbridge
www.ringwoodbenefice.org.uk**

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 4

Ministry

Revitalise, reimagine, and re-establish rural ministry.

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Ringwood
Hampshire
BH24 1TY

THE CHURCH OF ST PAUL

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Bisterne
Hampshire
BH24 3BN

THE CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS

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MINISTER'S LETTER

CONFIRMATION JOY

On Sunday 17 October I was at Christchurch Priory for the Deanery Confirmation Service with Bishop Debbie. I was there with Revd Kay to support Lewis, Charlotte, Rebecca, and Annabelle who were there to be confirmed, which is to make public their faith in Jesus Christ. The power and beauty of the Confirmation service lies in knowing something of each candidate's life story. Some life stories are harder to hear and know than others, but that only ever accentuates the beauty of what is taking place; that despite the challenges of life people are still standing up and declaring their intention to publicly live as followers of Jesus.

This is the simple yet transformative vision of our Benefice family to *'Discover life in Jesus Christ and make a difference in our communities'*. Against a backdrop of declining church numbers and the constant desire to fill our churches with the 'missing generations', here were four teenagers standing up publicly and stating that they wanted to be followers of Jesus – I have to confess I held back tears of joy at more than one point of the service.

But what comes next? For these four teenagers, they are back in school today, with their friends in lessons. The comparison between a large and ordered service in the Priory and the frenetic,



often disordered nature of everyday life is great. But that's the way our faith is meant to work. We are meant to be with the people of God, often, but not necessarily, on Sundays, worshipping God in Christ, encouraging others in our church families, and being set up for the week ahead. Then, we are sent, a scattered people, out beyond our buildings and gatherings, into the complexity and chaos of the world carrying the light, hope and beauty of Jesus with us.

The confirmation service was one with a twist; there was a commissioning that followed the baptisms and confirmations. Helen was presented with her Bishop's Commission for Mission in Pastoral Care. I remember thinking how wonderful it was in the same service to be reminded that as God's baptised people, we are all called to his service. The 19th century preacher E.M Bounds said, "men and women have always been God's method".

On October 9th, Kevin and Jan from our Benefice were in the Cathedral church to receive their BCM in pastoral care. A reminder that God is calling people within our own benefice to discover and be affirmed in their callings.

Christians refer to calling as vocation, and every member of the Church has one. Vocation has been overly associated with priesthood in the past but as we note in Jeremiah 29.11 God has a plan for each of our lives. Before you consider if God is calling you to do something as part of your personal calling, you might like to take encouragement from Mother Theresa who said of vocation, 'many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is to love Jesus.' And loving Jesus as our primary vocation is something we can all hold in common. Building on that foundation of loving Jesus, you might be encouraged to discover that God has given you gifts and talents for his service. To cite an old and slightly pithy, but nonetheless, true saying, the God who calls equips. Or as Aristotle expressed it 'where the needs of the world and your talents cross, there lies your vocation'.

So, can I encourage you to invest time and prayer in discerning where you believe your own vocation lies? It might be that a BCM programme or licensed ministry training requires further exploration with others. It might be that a particular title or mandate from the wider church is not necessary, and you can quietly live out your vocation as you are already. But, as I conclude this article, my prayer is that you may know that you are beyond any doubt carrying a vocation, even if that vocation is simply to love

Jesus with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Peace be with you,
Matthew
Vicar

NOVEMBER READINGS

7TH NOVEMBER

The Third Sunday before Advent
Hebrews 9:24-end
Mark 1:14-20

14TH NOVEMBER

Remembrance Sunday
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25,
Mark 13:1-8

21ST NOVEMBER

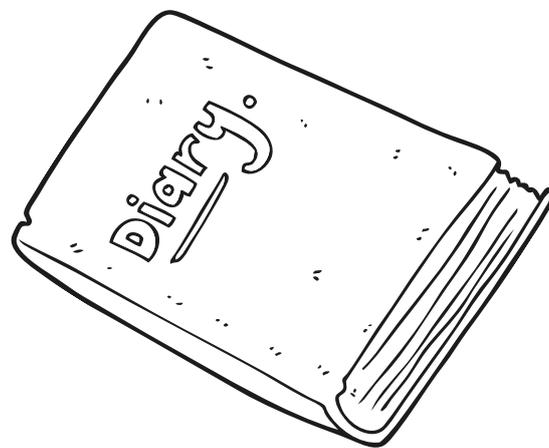
Christ The King
The Sunday Next Before Advent
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

28TH NOVEMBER

The First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Luke 21:25-36



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



NOVEMBER

02 10:30 Mother's Union Committee meeting in Parish Church

07 The Third Sunday before Advent

14:30 Parish All Souls Service at Ringwood Parish Church (pg 9)

08 19:30 Michael Anderson's Housegroup

09 14:00 Mothers' Union Communion service followed by AGM at the Parish Church

11 10:00 Ringwood Carers Group meeting at The Trinity Centre, Ringwood, BH24 1DH

14 Remembrance Sunday

16 10:00 Curate Open Doors: coffee & cake morning at St John's Hall, Poulner (pg 15)

17 19:30 SPSP Committee meeting at the Parish Church

19 19:00 Film night at the Parish Church

20 13:00 Marriage of Jeffrey Dowdey & Louise Barnes at Ringwood Parish Church

19:00 Concert with Peter Vargeson & Friends at Ellingham Church (pg 9)

21 Christ The King

The Sunday Next Before Advent

11:00 The Baptism of Millie McQueen & Benjamin Bishop at the Parish Church

22 19:30 Michael Anderson's Housegroup

25 19:30 Ringwood PCC meeting in the Lady Chapel of the Parish Church

28 The First Sunday of Advent

14:00 - 17:00 Christmas Fair at the Parish Church (pg 21)

16:00 Messy Church (pg 22)

29 14:00 Meeting of The Friends of Ringwood Parish Church

REGULAR GROUPS MEETING IN NOVEMBER

MONDAY

09:15 Diddy Dunkers toddler group

Meeting every Monday during term time at St John's Hall, Poulner.

19:00 The Chamber Maids

A ladies' choir which rehearses on Monday evenings at the Parish Church

TUESDAY

19:00 Ringwood Recovery Group

Meeting at Ringwood Parish Church

WEDNESDAY

08:15 Benefice Morning Prayer

Meeting via Zoom, Meeting ID: 842-5692-5855 & Passcode: 489898

09:00 - 12:00 Coffee Morning

Every week at the Parish Church

09:30 Parent & toddler group

Meeting weekly during term time at All Saints, St Leonards & St Ives

19:00 Impact Youth Group

Contact Revd Kay for details

THURSDAY

19:00 Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group

Meeting weekly at Cafe Velo

ECOPODS

OCT 31 - NOV 12

COP26 PRAYER VIGIL 12PM

Every day in the Parish Church



Photos by Pam Brown

FRIENDS NEWS

THE FRIENDS OF RINGWOOD PARISH CHURCH - TEA AND TALK

After 18 months of not meeting for fundraising events, the Friends of Ringwood Parish Church got together for a Tea and Talk on Friday 8th October at Greyfriars. Some 40 members and guests enjoyed a talk given by Kenneth Exworth on The Lighter Side of Policing – Part 2.

We had a wonderful afternoon with much laughter generated by our speaker with some very funny stories of his long career with the Met. Everyone seemed so happy to be together again after such a long absence and enjoyed the opportunity to chat and catch up on news. The committee provided a delicious tea, which everyone tucked into and the afternoon continued with more laughter and the feeling that at last life was beginning to get back to some sense of normality.



With thanks to Kenneth Exworth for his great talk and to Greyfriars for setting up the hall and providing us with a spotless kitchen to work in. Also to Pam Brown for taking some great photos for us.

The Trustees are now preparing the fundraising programme for next year and will be in touch soon with more details. Meanwhile thank you to everyone who supported the event which raised £322 after expenses.

Marion Davies, Trustee/Secretary

A concert with Peter Vargeson and friends

Saturday 20th November at 7pm, St Mary & All Saints, Ellingham

Join us for a concert with Peter Vargeson and Friends in Ellingham Church followed by a glass of bubbly in the hall. (Limited to 100 people). Tickets are priced at £15 and are available from Ellingham Church and the Benefice Office.



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All Souls Service

2.30pm Sunday 7 November 2021

All are welcome to remember loved ones at the Parish All Souls Service at The Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood.

Should you wish a name(s) to be read during the service please contact the Benefice Office before Fri Nov 5 on 01425 489898, or email office@ringwoodbenefice.org.uk



NOVEMBER SERVICE PATTERN

ST PETER & ST PAUL

RINGWOOD

1st Sunday:

- 11:00 Holy Communion

2nd Sunday:

- 10:45 Remembrance 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

Services in
Church Hall on
Oct 3rd & 10th

1st Sunday:

- 10:30 Morning Worship
- 18:30 The Well (refreshments at 6pm)

2nd Sunday:

- 10:30 Morning Worship

3rd Sunday:

- 10:30 Holy Communion
- 18:30 The Well (refreshments at 6pm)

4th Sunday:

- 10:30 Morning Worship



ST MARY & ALL SAINTS

ELLINGHAM

1st Sunday:

- 11:15 Holy Communion

2nd Sunday:

- 10:50 Remembrance Communion

3rd Sunday:

- 11:15 Matins

4th Sunday:

- 17:30 Darkness to Light service

ALL SAINTS

HARBRIDGE

4th Sunday:

- 10:00 Holy Communion

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:

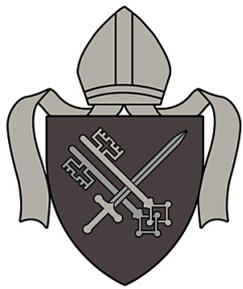
- St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood

5th Sunday:

- St John the Baptist, Poulner

WEEKDAY HOLY COMMUNION

ST PETER & ST PAUL, RINGWOOD - EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 10:30



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PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY

The Joy of Prayer

These Zoom workshops are for anyone who would like to broaden their experience of prayer.

Thursday 11th November 20:00 – 21:00

Prayer Walking

A chance to think about the places and spaces we inhabit and to intercede creatively for those we live amongst.

Thursday 9th December 20:00 – 21:15

Dare to Share

Come and listen, and be listened to (in small groups), as we reflect on our relationship with God and our experience of prayer.

Led – on Zoom – by the Revd Sally Dakin, Diocesan Spirituality Advisor.

Enquiries to:

sally.dakin@winchester.anglican.org

Bookings to:

wendy.atkinson@winchester.anglican.org

MORE RULE OF LIFE MINI-RETREATS...

What is it?

How might a Rule (or Rhythm) of Life help us to grow and be more fruitful in our relationships with God, with each other, and with the communities we're part of? Take time to reflect on one of these short online retreats:

- Wednesday 17th November 2-4.30pm
- Thursday 2nd December 7-9.30pm
- Tuesday 7th December 10-12.30pm

Retreat format

- Introduction and Prayer (online) The sessions will be held on Zoom,
- Time alone (offline) led by the Revd Sally Dakin,
- Plenary and Prayer (online) Spirituality Adviser

Comments received

'a really good morning – I feel refreshed and inspired'

'a wonderful breath of fresh air'

'a gentle and inspiring afternoon'

'a warm and welcoming environment despite the limitations of technology'

'opened my mind to as many questions as answers'

To book, please email:

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ANGELS: MESSENGERS OF HOPE

CALLING ALL EXPERIENCED AND INEXPERIENCED KNITTERS

As part of our Christmas plans this year, we are developing the theme of angels as messengers of hope in our world.

One of the projects we would like to ask your help with is knitting or crocheting angels. On each one we will hang a message of hope to be given to people in Ringwood in December.

If you love knitting, crochet, or would love to learn how to, there will be patterns at the back of Ringwood Parish Church for you to collect. When you have completed a few, please bring them into the church office.

I'm definitely not an expert knitter or crocheter, but if you would like any help or support in getting started, I will be at Wednesday Marketplace Coffee after the Holy Communion Service for the first three weeks in November. Come and have a chat and we can get you started on a great relaxing and easy project.

Thanks for all your help and support in getting involved in this opportunity to share God's love and messages of hope this Christmas time.

Rev. Kay

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Our October meeting was well attended and we met in the coffee area for a change. The theme was "Re-imagine the Mothers' Union" and was led by Stella. We started with MU prayers including our members worldwide, as well as any of our own members unable to attend this time. Stella then had a questionnaire for each group to think about how lockdown had changed our outlook, how we could both improve our meetings and encourage new members. We all enjoyed time to chat with each other and how we had coped during lockdown and now enjoying being able to socialise again and meet people. We did manage a few answers to Stella's questionnaire so she could put a report in! I think we all enjoyed the social hour and of course finished with a nice cup of tea and biscuits.

Prayers were said in the Lady Chapel on October 18th for Anti-Slavery week attended by about 10 people – thanks to Stella for organising the prayers.

Next month we will meet on November 9th when Kay will lead our Communion service, this will be followed by our AGM and members are reminded subs are due for next year (£30). We will also be collecting for "Mary's Men" – gloves, socks, scarves, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste and sweets – all for the homeless at Christmas.

Sue Brinkman

For more information about the Mothers' Union please see www.mothersunion.org or contact Sue Brinkman on 01425 474982

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St John's Church Hall
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LEST WE FORGET

'In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place: and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below.'

This is the first verse of John McCrae's poem, 'In Flanders Fields' first published in Punch magazine in 1915. It soon came to symbolise the sacrifice of all who died in World War One. Today, the poppy remains a tangible symbol for those who have sacrificed their lives in war, especially as we remember those who died in Afghanistan. But why do we remember?

'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.' (Micah 4:3). Writing 700 years before Christ, Micah spoke at the time when Samaria fell due to the aggression of Assyria. However he prophesied a future of hope, a world where nations come together in peace rather than war. His words are fulfilled in the kingdom of God established by Jesus.

Our understanding of peace is more than simply the absence of conflict. It is about building relationships between people, communities and nations, founded on love and justice for all. As we remember those who died in war, we should look practically at how we can build such relationships, beginning with our own families, colleagues and neighbours. 'We will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.' (Micah 4:5). Let's ask God's Spirit to make us people of peace, justice and compassion for today's world.

'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'

100 YEARS

It was 100 years ago this month, on 11th November 1921, that Remembrance poppies were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries to commemorate military personnel who died in war.

Amid the mud, blood and carnage of trench warfare in World War One, tens of thousands of bright red poppies had grown, marking the graves of the fallen. This led John McCrae, a Canadian army physician who had lost a colleague, to write "In Flanders Fields" shown on the facing page.

This image inspired the adoption of a red poppy as the symbol of all soldiers who had died in conflict. In the UK they are sold by the Royal British Legion to raise funds for current and former members of the British Armed Forces. Around 30 million poppies are sold each year.



OpenDoors

CURATE COFFEE & CAKE 16 NOVEMBER 2021

Over the coming months, our Curates Revd Kay and Revd Sandra will be holding coffee and cake mornings in aid of varying Christian charities. The first one will be held at St John's Church Hall, Poulner, BH24 1TY on Tuesday 16th November from 10am - noon. This will be in aid of an initiative called 'Bake With Them'.

This national coffee and cake event is arranged by Open Doors, a charity focused on supporting persecuted Christians around the world, and consequently some of the delicacies that will be offered may have an international feel or taste to them!

So please put this date in your diary , come along and support our Curates, and let's raise as much money as we can for the persecuted church.

Open Doors calculate over 350 million Christians are persecuted for believing in Jesus, which makes Christianity the most persecuted religion in the world. Read more at www.opendoorsuk.org/act/fundraise/bake-with-them/

Open Doors U.K. is a registered charity No. 1125684

Rhoda Curtis



CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION

Our confirmation candidates;

Lewis Walton
Charlotte Jones
Rebecca McNally
Annabelle Hover

With much fun and joy, Matthew and I had been able to prepare four of our young people for their confirmation, where as well as exploring faith, each young person spoke about their personal journey of faith with Jesus, and their decision to make their own commitment to Jesus publicly.

Even though the confirmation service had

been delayed, on Sunday 17th October we were able to celebrate with them, this milestone of their faith journey, as they were confirmed by Bishop Debbie at Christchurch Priory.

Even with some COVID restrictions in place, we were able to share in their joy as these young people make their own decisions and their commitment to following Jesus as their Lord.

It was wonderful to be joined by their family and friends, and sharing with them in this joyful service of commitment and hope.

Revd Kay Pead

BISHOP'S COMMISSION FOR MISSION

Congratulations to all who attended the Lay Ministries Service on 9th October, especially Kevin Jones and Jan Pankhurst who received their BCM for pastoral & prayer work.



HOLY LAND TOUR - APRIL 2022

Due to the pandemic we had to cancel our proposed tour in May, then October this year, so have planned to have a Pilgrimage Tour of Jordan and Israel in April 2022 - we are booking now on **01425 471490** and **jer.178@tiscali.co.uk** please contact me for details and brochure, we'd love to have you join us!

Michael Anderson

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Ringwood Parish are collecting used printer cartridges, which we can turn into cash for church funds. If you have any, please pass them to Roger Dewar or drop them off at the Benefice Office. Thank you.



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Starting Thursday 16th September

Contact Rachel on: outreach@smlpoole.org.uk

The Church of St Peter & St Paul
Market Place
Ringwood
BH24 1BS

Starting Tuesday 28th September

Contact Andrew on:

ringwoodrecovery@gmail.com



WELCOME TO “THE GUARDIANS OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, POULNER”

The church of St John’s was built in 1914 by local tradesmen paid for by the local population of what was then a small, widespread village. The bricks were hand-made just up the road on Poulner Hill and the wood was from local trees, over the main body of the church are local clay tiles which have lasted much longer than expected but are now quite fragile.

Time moved on and Poulner expanded, joining up with Ringwood and still St John’s stood as the focal point of the community. Such was the popularity of this place that the hall was built in 1973 and as the doors of the church were straining especially at times, such as Christmas, weddings and funerals, there was standing room only so the north aisle and vestry extension was added in 1980.

St John’s is still here steadfast but now it needs help from all who appreciate its presence and the new charity of The Guardians of St John the Baptist, Poulner is solely to provide financial support to the upkeep of the fabric and building of the church and grounds benefitting its users now and in the future.

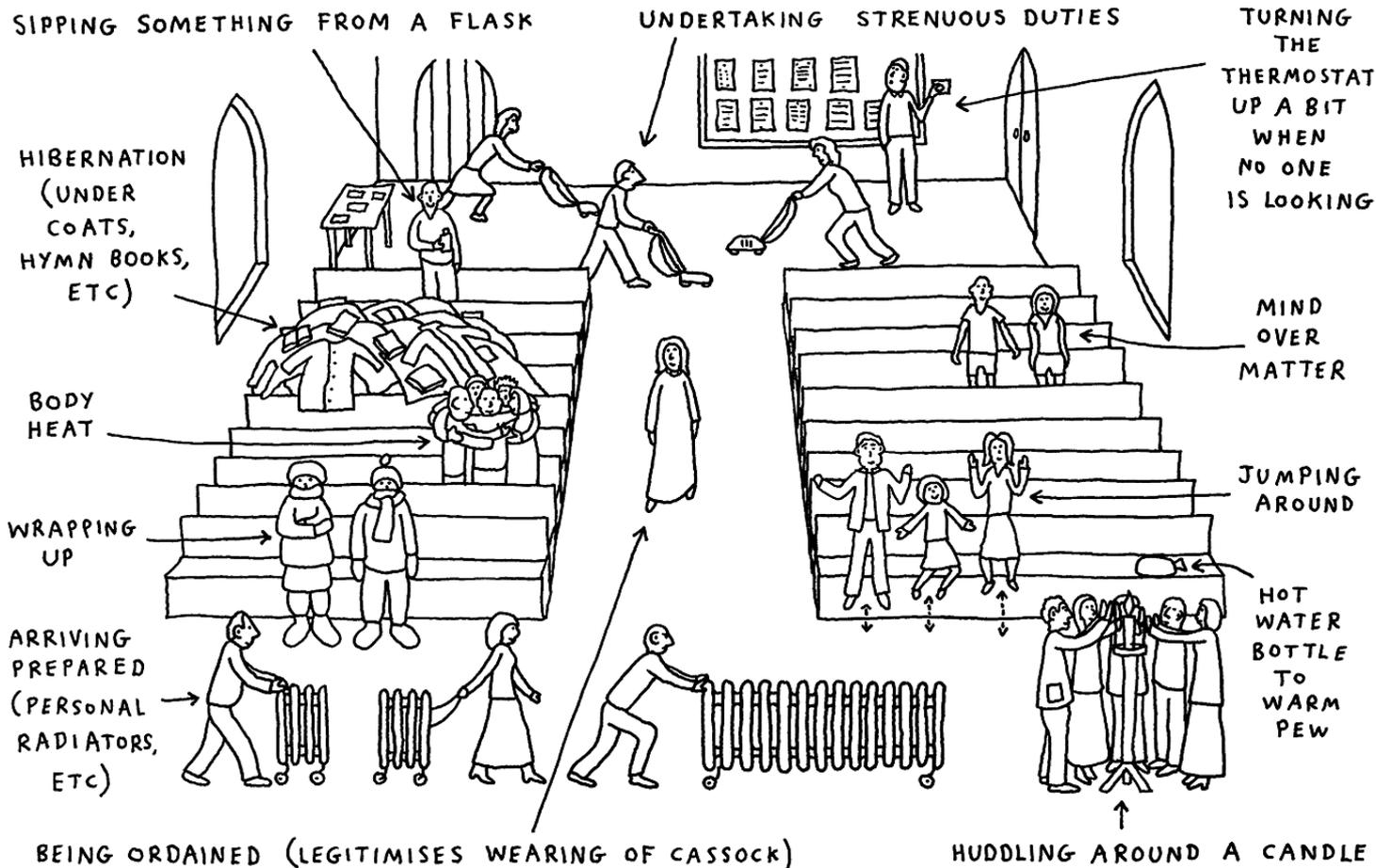
Regular giving pays for day-to-day running costs and Church Mission Fund which is the responsibility of the church but in these straightened times there is little spare money for the jobs that need doing. This new independent charity does not detract or replace the regular giving but intends to work alongside St John’s committee.

Membership is open for an annual fee of £10 to anyone over the age of 18 and is not limited to church attenders. The charity of The Guardians of St John the Baptist, Poulner is registered with the Charity Commission with audited annual accounts submitted.

For any further details please contact Margaret Groves
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WAYS TO KEEP WARM

IN CASE THERE IS ONE YOU HAVEN'T TRIED



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We so enjoyed the fireworks display, can we do it again at New Year?

RINGWOOD PCC MEETING DATES

- Thursday 25th November 2021, 7.30pm, St Peter & St Paul
- Wednesday 26th January 2022, 7.30pm, St Peter & St Paul
- Thursday 31st March 2022, 7.30pm, St Peter & St Paul
- APCM: Thursday 28th April 2022, 7.30pm, St Peter & St Paul

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RINGWOOD PARISH CHURCH **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2021
2-5PM**

- **CRAFTS**
- **RAFFLE**
- **TOMBOLA**
- **REFRESHMENTS**
- **CAKES**
- **GAMES**
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**ST PETER
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Diddy Dunkers Toddler Group continues to meet every Monday morning between 9.15am and 11am at St John's, Poulner.

We are so happy to be able to welcome families with babies and pre-school children to have a natter, cuppa, and relax with their children in a safe, fun-filled space. We have had such positive feedback from everyone and we are all so glad to back face to face.

Mr Crocodile and his friend Squirrel are helping with the singing and story time in the church. We have been sharing ideas about caring for our world, staying safe, being kind to our friends and looking after each other.

Diddy Dunkers has a Facebook page now, so please have a look for up-to-date information or contact the Benefice Office.

There will be no Diddy Dunkers session on Monday 25th October as it is half term week, but we will be back on Monday 1st November.

The Diddy Dunkers Team

Messy Church returned at St John's at the end of September. It was really wonderful to see everyone face-to-face again after the last eighteen months. And it was only fitting that we shared activities that reflected September's theme which was "Welcome Back!"

We also made a prayer tree and wrote thank you prayers on apple shapes which reminded us that "We are the apple of God's eye." Our worship time focused on Jesus welcoming children and families. It reminds of our God's amazing love for us and no matter what our age, big or small, He loves us very much and longs to welcome us with his love and care.

Currently at Messy Church we have an RSVP in place so that we can ensure everyone stays safe and has plenty of space. Messy Church is on the last Sunday of every month at St John's Hall and Church between 4pm and 5.30pm.

The next Messy Churches will be on Sunday 31st October and 28th November. We would love to see you, please contact us for information. (details on pg29)

The Messy Church Team



Impact is a youth group for school years 7-13 which meets most Wednesdays during term time 7-8.30pm at Revd Kay's house. We meet to chat, to play games, to go on walks, have fun at socials and discuss more about Christian faith together. We are a lovely group of people and anyone who is aged 11-18 years old is very welcome to join us.

Kings Kids is our group for children at the church of St Peter and St Paul, Ringwood meeting most Sunday's during term time at the 11am service. This group is led by Luke and Abbi, our wonderful Moorlands students, who enable the children to learn more about the stories from the bible and our Christian faith, so that our children can become little followers of Jesus.

If you are interested in either of these groups, either for your children or grandchildren, please do get in touch with Revd Kay at the Benefice Office on 01425 489898.

We would also love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved in either of these groups as a leader or helper. It is such a joy to work with children and young people and we learn as much from them about God, as they do from us.

Jesus said "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:14



PRAYER VIGILS FOR COP26 AT RINGWOOD PARISH CHURCH

ECOPODS

**12PM WEDNESDAY 13, 20, & 27 OCTOBER
THEN DAILY DURING COP26
31 OCTOBER UNTIL 12 NOVEMBER**

WHAT IS COP26?

The 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26, is the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference. It is scheduled to be held in the city of Glasgow between 31 October and 12 November 2021, under the presidency of the United Kingdom. This is an important event, and one that needs a lot of prayer.

HOW THE CHURCH IS RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

The Church of England believes that responding to climate change is an essential part of our responsibility to safeguard God's creation. It has pledged to become carbon 'net zero' by 2030, a decision made at General Synod in February 2020.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Attend a prayer vigil;

Pre-COP26: Prayer Vigils will be held at Ringwood Parish Church on Wednesday 20 & 27 October at midday.

During COP26: From Sunday 31st October (after the Benefice Service) until Friday 12th November inclusive, there will be daily vigils at midday in Ringwood Parish Church.

What if I can't attend? Perhaps you could set an alarm/alert on your phone for 12pm so you can pray? Contact us if you need prayers.

Fast: Could you skip lunch on one or more of these days? Take time to pray about & for all those for whom this is an everyday occurrence, and the reasons for this.

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Tamasine will continue to practice in Christchurch and Mudford with the added benefit of offering Dispute Resolution and Family services while Edward and his team will continue to be based in Ringwood covering all the surrounding areas.

Edward Holmes states "I am delighted that the opportunity has arisen to join together two firms with a common client-focused philosophy. We are all looking forward to the opportunities this affords us - not only to offer an even better service to our clients, but also to expand the range of legal services we can offer".



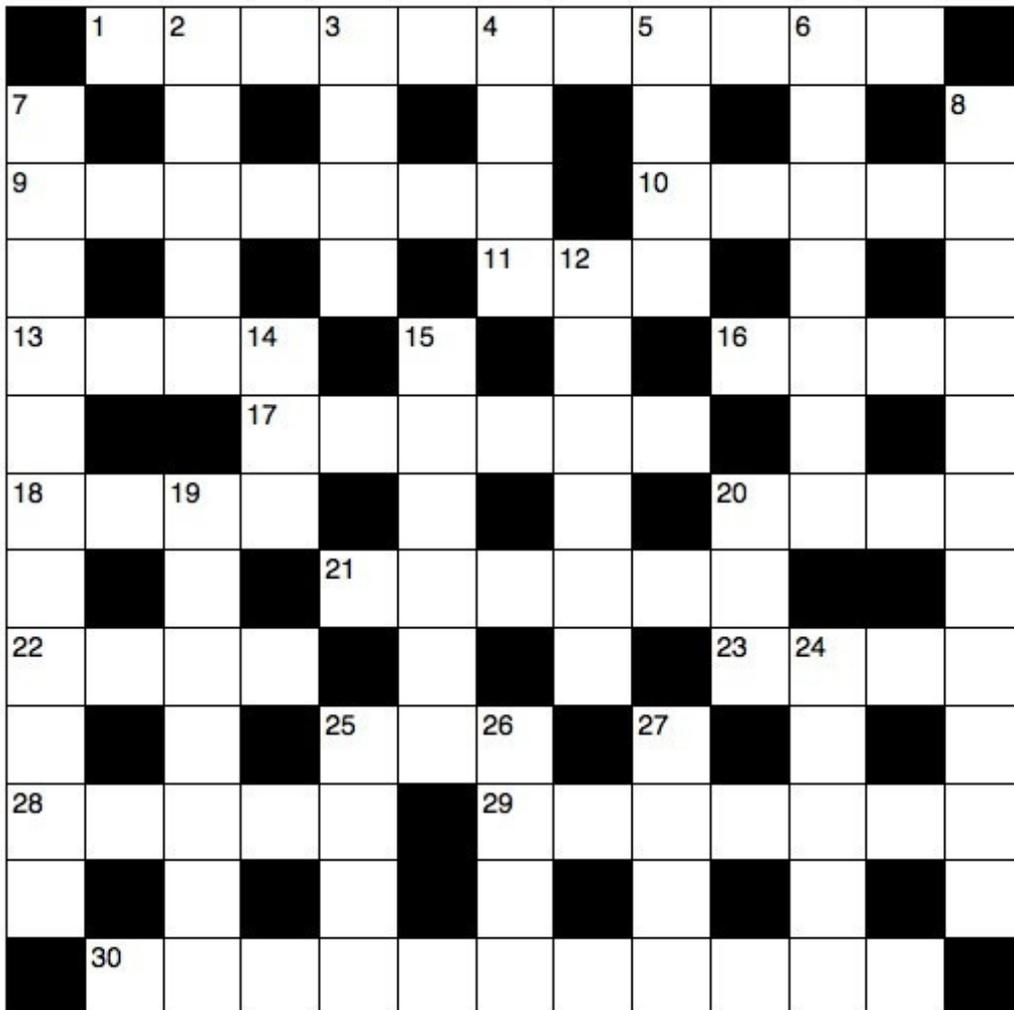
Directors' photo: Edward Holmes, Tamasine Whitbread and Ruth Lucas

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 Carnage Symbol



CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No — , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to — ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across

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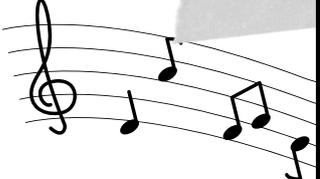


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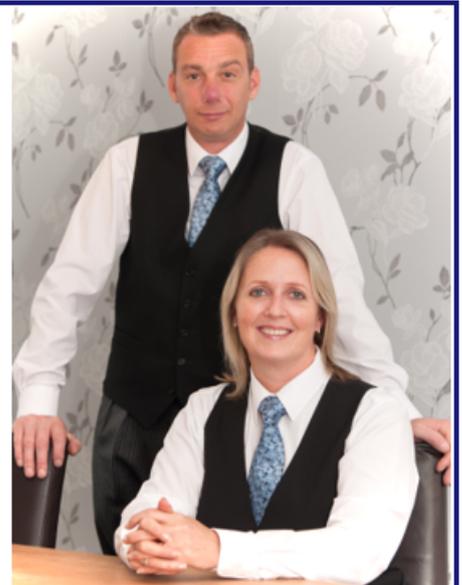
Almighty and eternal God,
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and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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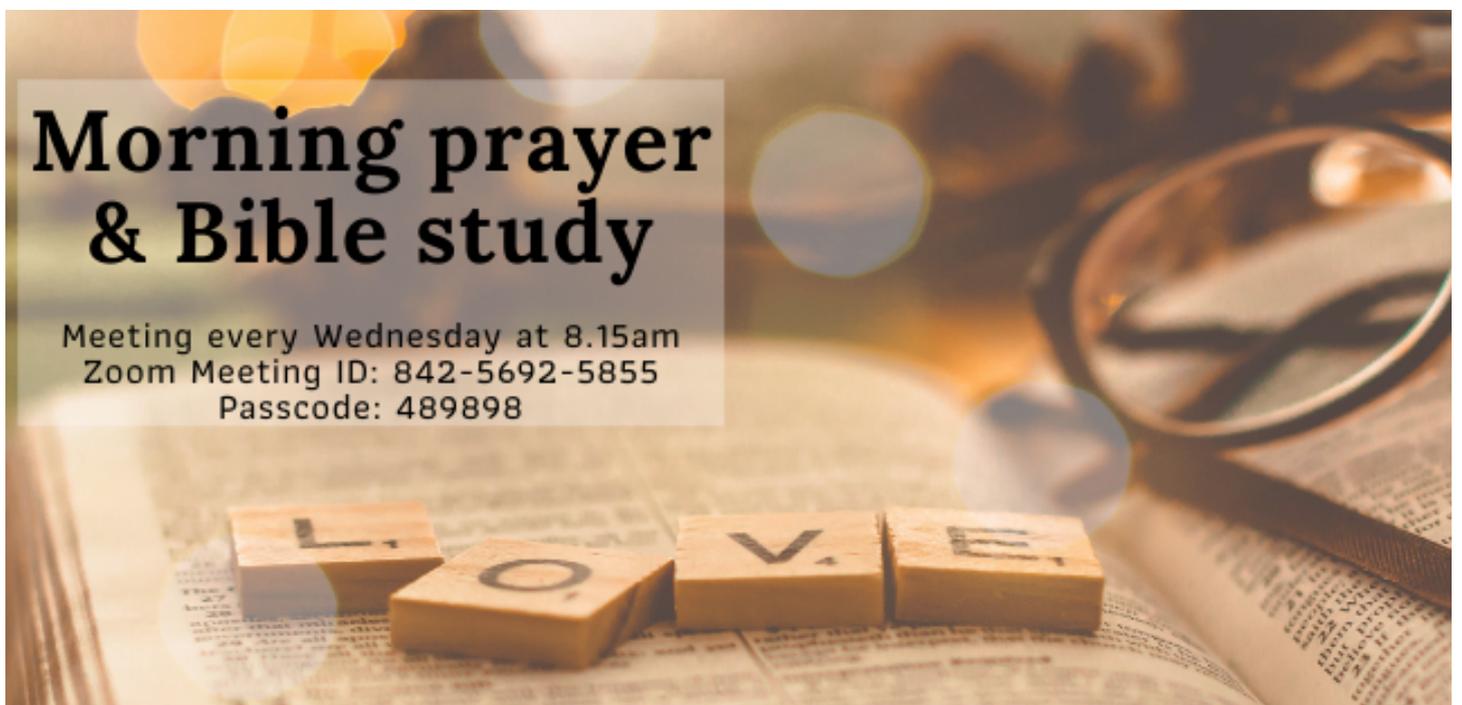
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