

**In Touch** with the Bourne Valley Churches  
in the Parishes of Cholderton, Newton Tony, St Nicholas Porton & District,  
Winterbourne Gunner, Winterbourne Earls with Dauntsey, Ford and Hurdcott

**Benefice website: [www.bournevalleychurches.org.uk](http://www.bournevalleychurches.org.uk)**

***'Alleluia...! Christ is Risen...! He is Risen indeed... Alleluia...!'***

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year C (White)**

St Andrew's Newton Tony	9.30am Holy Communion (POE) & <b>APCM</b> *
St Mary's W Gunner	9.30am BCP Holy Communion (DP)
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	11.00am Holy Communion (DP)

Readings: (Psalm 23) Acts 9: 36 – 43 John 10: 22 – 30  
*(or as chosen by the preacher)*

Collect **Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father, Amen**

**Christian Aid Week** runs from 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May, and this year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the charity, which has helped so many of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people over that time. Please **pray** for the continuing work of Christian Aid and, if you can, please **donate** via their website: <https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CAM-009429>

**Glebe Hall 'Drop-In Cafe' 2.00pm – 4.30pm** Open House, everyone welcome...!!  
Next one is on **Weds 14<sup>h</sup> May**. *Help with IT is available at the Cafe, if required – just ask.*  
Call 01980 611311 for more information...

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year C (White)**

St Nicholas' Cholderton	11.00am Holy Communion (ST)
St Nicholas' Porton	9.30am BCP Matins (AD)
St Mary's W Gunner	9.30am BCP Holy Communion (DC)
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	11.00am Holy Communion (POE) & <b>APCM</b> *

Readings: (Psalm 148: 1 – 6) Acts 11: 1 – 18 John 13: 31 – 35  
*(or as chosen by the preacher)*

Collect **Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father, Amen**

**\* Annual Meetings & APCMs** Please support your Parishes, PCCs and all who enable the life of the church in your Parish to continue, by taking the time to **attend** YOUR Parish's Annual Meeting & APCM, and please consider offering practical help, by standing for election as a PCC member, as second Churchwarden (where needed), and to support our local Schools as a **Foundation Governor**, among other roles available. For more information, please speak to your Churchwarden, or your Rector...

**Messy Church** is for *everyone*, children and adults, and the next one is on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** in the **Glebe Hall**, Winterbourne Earls from **3.30pm** until 5.00pm. We listen to stories, do exciting craft, play games and enjoy music, food and fun as we celebrate together. Everyone is welcome... Come and try it – it's free and there's no need to book...!

The **fish collages** made at the last **Messy Church** session are displayed in the **cloister** at **Salisbury Cathedral** as part of the **flower festival** from 13<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May – do go and see...

The **Bourne Valley Magazine** remains a great way to publicise YOUR events, or your business, in our communities, as 100's of people living locally subscribe. If you enjoy reading a printed Magazine (rather than looking for local information 'online') and don't yet subscribe please contact **Priscilla Park-Weir** by email: **pvpw71@gmail.com** and she can put you in touch with your *local distributor*. It only costs **£7.00** to subscribe for a whole year (10 editions) and all profits, from subscriptions and advertising, go to support the Parish churches in the Valley – thank you

The **Salisbury Foodbank** (formerly Trussell Trust) continues to value our support, and still needs the following tinned commodities: fruit, fish, tomatoes, potatoes, beans, soup, puddings, custard, meat and vegetarian meals, as well as bars of chocolate, shampoo, deodorant and toilet paper. The most effective way to donate is via **supermarkets**, which match the value of donations placed in their own collecting 'bins' so the Trust benefits even more – thank you...

**Thank you** for continuing to leave donations in support of **Sophie's Legacy** in the marked box in **St Michael & All Angels** church... the following are really helpful: crisps, biscuits, chocolate bars, pot noodles, cup-a-soup, 'mug shots' 'porridge pots' and cereal bars; but **please avoid** anything containing **NUTS**. Also, **toiletries** eg: shower gel, shampoo, deodorants, nappies and wipes are much appreciated by families with children in hospital when they stay there with them, as these essentials are often not available otherwise.

A **Prayer**, offered by Bishop Stephen, for us all to use this Eastertide, and beyond:

**'LORD GOD**, we give you great thanks for your call to each one of us to serve, and we pray that you will be at the centre of all we think and say and do. Give us we pray:

**Ears**, as we listen to each other, to listen to you; **Eyes** to see you in our communities and the experience we bring; **Minds** to understand the issues and discern your direction; **Hearts** for compassion for each other and all we serve, that we may remain your faithful servants. We ask your blessing on our Benefice and this Diocese, that in all we do we may make Jesus known, for your glory and your Kingdom, **Amen**

*Please continue to keep in your prayers all for whom this is a difficult time, in whatever way, and particularly we remember those who have recently died, and all who mourn their loss.*

Do make use of the **Bourne Valley Prayer Tree**, so called because it has branches (people who respond to the request to pray) spread throughout the Valley.

**Contact: Ali Joyce** on **01980 619195** or email: **aliloujoyce@gmail.com** to ask for prayer,

*and please let her know as and when the need for prayer changes – thank you*

**Benefice Prayer:** *Be with us, Lord, in all we do and say,  
Visit each home with your peace and love  
Turn all hearts and minds to you, our loving God, in Jesus' name, Amen*

**NB:** If you would like to receive this **'In Touch'** regularly by email, or wish to discuss anything relating to church or faith, please contact the Rector, Rev'd Peter Ostli-East on **01980 611350** at The Vicarage, Winterbourne Earls SP4 6HA or by email: **revpeterbvt@gmail.com**

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