

**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)**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Epiphany – Year C (White)**

St Nicholas' Cholderton	11.00am Holy Communion (ST)
St Nicholas' Porton	9.30am Holy Communion (DP)
<i>St Mary's W Gunner</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Covenant Service at <b>BV Methodist Church</b>
<i>St Michael &amp; All Angels W Earls</i>	<i>(Anglicans are invited to join with Methodists today...)</i>

Readings: (Isaiah 60: 1 – 6)      Ephesians 3: 1 – 12      Matthew 2: 1 – 12  
*(or Covenant Service readings)*

Collect **Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

*The **Bourne Valley Link Scheme** is open again from **9.00am** on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.  
The Coordinator can be contacted on **01980 611117** from Monday to Friday between 9.00am  
and 5.00pm when the Scheme is open. Messages can be left on the Answerphone - thank you*

**Porton Paperback Exchange** will be held from **10.00am** to 12.00 noon on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**  
in **St Nicholas Porton**...come along to browse the books, meet friends and enjoy a cuppa...!  
David Mooney's **Home Produce Stall** will be available, so please come prepared, with **cash**  
and a bag/basket to take home delicious goodies...

**Glebe Hall 'Drop-In Cafe'** **2.00pm – 4.30pm** Open House, everyone welcome...!!  
Next one is on **Weds 8<sup>th</sup> January**. *Help with IT is available at the Cafe, if required – just ask.*  
Call 01980 611311 or 01980 551033 for more information...

**Bourne Valley Methodist Church 'Bourne Cafe'** is available every *second* Saturday in the  
month, where you can enjoy hot drinks, cake and good company from 10.00am to 12.00noon.  
The Church is on the Main Road in **Winterbourne Dauntsey** SP4 6EW *Next one: 11<sup>th</sup> January*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 The Baptism of Christ (Epiphany 1) – Year C (White/Gold)**

St Andrew's Newton Tony	9.30am Family Communion (POE)
St Mary's W Gunner	9.30am BCP Holy Communion (DP)
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	11.00am Holy Communion (POE)

Readings: (Isaiah 43: 1 – 7)      Acts 8: 14 – 17      Luke 3: 15 – 17, 21 – 22  
*(or as chosen by the preacher)*

Collect **Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognise him as our Lord, and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

A **Prayer**, offered by Bishop Andrew, which we are all invited to use at Epiphany, and beyond:

**'Gracious God, we thank you for calling us into the fellowship of your Son;  
Empower us by your Spirit to seek your Kingdom, here and now,  
that we might make Jesus known in every place, for your name's sake, Amen**

**New Year's Resolutions...** Did you make one yet...? Are you still thinking about making one...? Remembering that we are all uniquely created, divinely inspired, as **body, mind and spirit**, why not focus on something that could enhance your 'well being' now and into the future...? There are many verses in the Bible which can lift our hearts, and give us strength and inspiration in life, and one that was quoted recently, as spoken by the late former President of the USA, Jimmy Carter, is **Micah 6: 8** *'He has shown you, O man, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'* I would commend this verse as one to reflect upon, and to act upon, as we start this new year, with all its opportunities, and challenges, ahead...

**Thank you** to everyone who kindly supported **Sophie's Legacy** in the weeks before Christmas, and please *continue* to leave your donations 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**, thank you. Also, **toiletries** eg: shower gel, shampoo, deodorants, nappies and wipes would be much appreciated by families with children in hospital when they stay in hospital with them, as these essentials are often not available otherwise.

**Thank you** from the **Salisbury Foodbank** for the support given throughout the past year, but donations of the following **tinned** commodities are *still needed please*: fruit, fish, tomatoes, potatoes, beans, soup, puddings, custard, meat and vegetarian meals, as well as bars of chocolate, shampoo, deodorant and toilet paper. Remember, the **best way to donate** is via supermarkets, which match the value of donations placed in their own collecting 'bins' – thank you

*Regular subscribers* to the **Bourne Valley Magazine** are invited to *renew* as soon as convenient, please – your local distributor will be able to assist you... If you enjoy reading a printed Magazine (rather than looking for local information 'online') and *don't yet subscribe* to the **Bourne Valley Magazine** please contact **Priscilla Park-Weir** by email: **pvpw71@gmail.com** and she can put you in touch with your local distributor so you can **subscribe** – *only £7.00 for a whole year (10 editions)*. All profits from subscriptions and advertising go to support the Parish churches in the Valley and it's a great way to publicise **YOUR** events in our communities...!

*Remember, this 'In Touch' is also a good way of publicising an event or activity in YOUR Parish, so please email the office (as below) with details, as and when there is something you would like to be included...*

*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**