

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

A Festival of Christmas at St Andrew's Church, Newton Toney – Come and enjoy this special event, from 2.00pm to 6.00pm on Saturday 7th Dec, and 2.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday 8th Dec. There's no entry charge, but donations will be gratefully received – thank you... and teas, cakes, crafts and a Raffle are also available at the **Memorial Hall** – **cash only**, please. On Sunday the Festival concludes with a special Service, as below:

Sunday 8th December 2024 – Second Sunday of Advent – Year C (Purple)

St Andrew's Newton Tony	6.00pm Festival Service (POE)
St Mary's W Gunner	9.30am BCP Holy Communion (ST)
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	11.00am Holy Communion (SR)

(No Zoom Service)

Readings: (Malachi 3: 1 – 4) Philippians 1: 3 – 11 Luke 3: 1 – 6
(or as chosen by the preacher)

**Collect: Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour,
we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God, Amen**

Messy Church is for everyone...! children and adults...! We listen to stories, do exciting craft, play games and enjoy music, food and fun as we celebrate together. We meet in the **Glebe Hall**, Winterbourne Earls from **3.30pm** until 5.00pm. The next one is on **Tuesday 10th December** when we will be preparing for Christmas celebrations. It's free, there's no need to book – come and try it...

Celebrating Age Wiltshire are excited to bring a festive concert to the **Glebe Hall**, Winterbourne Earls on **Wednesday 11th December** at **1.00pm**, with live music and a festive afternoon tea, and we have invited local school children to sing too. This is a *free* event for older people. To book, please contact Karen Linaker on **01722 434697** or email: karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk

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: 14th December*

Sunday 15th December 2024 – Third Sunday of Advent – Year C (Purple)

St Nicholas Cholderton	11.00am Carol Service (POE)
St Nicholas' Porton	9.30am Holy Communion (POE)
St Michael & All Angels W Earls	6.00pm United Winterbournes' Carol Service (POE)

(everyone is welcome at this joint Service with BV Methodist Church and St Mary's W Gunner)

(No Zoom Service)

Readings: Philippians 4: 4 – 7 Luke 3: 7 – 18 *(or Carol Service readings)*

**Collect: God, for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

A **Prayer**, offered by Bishop Andrew, which we are all invited to use regularly in Advent:

**‘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**

As **Advent** continues, and the season of **Carol Services** is upon us, please use this opportunity to invite friends and family to come with you to church, to share in worship and fellowship together as we prepare for Christmas...

Support for **Sophie’s Legacy**: Two members of the **Bourne Valley Rangers** group are seeking to support families with children in hospital by providing food and other necessities when they stay in hospital with their children, as these are not often available otherwise. There is a **box** for donations in **St Michael & All Angels** church, and the following would be greatly appreciated: 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, **Thank you**

Thank you from the **Trussell Trust (Salisbury Foodbank)** for the support given throughout the year – it is much appreciated, however, 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’ so the Foodbank benefits even more – thank you...

The **Bourne Valley Magazine** is a great way to publicise YOUR event in our communities, and all profits from subscriptions and advertising go to support the Parish churches in the Valley. Remember that **December & January** is a *combined* edition, and subscriptions for 2025 will be due as soon as you are able to pay, please liaise with your regular distributor – thank you. If you enjoy reading a printed Magazine (rather than looking for local news and 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 so you can **subscribe** – *it’s only £7.00 for a whole year (10 editions)*

Apologies – the current ‘BV Mag’ does not show the times of **Christmas Day** Services in the Benefice, please visit our website: **www.bournevalleychurches.org.uk** which does include these, as well as the Benefice Service on **Sunday 29th December** at **10.00am** in **St Andrew’s Newton Tony** – *thank you*

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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