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At the Minster

Sunday services

8.00 am	Holy Communion
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist
11.15 am	Informal Communion (1st Sunday in the month) Matins (2nd Sunday in month) Informal Service (3rd Sunday in month)
12.00 noon	Holy Communion (2nd Sunday in month)
6.30 pm	Evensong

Weekday services

Tuesday	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Trinity Chapel)
Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Trinity Chapel) (1st Thursday in the month only)
Friday	11.00 am	Holy Communion at St.Margaret's
Saturday	9.15 am	New Horizons Prayers (Crypt)
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8.30 am	Morning Prayers
Monday, Thursday and Saturday	3.30 pm	Evening Prayer

In the Northern Villages

	9 am	10 am	6.30 pm
1st Sunday of the month	Breakfast Church <i>Witchampton Village Hall</i>	Parish Communion (CW) <i>Horton</i>	Evensong (BCP) <i>Holt</i>
2nd Sunday		Sung Eucharist (CW) <i>Hinton Martell</i>	
3rd Sunday	Breakfast Church <i>Horton Village Hall</i>	Parish Communion (CW) <i>Witchampton</i>	
4th Sunday		Parish Communion (CW) <i>Holt</i>	
5th Sunday		Parish Communion (CW) <i>Chalbury</i>	

The fragility of life

People will often assume when talking to me that taking a funeral is difficult. Certainly, journeying alongside those consumed in grief can require sensitivity and compassion, no one journey is ever the same. However 'difficult' is perhaps not the word. Taking a funeral is always an honour; being alongside people at such a poignant moment in their lives is a privilege.

Sadly I have been required to take quite a few funerals this New Year already. There are many whose hearts are aching at the loss of someone close. I am reminded once again of the fragility of life (how each moment of each day is precious, and those we share life with should never be taken for granted).

Being vulnerable and aware of the limited time we humans have on earth is something Jesus himself was aware of (despite being the Son of God). Being both fully human and fully God one might dismiss Jesus as someone who could not understand the value of life, and yet he most definitely did. We see by the way he conducted himself and what he taught his followers that making the most of each day is important, each life and person is to be valued, and how we must live in the moment, learning from the past but living in the light of our future given to us by Christ himself.

This month will see the beginning of Lent. It is a time when Christians recall and will mark Jesus' time in the wilderness, as he prepared to begin his ministry. Maybe you, yourself, have decided to 'go without' something during Lent – to make a 'fast' for yourself? Jesus' 'fast' during those 40 days was demanding and made him vulnerable. Yet, although he was physically weak, spiritually he remained strong. (The two do not have to 'go together'). As the devil tempted Jesus with food and the promise of authority Jesus remained strong within himself, he relied on the promises found within the word of God. And so can we when we find ourselves fading.

How often I have witnessed those grieving finding strong spiritual strength from within themselves at difficult times. As they open themselves to trusting in God for their loved one a new strength comes with the hope. Courage to carry on, recognising that the challenges of life will get easier.

This February why not make a point of valuing not just each day but each person you meet in your life – friend, family member or stranger. And perhaps pick up a bible, reading Luke 4.1-13 for yourself.

Revd Suzie Allen

In January

28th	Baptism of Emily Farquarson
5th	Funeral of Leslie Harvey
11th	Funeral at Crematorium of Mary Sheldon
18th	Funeral at Crematorium of Marjorie Dillingham



Dates for your diary - February



Thursday 1st	9.30 - 11.00 am	Two by Two (Church House)
Friday 2nd	12.00 - 2.00 pm	Lunch & Chat (Church House)
Sunday 4th	4.15 - 6.15 pm	Greenbelt Group (Church House Lounge)
Monday 5th	2.30 pm	3rd Order of Franciscans Meeting (St.Margaret's)
Tuesday 6th	9.30 - 12.00 pm	MU Deanery Wave of Prayer
Wednesday 7th	8.00 - 10.00 pm	Bellringers' AGM
Thursday 8th	1.30 - 2.00 pm	Meditation Group
Friday 9th	9.30 - 11.00 am	Two by Two (Church House)
	12.00 - 2.00 pm	Lunch & Chat (Church House)
Sunday 11th	2.00 - 3.00 pm	Visiting Bellringers' Quarter Peal
Tuesday 13th	11.00 am Start	Pancake Race (outside
Shrove Tuesday		North Porch)
	2.30 pm	Companions of St. Francis meeting (St.Margaret's)

Wednesday 14th Ash Wednesday	9.30 am 1.30 - 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Holy Communion with imposition of ashes Meditation Group Sung Eucharist with imposition of ashes
Thursday 15th and following Thursdays in Lent	12.15 - 1.30 pm 2.15 - 4.00 pm	Lent lunch - Methodist Church (see details below) Mothers' Union
Friday 16 th	12.00 - 2.00 pm	Lunch & Chat (Church House)
Saturday 17 th	10.00 - 12.00 pm	Friends' Valentine Coffee Morning - (Church House)
Tuesday 21st	7.00 - 7.45 pm 7.30 pm	Lent Talk - Rev.Brenda Gibson Minster recycling talk (Church House)
Thursday 22nd	9.30 - 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Two by Two (Church House) St.Mary's Shaftesbury Choral Event -Faure's Requiem.(Minster)
Friday 23rd	12.00 - 2.00 pm	Lunch & Chat (Church House)
Saturday 24th	9.00 - 10.00 am	Conducting Course
Sunday 25th	11.30 - 12.00 pm	Baptism of Stanley Knapman
Tuesday 28th	7.00 - 7.45 pm	Lent Talk - Rev. Brenda Gibson
Wednesday 28th	1.30 - 2.00 pm	Meditation Group

You are invited to lunches at the Methodist Church (provided by different groups) every Thursday in Lent, 12.15 - 1.30 pm. A guest speaker will give a talk at about 12.45. Admission free; donations to Christian Aid.

Prayer cycle for February

- 1 Our Associate Priests
- 2 Lay Pastoral Assistants
- 3 Sunday School
- 4 The Greenbelt Group
- 5 The Children's Society
- 6 Bishops Nicholas, Edward and Karen
- 7 Wimborne Library: staff, volunteers and users
- 8 Local MPs
- 9 Amnesty International
- 10 Bournemouth & Poole Hospital Chaplaincies
- 11 Our Licensed Lay Minister
- 12 Our Director of Music and Organist
- 13 The servers
- 14 The Minster Green Fair: organisers and helpers
- 15 The Minstead Training Project
- 16 Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu
- 17 East Borough Housing Association
- 18 Social workers
- 19 Dorset Wildlife Trust
- 20 Queen Elizabeth's School
- 21 PCC secretaries
- 22 Minster guides and welcomers
- 23 The Minster Governors
- 24 The Minster Environmental Group
- 25 Mission Aviation Fellowship
- 26 Our neighbouring churches
- 27 The Tivoli Theatre and Allendale centre: volunteers
- 28 Refugees and migrants

Please use this diary as a part of your own prayers. In this way we can pray together as a parish for our common concerns.

PRAYING FOR THE VACANCY

A copy of the Church Times advertisement and the Parish Profile have been placed in the brown folder in the Crypt as an aid to our intercessions at weekday Morning and Evening Prayer.

Up to the deadline of Thursday 22nd February please pray that God inspires the right person to respond to the advert and profile. After that date, please pray that He will grant discernment for those whose job it is to study the applications before inviting candidates to interview on 13th - 14th March.

We have also added a prayer, not just for the Minster, but for the whole church. This used to be in the Crypt in the days of Canon Douglas Strickland, and has been copied at least by one Minster person into their diary every year since:

Heavenly Father

Pour down your spirit on your whole church

Grant us a new-

Vision of your glory,

Faithfulness to your Word,

Experience of your Power, and

Consecration to your service,

That through our renewed witness

Your Holy Name may be glorified.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

During February, Morning Prayer or Evening prayer is held at 8.30 am Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and at 3.30 pm on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. You are also welcome to use these details for Prayer at other times, but please do not remove the folder from the Crypt.



SILENT FILM NIGHT
With LIVE musical
accompaniment by SAM
HANSON
7:30 Saturday, 24th February
in the Minster

Two 1918 Short Features, with Introduction & Refreshments

Charlie Chaplin in ***Shoulder Arms***. This comedy short, of much historical interest, was produced while the War was still on. Also starring Edna Purviance and Sydney Chaplin

Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle, Buster Keaton in ***The Bellboy***. The adventures of two bellboys in a Western-era hotel, with a horse-drawn lift.

Tickets: £10* (£5 for accompanied children) including a FREE glass of wine. Available at Square Records, the Minster shop, or at the door.

Wimborne in Bloom Annual Meeting

Monday 12th February, 7.30pm

In the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 37 West Borough.

We are always looking for more help and support and if you are able to join us please do come along to the meeting when a report on the activities of 2017 and the accounts for the year will be presented. A warm invitation to attend is extended to all.

Anthony Oliver



The MARS Trust is a Minster charity. MARS stands for Modelling Active Relationship Skills.

Today, almost half of 16 year olds have experienced family breakdown, and changes in family structures, technology and the curriculum can leave children ill-equipped to build sustainable and fulfilling relationships at home, at work, in sport, and in their communities.

MARS runs multi-media workshops for Year 9-11 students in Relationship Skills, Communication, Conflict Management, and Choice and Commitment. Led by accredited presenters, and facilitated by volunteer small group leaders from the Christian community, the workshops are expertly designed to equip young people with basic relationship skills.

Response from students is very positive. They say MARS focuses on things that are really important to them but which they don't usually talk about. Key messages of the workshops are that young people should choose, not drift into relationships and learn to say no.

MARS currently works in QE, Poole Grammar, Ferndown Upper and Carter Community Schools. In the academic year 2016/2017 MARS was involved with:

- 3105 individual students
- 6210 student sessions
- 90 Volunteer Small group leaders from
- 32 churches

To help MARS reach more students, volunteers of all ages are needed from the Minster. Please contact Hilda on 01202 848859 or Anne King on 01202 881019.

BOTSWANA ORPHANS

Both Rev Andrew Mudereri & his wife Gladys have had to stand down. Gladys feels unable to run the St Peter's Day Care Centre without Andrew's physical input. There have always been tribal tensions. Although the Church building is not yet complete, nor Alan's bell hung, the Bishop has suspended Andrew and forbidden him to take any Services in the Diocese. We started supporting them after Alan and I spent our 40th Anniversary 2004 in Botswana.

On visiting the Mudereries (having known them for 12years – they were from Zimbabwe) found they had taken in 12 HIV orphans and planning to start up a whole new children’s work. Sharing this with the Wednesday Prayer Group on our return June Fuller suggested we start up a fund and that then graduated to donating the after Church coffee donations. We averaged £1,200.00 a year inc the Minster Fair takings from the Toy Stall. They are very grateful for all the help we gave and many children benefited these last 13yrs.....amazing ! - we thank you and praise the Lord for your generosity, time, & energy especially to those who help serving, running the stall and making biscuits. The funds will now go to The Mars Trust, helping young people here through QE School & others. Please continue supporting our after Church Coffee gatherings.

Hilda Butler – MARS Minster rep !.

PANCAKE RACE TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2018

It is now only a fortnight before this year’s Wimborne Minster Pancake Race. As indicated in January’s edition of PRINT it will take place on Shrove Tuesday 13th February.

The venue is as always, outside the main north porch entrance to the Minster and the first heat will be run at 11.00am whilst the Pancake Bell is tolled. All competitors should report to the North Porch by 10.30am to enrol, complete with frying pan and ready cooked pancake ready to run around the Minster tossing their pancakes at the four corners of the church.

So have we some challengers (over 18) to win a new Trophy, The John Loader Memorial Cup, presented by Martyn and Kathy Curtler and become the Minster Pancake Champion 2018? The winner will also receive a Trophy from the Stour and Avon Magazine.

There will also be races for the under 18’s, including Toddlers with prizes for the winners in the different categories. This year the race takes place during half-term so we do hope school pupils can be encouraged to come either with their parents or under their own steam. All are most welcome.

If there are entries, as there have been for the last few years, there will also be a Wheelchair Race and the Wimborne Pet Centre will donate a bag of wild bird food to the winner.

Entry forms available in the Minster or Church House (Parish Office)

Any enquiries regarding this year's race, including offers of help with both stewarding and collecting for the Mayor's Charities, should please be addressed to Anthony Oliver, 01202 888703

CAROLS IN THE CORNMARKE

A record crowd estimated to be in the region of 800 people attended Carols in the Cornmarket on Friday 22nd December...the weather was fine and dry. A record amount of money was collected for the Mayor's Charities, Wimborne in Bloom, Friends of Victoria Hospital and the Walford Mill Education Trust, an amazing £1,150.

The music was provided by the Broadstone Community Concert Band under Damon Corio and the Salvation Army invited everyone to their Hall afterwards for refreshments. Thanks must also be expressed to David Hartwell who again provided the sound for the occasion and the Wimborne BID who sponsored the glowsticks and the printing of the Carol sheets.

A big thank you to everyone who took part in this now annual festive event and to everyone who attended from Hilda Butler and Anthony Oliver who along with Clive Grant from the Cornmarket who organised the event.

The date for this year is already in the diary...Friday 21st December 2018.

Anthony Oliver

MINSTER RECYCLING

As we start the new year we also embark on a new Minster recycling program. The Churchwardens asked MEG to help to improve our recycling rate and make it easier for everyone to know what can be recycled. To that end we have new bins in the Church marked as either General waste or Recycling. The recycling bins have a sign with indicating what can be recycled in it. There are also signs on the food waste and glass box in the Vestry kitchen with illustration of what can be recycled. In the vestry there is a bin for paper and another for candle and votive recycling. There a Dorset Waste Partnership leaflet on the MEG board by the Verger's desk.

We can all help make the Minster recycling a success and reduce the time it is taking out of the staff, vergers and Churchwardens' day sorting waste. If you see anyone using the wrong bins please help by advising which bin they should use. This is very much a trial and if there are any concerns or question please let me know so that we can make this a success for everyone.

Waste not want not

On Saturday 3rd February, at the Library , we will be receiving items of waste between 10.30 and noon for recycling with proceeds going towards good causes .

February 21st at 7.30pm in Church House

The Minster Environment Group invites you to a talk on how to reduce your use of plastic and to recycle more, while helping good causes. There has been a lot in the media recently about our use of plastic and the amount of waste we produce. Come along and hear how you can make a difference.

Linda Bunting



Come on In – it's Fairtrade Fortnight (26th February – 11th March)

This year, Wimborne Town Fair Trade Group is being joined by Colehill, where the Parish Council has agreed to link permanently with the Wimborne group to promote Wimborne & Colehill Fair Trade Community.

The first major joint event takes place in Colehill – on Thursday, 8th March in the school hall of St Michael's Middle School (by kind permission of the head teacher and governors). We are going to show a 90 minutes film called *The True Cost*, investigating the worldwide clothing industry and challenging us about the human and environmental costs of what we wear. Entrance is free although donations will be appreciated to cover the costs of the licence to screen the film. Doors open at 7.00pm and the film will start promptly at 7.30pm.

We also invite you to **Come On In** to our annual Coffee Morning on Thursday, 22nd February at the Annexe of Allendale House, Hanham Road, from 10.00am – 12 noon, (just before the beginning of Fair Trade Fortnight). No fixed charge, donations welcomed.

Greenbelt Group Greenbelt Group meeting Sunday 4th February Church House Lounge 4.15-6.15 pm

How often have you wished you'd said or done something differently? We will listen to and discuss excerpts from a thought-provoking Radio 4 iPM programme about Regret. It includes reflections by psychoanalyst Stephen Grosz, who explains the nature and possible causes of regret in our lives, and suggests ways of dealing with these feelings.

All are very welcome to join us.

- *Rosemary and Mike Lunt*

These we have loved

The Editors have invited Readers to write a short piece (some 200 words or so) about a book (not from the Bible or Shakespeare) that has inspired them or simply one they have loved. The article can come to us at any time and will go into Print as they arrive. These are this month's selections

The Lent Factor, 40 companions for the 40 days of Lent compiled by Rt.Rev. Graham James, Bishop of Norwich

Each of the bishop's 'companions' has had an influence on his spiritual life - not all are conventional Christians, but all have had a profound effect on him, from his father, to his baby daughter who died in infancy, from writers, artists and other clerics - some names famous, some only known to the compiler.

This is a good read - it is both engrossing and enlightening for this Lenten time. It was originally published in 2014 by Bloomsbury and is available in the Minster bookshop at £9.99

- Christine Gibbs

William Whyte: Unlocking the Church, the lost secrets of Victorian sacred space (published OUP 2017)

To Victorians the thousands of churches built or restored between 1830 and 1900 were not only places for worship but also active agents conveying theological ideas designed to shape people's emotions. Church buildings were never only empty spaces in which worship occurs; they had a power of their own, were engines of prayer.

The Minster is mainly a Victorian invention. Pulpit, east-end altar, choir and pews are an orderly compromise between preaching and Eucharist, both evangelical and catholic.

Radical thinking of the later 20th Century produced new churches and conversions which were more diffuse in their intentions. With decreasing church attendance, ancient buildings were either abandoned, adapted, sold, or put to other social use.

John Betjeman's question, posed when visiting a Lincolnshire church, is still relevant, 'What sort of a church, I wonder?'

Those considering reordering their sacred space would do well to read this book.

- Arthur Little

Whither 'Aspects'?

You may already be aware that I am retiring at the end of September, so a question arises as to the continuation and format of the 'Aspects of Spirituality' series.

This year's speakers will have been arranged by 30th September and preliminary publicity material have been sent out. Before that is possible, decisions need to be made about the shape of the evenings and whether or not supper will still be on offer, so that we can advertise the correct details.

Those of you who have been 'aficionados' for the past seven years know the quality of the speakers who have taken part and the value placed on the lectures by so many people. Considerable funds have also been raised for the Minster over the past years.

If you are moved to play a role in future series, there seem to me to be to be two ways forward :-

- The first would be to keep the current format, with supper included. This would need someone to buy and prepare the refreshments, two people to serve food and drinks, a third to sit at the door to check and sell tickets.
- The second would be to scrap the supper and provide just light snacks and a drink. This would preclude travelling speakers being fed, and alternative arrangements would be needed for that. It would also need preparation, serving and collection of monies personnel

Publicity and ticketing formats are readily available on the office computer, and no doubt a new Rector will have ideas as to possible future speakers to invite.

Please pop in to the office and have a word if you feel you could help ensure the future of 'Aspects' .

Penny Baxter.

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