



**The Wimborne Villages
with St Stephen's &
St Bartholomew's**

The
Wimborne
Villages



Wimborne
Minster

**VILLAGES' NEWS BULLETIN
W/C & 2ND & 9TH MAY**

5TH & 6TH SUNDAYS OF EASTER

Well, a hearty welcome to our soon-to-be good friends and partners in ministry there in Kingston Lacy (St Stephen's) and Shapwick (St Bartholomew's). This publication marks a new era for us all as I begin to take on the care of you all. And in a Church season where we mark 'new life' it seems appropriate that we marking a new stage of life in our fellowships.

Throughout life we mark different stages - going to our first school, our first kiss maybe, our first failure, a marriage for some, a first home, having children, our retirements... and so we go on. It is the same with our church / fellowship. There is the routine of life (our seasons such as Lent and Easter) but also more significant markers such as a dear member passing on to glory or, as we are now, leaving one fellowship and joining together with another.

As we join with others it can be daunting (a bit like our first days in school or work). But as we will recall our memories of such occasions we remember that it took patience, vulnerability and work to get to know others and build lasting relationships. And so it will be for us.

But the wonderful thing about 'church' is that we are always part of a much bigger fellowship - whatever Church we may visit away from 'home' we expect to find other 'family members' as we enter a service, people there who are our brothers and sisters in Christ. (So in a way we already have good foundations with which to build on).

Let's remember 1 Corinthians 1.9 which reads "God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

Rev Suzie

Service Info

Sunday 2nd May

Acts 8: 26-end; John 15:1-8

10.30 Parish Communion at Horton Church

Sunday 9th May

Acts 10:44-end; Ps 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

9.15am Parish Communion at St Stephens, Kingston Lacy
(*outside, weather permitting, please bring a chair if you are able*)

10.30 Parish Communion at Hinton Martell Church

Services will no longer be recorded on Sundays.

The 5th Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. *Amen*

The 6th Sunday of Easter

Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. *Amen*

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. *Amen*

Upcoming Dates



Church services are now inside our churches with the usual Covid restrictions. Please come wearing a mask, use the hand sanitiser at the door and wait to be directed once inside the church (Track and trace in operation). We



hope to have a small choir in The Wimborne Village Parish at each service as we are *not allowed* to sing together inside ... yet!



Bible study on Zoom (meeting no. 939 272 5457)

- every other Thursday. Do get the dates for the next ones in your diary - **Thursday May 6th** and

May 20th at 7pm. *All welcome, we are looking at Luke's gospel, come with a bible to this informal yet invigorating group!*

PLEASE NOTE THE WIMBORNE VILLAGES APCM will now be held after the service on Sunday 23rd May at Horton & Chalbury Village Hall at 11.30am. *If you have any short reports to add to a briefer document this year, please send them to Jackie at the usual email address by the end of Thursday 6th May.*

5th Sunday Service (Trinity Sunday) - a service for all! Rev Suzie is planning a gathering of people of all ages from all locations (including our new ministry partners at St Stephens and St Bartholomews) in our service on 30th May. The service will begin at 10.30am and if weather permits we will be outside where we can sing at Horton and Chalbury Village Hall. *(This will not be a communion service).*

Other News & Information

Welcome to Shapwick and Kingston Lacy! - on 1st May St Stephen's, Kingston Lacy and St Bartholomew's, Shapwick came under the care of Rev Suzie (assisted by Rev Sharon and Rev Bill and overseen by our Rector, Andrew). In the months to come they will legally become one parish it is hoped.



St Stephen's, Kingston Lacy services:
2nd Sunday: 9.15am *Parish Communion*;
4th Sunday: 9.15am *Family Service*



St Bartholomew's, Shapwick services:
3rd Sunday 9.15am *Parish Communion*

Our thanks goes to a longstanding and founder Lay Worship Leader **Andrew Curtis** who after more than a decade serving our churches as a Lay Worship Leader has decided to withdraw from this particular ministry as more of his time is demanded in assisting other ministries. I am sure you will join me in saying a big thank for the time and commitment he has shown in helping to lead our worship.

Headteacher Jacqui Booth - Rev Suzie has heard this week that Mrs Jacqui Booth, the wonderful Headteacher at St James First School has offered her resignation and this summer term will be her last at St James. We wish her well for the future (please do keep her in your prayers as she ends her time there and enters into a new era, as well as for the future of the school seeking a new Head).

Church Wardens needed! It is once again time for our APCM and over the last year the vacancies of a Church Warden in Horton and Witchampton have made ministry difficult in our churches there. (We have been blessed by great volunteers who have come together when needed and an encouraging new PCC however a person to oversee the building and is the point of contact for all is required). So please don't look to the ground hoping someone else will take this role on - if you are someone who is organised, good at delegation and approachable please get in touch with Rev Suzie (you would be supported by your clergy not just left to it!). It is VITAL we find church wardens, we cannot go on as we are.

PCC members for The Wimborne Village Parish- as our APCM approaches we have some vacancies available, so if you would like to get involved with your local churches more do speak to Rev Suzie or Rev Sharon and fill in a form in time for the PCC. You can make a real difference to your local church - to its aims and direction, its mission and vision and finances.

Electoral Roll for our Wimborne Villages churches. Barry Lovett has been asked to look after the electoral roll for the new parish of The Wimborne Villages.

A copy of the current roll will be posted up at each church door when we meet to hold a service. Please do check your details (or request for your name to be added!).

Barry is currently revising the roll prior to the APCM to be held on 23 May. The revision will operate 28 days before the APCM and close 15 days before the date, ergo 8th May. If, during this period, anyone wishes to join, leave or amend their details, they should contact Barry Lovett: Tel: 01258 840062/07816875036 or email: lovett_barry@hotmail.com



Welcome to the World! - Congratulations goes to one of our regular organists, Simon Woodley and his wife Emma who welcomed their son George William Woodley into the world on 13th April at 4.25pm weighing 7lb.

Children And Families Worker Wanted - St James' Church, Alderholt, is seeking to appoint a children and families' worker to integrate children and families fully within the life of the church. The successful applicant will work with under 11s and their families who are currently connected with the church in order to help them grow in Christian faith and assist children in absorbing the teachings of Christ into their daily lives. They will also engage other children and families from the village into the life of the church. For more details, please contact the office at stjameschurchalderholt@gmail.com. Please note this post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Closing date - 14th May; Interviews - w/b 24th May

Food Bank - This week they are in need of tinned tomatoes, microwavable pasta pouches, microwavable rice packets, tinned meatballs, small packs porridge, squash, toothbrushes, deodorant and laundry pods/gel

Please leave contributions in the donation boxes at Witchampton Community Shop (8.30-11 daily) or Furzehill Stores to name but a few... or donate by BACS:

A/C: Faithworks Wessex; Sort: 40-52-40; No: 00015300; Ref: Wimborne.

We pray:

- ✚ For those who are ill, awaiting treatment, grieving or suffering in any way.
- ✚ For the couples hoping to marry this summer, particularly Daniel and Melissa, Sarah and Justin marrying in Witchampton, Alex and Amy, Luke and Kerry, Adam and Alex marrying in St Stephens with Paul and Louise, Jeffrey and Debbie's marriages being blessed.
- ✚ For families coming forward for baptism, particularly the families of Freya and Rose (W'ton), Grace (HM), Freddie and Wallace (St S's).
- ✚ For the communities of Kingston Lacy and Shapwick as they experience a change of leadership and that we may become one community together in the love of God and fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
- ✚ For a safe lifting of restrictions as we come out of lockdown. *Lord, protect us all from harm.*

Morning Prayer at 8.30am: Morning Prayer is now back at Hinton Martell Church on Wednesdays and Fridays as well as on Zoom Monday-Saturday with our Minster family.

All are very welcome.

Zoom ID: 883 2976 1518. Telephone access - phone **0203 481 5240**

News Bulletins - now published for 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.

Zoom Video Conferencing:

Villages ID: 939 272 5457

Telephone access - phone **0203 481 5240**

For Bible study (7pm Thursdays); Parish meetings, etc

Minster ID: 883 2976 1518

Telephone access - phone **0203 481 5240**

Morning Prayer: 8.30 am Monday to Saturday
Evening Prayer: 5pm Monday to Saturday
Holy Communion: 9.30am Sundays & Wednesdays
Informal Services: 11.30am on 2nd and 4th Sundays)

For more information on using Zoom contact Jackie Leevers.

CONTACTS/STAFF:

Associate Priest - Rev Suzie Allen

suzie-assocpriest@wimborneminster.org.uk

(01258) 840668 (Day off Mondays).

Associate Priest - Rev Bill French

bill-assocpriest@wimborneminster.org.uk

(01258) 841061 (Day off Fridays/currently on sick leave)

Village Curate - Sharon Boyle

sharon-villagecurate@wimborneminster.org.uk

07875 677971 (Parish work on Wed, Fri and Sunday ONLY)

Admin (Villages) – Jackie Leevers

jackie-villageadmin@wimborneminster.org.uk

Rector - Rev Andrew Rowland

rector@wimborneminster.org.uk

(01202) 882340 (Day off Fridays)

Parish Office

parishoffice@wimborneminster.org.uk

Website:– www.wimborneminster.org.uk

Combined PCC:

Secretary: Judith Lane jude.lane@me.com

Treasurer: Janet Curtis 01258 840064

Church Wardens:

Chalbury: Marilyn Sadler 01258 840357

Hinton Martell: Liz Curtis 01258 840409

Horton: VACANT

Witchampton: VACANT

Church Warden at St Stephens: Sarah Grandos 01258 628394

Church Warden at St Bartholomews: Anne Tillin 01258 858208