

CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL 2024

7th APRIL 2nd Sunday of Easter

9.30am Gussage St Michael Breakfast Church (in Village Hall)

9.30am Woodlands Service of the Word

11.00am Wimborne St Giles High Mass

6.00pm Cranborne Evensong

14th APRIL 3rd Sunday of Easter

9.30am Cranborne Benefice Communio

11.00am Gussage St Michael Morning Worship

11.00am Wimborne St Giles Elevenses

21st APRIL 4th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Gussage All Saints Benefice Communion

11.00am Woodlands Elevenses

28th APRIL 5th Sunday of Easter

9.00am Cranborne Breakfast Church (in First School Hall)

9.30am Woodlands Benefice Communion

11.00am Cranborne Matins

11.00am Edmondsham Elevenses

6.00pm Woodlands United Service (Methodist Church)

Please note: There will additionally be a service of Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am in Woodlands Church.

Our Farewell to The Revd Robert Simpson

Robert's formal time with us ended on 29th February, and the Benefice said its goodbyes to him at the end of his last service, which had taken place in Cranborne church on 11th February. He thanked us for our generous gift, and for our fellowship and support during his seven years of ministry here. It was a well-attended occasion. Everyone present felt a sense of ending – but also of beginning, as Robert prepared himself for his new ministry in Wales, and our thoughts turned to the uncertainties of 'interregnum' while we are without a Rector.

Robert had joined the then Quintet Benefice in October 2017. He was resuming his life as a priest after some years as a teacher in Devon, following the ending of his marriage. He gained a reputation for sermons which were well researched and accessible, and as a priest who took his church duties very seriously. But all too soon, Covid arrived, and with it the closure of all churches – shamefully, even to their clergy – which meant a lengthy hiatus in our normal patterns of worship. Robert maintained a weekly on-line service of Holy Communion, which helped to keep the benefice together in those trying times for us all.

The lockdowns came to an end, and with them the decision to enlarge the Quintet with the Gussages, to form the Knowlton Circle Benefice in 2022. This meant another period of change and adjustment, which is in effect still continuing, and which Robert, while welcoming it, found challenging. Nevertheless, he created the new benefice, and thereby laid the foundations for the longer-term future of worship and mission in these Dorset parishes.

He will be remembered as a kindly but very private person, who avoided discord but was dutiful in his church work, and who 'knew his stuff'. His cycling exploits were a matter of legend. He had long considered a move to the Church of Wales for family reasons, and accepted the post of Vicar of Rhayader in mid-Wales. Here he becomes part of a larger team of clergy serving an area of mid-Wales, with responsibility for Rhayader itself and six neighbouring parishes.

In saying 'farewell' we wish Robert every fulfilment and happiness in his new post. His record here will, in the fullness of time, speak for itself. We thank him for his time with us, and wish him 'Godspeed' as he settles in to his new life in Wales.

Simon Tong

Knowlton Circle Benefice February Charity of the Month

Knowlton Circle Charity of the month for April & May will be Encircles, a Salisbury-based charity established as a registered charity in April 2019. It is administered and operated solely by volunteers and is entirely self-funding. Its work involves distributing food each evening to the street homeless, those in supported accommodation and any person who is hungry in the community, including families who are experiencing financial hardship. They also prepare and cook a hot Sunday takeaway lunch and sandwich supper bags to hand out as well as distributing emergency family food parcels and cost of living bags consisting of tea, coffee, sugar and long life milk. www.encircles.org. PLEASE DONATE CASH IN THE BASKET IN CHURCH or ONLINE www.bit.ly/DQchofm by 31.5.24. Thank you.

The Benefice is Online!

The Benefice is online now as the Knowlton Circle.

The **NEW** website - Knowlton Circle Benefice - http://www.kcb.org.uk

The Benefice Facebook page is now - https://www.facebook.com. Knowlton Circle Churches

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Cranborne

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CRANBORNE FETE

SATURDAY 11th MAY 2-4 pm

If you have **donations** for stalls, please contact:

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Thank you!

Cranborne Local History Society

It was good to see so many people from the village at our last meeting on 5th March. Gavin Fauvel had a very good audience for his informative talk on The Past 50 Years on Cranborne Estate.

We are working hard to keep our talks as 'local' as possible and, if not immediately relating to the village and its surrounding area, certainly within Dorset.

If anyone knows of a speaker, or indeed can do a talk themselves, please let us know.

2nd April: A Trip into the Past (old photos of Cranborne and its people) by Chris Bright

7th May: Ancient Cranborne from the very early beginnings to around 1100 AD by John Smith.

4th June: A History of Place Names (in our part of the country) by Tony Painter 7.30pm at Cranborne Sports Club: Raffle and Refreshment Visitors £3 or £15 for an annual membership.

Edmondsham

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The Church of St. Nicholas, Edmondsham.

April brings the showers... It is also a time to be Thankful that we actually have a good water supply in this country, whereas thousands of other people have no access to clean water, food or medicine. Edmondsham Church held a Lent Lunch, on 23rd March, at Edmondsham Village Hut., with Soup, Bread and Cheese, provided by the church. This year, Donations will be given to Christian Aid. This is a wonderful organisation, which helps in many situations throughout the world, such as in times of war, drought or famine. During the Season of Lent, it is important to observe the tradition of Prayer and Reflection, which helps us focus on the Needs of others and try to Make a Difference.

We are fortunate to live in a most beautiful part of The United Kingdom and can appreciate the Beauty of Nature. In April, we see Cherry Blossom, Wild Flowers, and listen to the Song of Birds. Edmondsham Church is Eco Friendly and we have designated areas for flowers, helping the wildlife population, especially Bees. We Welcome everyone to Church. However, the Churchyard has some areas which are in need of Repair. Please observe Notices and use Caution, when visiting. Thank you.

I give Notice that..The Church of St. Nicholas, Edmondsham. The Knowlton Circle Benefice.... Will hold the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, on Tuesday, 30th April, 2024, at 11am, in church. Forms for the Nominations for Members of The PCC and Church Electoral Roll, will be available in church, during April, 2024.

Enquiries about any Church Matters, or Anyone in Need. Please Contact Lesley Franklin. O1725.517852 Or...lesleyfranklin7@outlook.com

At the time of writing, Edmondsham Village are looking forward to their Easter Trail. An Easter Egg Hunt, held in the woods and surrounding areas, with Refreshments and Activities in Edmondsham Village Hut. Always a popular Event. Bingo Nights continue also. More Events soon. Come and Support your local Village Hall.

For Reflection... You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start from where you are and change the ending. CS. Lewis.....

May The Peace and Joy of Easter Be With you All. Now and Always.

Woodlands

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Church of the Ascension

During March the snowdrops in the churchyard gave way to daffodils and primroses bringing us some cheer and a real sense of Spring as we approached Easter despite all the wet weather.

Lent continued with the meditative Stations of the Cross service every Friday at 6 pm centred around the fourteen beautiful paintings in the church. The Woodlands Lent Soup Lunch raised £180 for Christian Aid, and we thank everybody for their support. Our popular Elevenses service in March celebrated St Patrick's Day with all ages wearing green and shamrocks.

A warm welcome awaits you at any of our services. Please check the Knowlton Circle website or our Facebook page for the latest updates

https://www.facebook.com/woodlandschurchoftheascension/

Save the Date: **Woodlands Flower and Art Festival** will be on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June 2024. Flowers, arts, and crafts exhibition at the church with teas, cakes, and stalls at the Village Hall. More details in the full-page advertisements but anybody interested in exhibiting or having a stall please contact Tracey Black on 01202 823875.

The Fireside Theatre:

A group of theatre lovers who meet in members' homes to read quality plays around their fireside. New members always welcome. Please contact the membership secretary, Jenny Brown 01202 825178

A warm welcome to all our Members for our Spring/Summer Season. May I remind members to notify the Hosts by the Sunday evening prior to the Reading evening. This is a great help when providing refreshments and seating and in the arrangement of the reading plan.

April

Date – Wednesday 3 April at 7pm.

Hosts- Daphne and John Fairburn, 10 Sherwood Drive, Verwood (01202 820689)

Play – Separate Tables, by Terence Rattigan

Plot – Two one-act plays set in the Beauregard Hotel, Bournemouth.

Track Record – Award-winning performance in the West End and on Broadway. A Hollywood film winning two Oscars and five Oscar nominations. I trust you will enjoy this Rattigan classic.

Break a Leg – Glenwood Carlyon.

Woodlands Village Hall event dates in April 2024

• Community matters: Woodlands Village Hall 'Open Meeting' on Saturday, 27th April, 10am-11am. Find out what we've been doing in the last year and enjoy tea, cake and a good catch up.

• **Our regular groups:** For more information on any of the above, please visit our website: www.woodlandsvillagehalldorset.org.uk

To keep up to date with our news, please follow us on Facebook @woodlandsvillagehalldorset

Arts Class for adults	Weekly, on Tuesday, 9am-12noon Phone: 01202 881331
Ukulele	Every two weeks, on Tuesday, 1pm-4.30pm For U3A members only
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WOODLANDS METHODIST CHURCH Minister Revd Nick Wood

Past social event

Our Jumble Sale in Verwood Memorial Hall on Saturday March 9th was the most successful ever. As soon as the doors were opened, people flocked in and tried their hardest to get near the stalls! We are very lucky that we have lots of helpers and we give our grateful thanks to them for all their hard work. We raised the marvellous sum of £597.80 for our Church funds. Avery big thank you to everyone for making this such a big success.

As usual, our quiz evening was a "sell out" with everyone putting on their "thinking caps". Many thanks to our question master Christopher Antell, assisted by his brother Morgan. And to everyone who came along and joined in the fun.

Past Worship for You

Our speakers at the March "Worship For You" were Richard & Maria Kane, who spoke about "marriage week international" which most of us didnt know existed!

Good Friday Service

We welcome Revd Roger Gisborne, as our preacher on Good Friday March 29th at 10.45 am.

All Are Welcome

Easter Sunday Service

Come and worship the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday March 31st at 6.00 pm. It will be led by our own Minister Revd Nick Wood. The Service will include Holy Communion

Next Worship for You

"Worship For You" will be on Sunday April 14th at 6.00 pm, the speaker will be Mr Mark Priestley. His subject will be "children in trouble", as he is a retired school master, it should be very interesting.

United Service

The next United Service will be on Sunday April 28th at 6.00 pm, at the Methodist Church. It will be led by Mr Barrie Knight

Everyone is Very Welcome

Church Anniversary Celebration

One to put in your diarys Wellow Wood Group will lead the "Worship For You "Service on Sunday May 5th at 6.00 pm. This will also be our Church Anniversary, and to mark this special occassion there will be a scrumptous Anniversary tea at 4.30 pm. Please do come along and help us celebrate this special occasion.

You will be Very Welcome

Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings will be on April 4th & 18th from 10.00-11.30 am come along and make new friends.

Everyone is Very Welcome

Preachers for April

April	7th	6.00 pm	Mr Brian Skelley
•	14th	6.00 pm	"Worship For You " Mr Mark Priestley
	21st	6.00 pm	Revd Nick Wood with Holy Communion
	28th	6.00 pm	United Service at Methodist led by Mr Barrie Knight

Wimborne St Giles

News gatherer Caroline Barnes

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Can you help In Jolly Good Company?

We are looking for volunteers to help us at our very popular Jolly St Giles group. Volunteers can be adults of any age and from any background and you can offer as much or as little time as you like. We meet twice a month in Wimborne St Giles, but it would help us if you could even commit to just once a month. The main job of our volunteers is to chat with our lovely guests and help to create the warm and friendly atmosphere we value so much at our groups. In return you will get a free lunch, plus free First Aid Course (not mandatory) and be part of a great and supportive team helping people in your community. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Sarah 07884 333117

We are excited to say that thanks to The National Lottery and Talbot Village Trust we will be starting a new Jolly Day, by popular demand in West Moors on the 27^{th} March from 2-4 pm. We will then be back at The Guide Hall on Ashurst Road every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. If you know of anyone living in that area who can benefit, please let them know and they can contact me using the number or email address above.

Wimborne St Giles Village Hall:

Community Coffee and Cake; Saturday 6th April 10:30am to 12:00noon Do join us for a delightful morning of homemade cakes, freshly brewed coffee and our fantastic raffle. Whether you are a regular or have never joined us before, we would be thrilled to see you. It's a great opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours.

Sunday Afternoon Teas; The Village Hall Sunday Afternoon Teas will be commencing on 14th April at 2.30 pm, if you have a couple of hours to spare to help on the day, or if you'd like to contribute by baking a cake it would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds from this event goes to maintaining our Village Hall.

If you are a charity or local group and would like to run your own tea, please contact Sally s.shep@btinternet.com

Hire the Village Hall:

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Village Hall Teas Sally Shepard s.shep@btinternet.com

Any other enquiries Julie Foulkes <u>juliefoulkes@hotmail.co.uk</u> 01725 578008

Bellringers Teas: The bellringers will be serving teas in the village hall on SUNDAY APRIL 21st starting at 2.30pm. If you would like to bake us a cake please bring it along or, better still, let me know in advance. It would be great to see some locals at this tea—you are all very supportive to us. Proceeds will be placed in the bellringers account fund that enables us to pay for any necessary maintenance or updating. Following the success of our quiz we aim to hold another one in November. Details later on!!

Dates for your diaries:

Wednesday July 3rd A summer concert in the Church starting at 7.30. Wine and canapés on the village green (weather permitting!) An

evening of Summer music in our beautiful Church. Full details shortly.

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July. Our annual Church Flower Festival. The theme for this year "Something begining with——' Lots of discussions and ideas coming through for this years festival.

8:00pm contact juliefoulkes@hotmail.co.uk

GUSSAGE SAINT MICHAEL & GUSSAGE ALL SAINTS

News gatherers Mr Stephen Mills and Pauline Dilliway stevemillsdorset@hotmail.com 01725 552454 paulineadilliway@gmail.com 01258 840274

The Gussages. Our Lent Lunch in the village hall at All Saints was a happy gathering. Grateful thanks go to all who made soups and puddings and put flowers on the tables and gave raffle prizes. £223 was raised for Samara's Aid. The monies are always gratefully received and acknowledged and this year will be used for the widows and orphans fund.

The Parish of the Gussages Electoral Role is being revised in preparation for the annual meeting. If you wish to join the role please contact Pauline Dilliway <u>paulineadilliway@gmail.com</u> by Sunday 31st March.

The Parish of the Gussages. Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Monday 15th April in Gussage All Saints Village Hall at 7 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Please be aware that there will be some changes in the order of services for All Saints and St Michael. The first one being that Breakfast Church will now be held on the first Sunday of the month commencing April 7th and will be at Gussage St Michael at the usual time of 9.30. Please check the inside cover for any other changes.

Easter Day Sunday 31st March .9.30 Join us for United Benefice Comunnion at Cranborne St Mary and St Bartholomew

R.I.P. Margaret Hamilton-Brown: A Message from Husband Rev Jimmy Hamilton - Brown.

'As some of you already know Margaret died last month. The family would like to invite those who knew us in the churches where we ministered from Nottingham to Dorset to a Thanksgiving for her Life at St James Church , Milton Abbas DT 11 0BW at 2 pm on Thursday 2 nd May followed by light refreshments at Luccombe Farm DT11 0BE '. For catering purposes please email jumperhb@btinternet.com.. Donations in memory can be sent to MDS UK Patient Support Group via grassby-funeral.co.Uk. Or April Cottage West St Winterbourne Strickland DT11 0NT

Gussage St Michael

Good Friday March 29th 2 oclock Service- The Last Hour Gussage St Michael 100 Club February Winners

Winner: Anthony Fortescue

Runners-up: Peter Bending and Neal Riley

. Village Hall Dates for your diaries..

Friday 19 April	7pm – hall	Spud n spout - Colin Hobbs - TAKE OFF TALES - HOW WE GET YOU THROUGH THE AIRPORT - £8 - contact Susan 01258 840634 – see advert in this magazine
Friday 21 May		Spud n spout – Alex from 'Time Travellers Kitchen' - £8 - contact Susan 01258 840634
Tuesday 21 May		Vale of Allen ward meeting for Gussage St Michael – all residents welcome
Saturday 22 June	3pm	Tractor ride – details to follow

Gussage All Saints.

Compline 7pm Wednesday 27th March

GAS Village Hall, Friday 10th May, **Barn Dance**, with local band "Black Sheep" Dorset's most popular Barn Dance Band. Suitable for all family. 7:15 –10:30pm. Bar serving drinks.

Tickets £12 adults, £8 under 16yrs from Derek and Jan at April Cottage. See Advert.

Gussage Village Fete—Saturday 22nd June. The annual extravaganza! 12pm onwards at Gussage House. Lots of help needed!

History Project: GAS Village Hall. Weekend 28th-29th September. Find out more about the fascinating history of the Gussages and the surrounding area! If you have historical pictures or information and would like to be involved please contact Oliver Cornish, Amen Corner 01258 394292

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It will be on:

Friday 19th April at 7pm in Gussage St Michael Village Hall

Ticket price is £8 (numbers limited) please contact Susan - 01258 840634

A donation of £50 will be made to the Honeypot charity

Proceeds to the Gussage St Michael Community Hall Association
There will be a raffle

Cranborne Fete

Saturday 11th May 2 – 4 pm

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Woodlands Methodist Church



Why not join us for a friendly chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a toasted tea cake, at the Methodist Church on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 10.00-11.30 am



Gussage Fete

Saturday 22nd June

12:00 - 15:00

Gussage House Garden

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