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News from the Ministry Team

Dear Friends

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

So here we are at the threshold of another New Year. It is incredible to think that we are already nineteen years into the second millennium. It just doesn't seem all that long ago that we were planning the 'mega' millennial celebrations and being warned that the world could grind to a halt with computers being unable to cope with the change, and many other apocalyptic predictions. But, as is often the case, things are never as bad as we think they will be.

As we look back on the past year and forward to the new, we see things haven't changed all that much; there are still those predicting catastrophe, whilst others have a more positive outlook. The truth of the matter is none of us knows what the future will hold and often, in the greater scheme of things, there is little that any one of us, in isolation, can do to influence it.

However, as people of faith we need not be overwhelmed by the fear of things beyond our control. If we truly believe in a God who is over all, we need not fear. Being a Christian does not mean that we are immune from pains and sorrows or difficult times, we are not, but it does mean that Jesus will be with us every step of the way. One of my favourite quotations for this time of the year is the well-known verse by Minnie Louise Haskins, made famous by King George VI:

"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'
And he replied:

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'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'
So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.
And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East."

This for me sums up the faith and trust that we should all have stepping out into a new year.

A SABBATICAL YEAR

Some of you may have heard that during this forthcoming year I will be taking a sabbatical. However, some folk seem a little uncertain as to what this means. A sabbatical is a time of extended leave, out of parish ministry, in order to reflect, pray, study, rest, think and re-energise. The Bishop has kindly agreed to let me take this from just after Easter to the end of July, leaving Stuart, Jane, Michael and Brigid holding the fort. (Senior clergy are allowed to apply for a sabbatical every seven years but it is only granted at the Bishop's discretion.)

The word sabbatical has its origins in the Judaeo-Christian principle of Sabbath, one day in seven for rest and re-creation. On top of this, in the Old Testament Torah, the people were commanded to let the land be unworked for one year in every seven, so that it too could rest and revive. This pattern permeates the Bible, and so hopefully after this time out I too shall return to work refreshed and re-invigorated. Please pray that this will be the case.

All this leads to the question, what am I going to do with all this time off? The first thing is to engage in a physical challenge, Over the first two weeks it is my intention to walk the Offa's Dyke path, which runs along the whole of the English/Welsh border (170 miles). I often find that it is in the hills and on long walks that I engage most meaningfully with God. After all, many of the spiritual encounters with God take place on mountaintops or after long strenuous journeys.

This ties in with what I shall be studying. Predominantly I will be focusing on the book of Exodus (although not exclusively), looking at how God met with Moses and his people and seeing what we can learn from this, especially how God continues to communicate with us to this day. I then hope to share my findings with you all on my return by giving some presentations and maybe writing a booklet. On top of this I have a list of other projects I would like to undertake that lack of time in a busy parish and deanery have thus far prevented. But above all I need to be obedient to what God wants of me.

It seems to me, the art of sabbatical is to strike a balance between indolence and out-and-out busyness. Too little work and boredom and apathy can set in, too much and it is counter-productive, with exhaustion being the end result. It is my prayer that this Sabbath rest will be as good for you as it is for me. May it be so, Amen.

Yours ever, in Christ, *Simon*



Notices

Dates for your Diary



Sunday 13th January 2019

'A Saviour Christ is born!' - Celebrate the Christmas season with the Purbeck Village Quire (a Victorian Gallery Quire)



Listen to Victorian Purbeck Carols - Join in with the familiar Carols
Starts 6.00 pm in the Parish Hall on the Quay, Wareham

Come along and be prepared to join in the fun.

Refreshments will be served.

A retiring collection will be taken for Parish Funds.

10th February 2019

Candlemas Sunday Lunch

at Furzebrook Village Hall 12.30 for 1.00 pm

Tickets available from the Parish Office at £15.00 each for 4 courses.



Monthly Events

1st - 7th January 2019

Tuesday 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY - Public Holiday

Wednesday 2nd

7.45am Holy Communion Service at Lady St Mary Church, Wareham.

9.30am Parish Office re-opens after Christmas break

10.00am Dementia Friendly Film Show in the Parish Hall. Refreshments on arrival

11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Service at St Martin-on-the-Walls Church

Thursday 3rd

10.00am No Wareham Parent and Toddlers in the Parish Hall today

10.30am Market Service and Prayers at URC

Saturday 5th

9.00am Saturday morning monthly prayer in Lady St Mary Church. All welcome

10.00am Saturday Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall

Monday 7th

9.00am Informal Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church, Wareham.

8th - 14th January 2018

Tuesday 8th

8.00am Celtic Morning Prayer at Sandford St Martin's Church

12 noon Contemplative Prayer at Holme Priory, East Holme

Wednesday 9th

7.45am Holy Communion Service - Lady St Mary Church, Wareham.

11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Service at St Martin-on-the-Walls Church

Thursday 10th

10.00am Wareham Parent and Toddlers in the Parish Hall, Wareham

10.30am Market Service and Prayers at URC

Friday 11th

12.30pm Parish Hall Lunch Club (details from 556761)

Saturday 12th

8.30am Men's Breakfast at Sandford St Martin's Church (please contact John Bowen 551675 for details)

10.00am Saturday Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall

Sunday 13th

6.00pm Purbeck Village Quire Concert – 'A Saviour Christ is Born!' in the Parish Hall

7.00pm 'Going Deeper' at Sandford St Martin's Church

Monday 14th

9.00am Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church

1.30pm Seedlings Toddler Group, Sandford St Martin's Church, Sandford

Monthly Events

15th - 21st January 2019

Tuesday 15th

8.00am Celtic Morning Prayer at Sandford St Martin's Church, Sandford

Wednesday 16th

7.45am Holy Communion Service - Lady St Mary Church, Wareham.

11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Service at St Martin-on-the-Walls Church

Thursday 17th

10.00am Wareham Parent and Toddlers in the Parish Hall, Wareham

10.30am Market Service and Prayers at URC

Saturday 19th

8.45am Ladies' Breakfast at Sandford St Martin's Church, Sandford

10.00am Saturday Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall, Wareham

Sunday 20th

10.30am Wareham Church Family United Service, Lady St Mary Church, Wareham

Monday 21st

9.00am Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church

1.30pm Seedlings Toddler Group, Sandford St Martin's Church, Sandford

22nd - 31st January 2019

Tuesday 22nd

8.00am Celtic Morning Prayer at Sandford St Martin's Church, Sandford

Wednesday 23rd

7.45am Holy Communion Service - Lady St Mary Church, Wareham.

11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Service at St Martin-on-the-Walls Church

2.30pm Wednesday Group, Parish Hall, Wareham - AGM followed by Friendship and Tea.

Thursday 24th

10.00am Wareham Parent and Toddlers in the Parish Hall, Wareham

10.30am Market Service and Prayers at URC

Friday 25th - 12.30pm Parish Hall Lunch Club (details from 556761)

Saturday 26th - 10.00am Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall

Monday 28th

9.00am Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church, Wareham

1.30pm Seedlings Toddler Group, Sandford St Martin's Church, Sandford

Tuesday 29th

8.00am Celtic Morning Prayer at Sandford St Martin's Church, Sandford

Wednesday 30th

7.45am Holy Communion Service - Lady St Mary Church, Wareham.

11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Service at St Martin-on-the-Walls Church

Thursday 31st

10.00am Wareham Parent and Toddlers in the Parish Hall, Wareham

10.30am Market Service and Prayers at URC

2.00pm 'Open House' at Sandford St Martin's Church. Time after for a cup of tea, chat and a raffle for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.



The Alpha Course: Explore life, faith, meaning

You are invited to explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Following the success of our Autumn 2018 Alpha Course, we are doing it again!

explore
life
faith
meaning



When: Tuesdays evenings at 7.45pm

Where: Sandford Vicarage

Starting: Tuesday 5th February
Running until Tuesday 2nd April
(Saturday away day to be arranged during this time)

Please contact Stuart for more details.

Baptism Services



Baptism at Lady St Mary Church, Wareham

Sunday 13th January 2019 at 12 noon

Hattie Jane Harris

Worship

2nd January 2019

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion

St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

6th January 2019

Epiphany

Lady St Mary, Wareham

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Family Communion with
Angel Voices

Sandford St Martin's Church

9.00am Breakfast@9

10.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas, Arne

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

9th January 2019

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion

St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

13th January 2019

Baptism of Christ

Lady St Mary, Wareham

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Holy Communion

12 noon Baptism Service

Sandford St Martin's Church

9.00 am Breakfast@9

10.30 am Morning Worship

St John, East Holme

10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

16th January 2019

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion

St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

20th January 2019

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Lady St Mary, Wareham

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 am Wareham Church Family
United Service

23rd January 2019

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion

St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

27th January 2019

4th Sunday of Epiphany

Lady St Mary, Wareham

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sandford St Martin's Church

9.00 am Breakfast@9

10.30 am Morning Worship

St John, East Holme

10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

30th January 2019

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion

St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

'God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil.' (E.M. Bounds)

Please do consider coming along to the monthly prayer meeting at Lady St Mary Church, Wareham, on **Saturday 5th January 2019**, 9.00am to 10.00am.

Then why not write this in your diary on the first Saturday of each month, then you are more likely to remember it!

Do you have desktop publishing skills or a creative eye?

Are you a good communicator with a gift for using words and images?

If you are, you might be interested to know that we are looking to re-vamp this monthly NEWS bulletin. We would like to make it more eye-catching, more accessible and perhaps have more features (we are open to suggestions). But we need your help.

If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact the Parish Office 01929 550905.

Wareham's Church of England Family is made up of the following five churches:



Lady St Mary, Wareham
St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham
Sandford St Martin's Church
St Nicholas, Arne
St John the Evangelist, East Holme

Whichever church you choose to visit, you can be sure of a warm welcome

Members of our Team are available for confidential help, support and advice.

Please contact:

The Reverend Canon Simon Everett (Team Rector) Day Off Friday

The Reverend Stuart Cocksedge (Team Vicar) Day Off Friday

The Reverend Michael Young (Associate Priest) Day Off Monday

The Reverend Brigid Barrett (Officiating Minister) Day Off Tuesday

The Reverend Jane Williams (Assistant Curate) Day Off Tuesday

The Reverend Hilary Bond (Schools' and Children's Worker) Day Off Monday

The Parish Office is open for enquiries on Monday to Friday from 9.30am until 12.30pm. Please ☎ 01929 550905, email: parish.office@warehamchurches.org.uk or visit www.warehamchurches.org.uk