

THE PARISH OF MILTON
HAMPSHIRE

CLERGY

The Revd Andrew Bailey, The Rectory, Church Lane, New Milton

READERS

Mr Alan Ponting, 17 Solent Walk, Walkford
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CHURCH SERVICES

ST MARY MAGDALENE, MILTON

Sunday 8.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am. PARISH COMMUNION (CW) & SUNDAY SCHOOL
9.30 am. FIRST SUNDAY COMMUNION (1st Sunday)
4.00 pm. United Service at Barton Methodist Church (2nd Sunday)

Friday 11.00 am. Holy Communion in the Vestry (BCP)

ST. PETER, ASHLEY

11.00 am. HOLY COMMUNION (CW)

Wed 10.00 am. Holy Communion (CW) followed by refreshments

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, BASHLEY

11.00 am. HOLY COMMUNION (3rd Sunday)
6.30 pm. Evensong (1st Sunday)

Please visit the Parish Website at www.miltonparish.co.uk
for more news and information about
forthcoming events and Church activities.

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50p (minimum) For Ashley, Bashley & Milton

May - June 2018

Dear friends

At the beginning of 2017, the Deanery of Christchurch put forward a proposal that this Parish should appoint what is called, "A Pioneer minister" This would be a paid person who established a new ministerial role in the Parish which would reach out to those parts of the Town which the existing Churches are unable to reach. It was a plan which the Deanery put forward with evidence that the Southern part of the Deanery was understaffed (Tell me about that!)

Funding for a new post was obtained by re-structuring in other parts of the Deanery but the plan for a Pioneer Minister was rejected by the Diocese. Instead, they backed a proposal that New Milton should be part of the expansion of the Holy Trinity, Brompton model which has been established at St. Swithun's and St. Clement's churches in Bournemouth.

The plan is on-going and exactly what will happen is uncertain. What I am sure about is that this will not affect any of our churches and I would strongly oppose it if it did!

At every annual meeting, I remind you that my thoughts only concern the previous year but this time, I will make a few exceptions.

Last year, David Joblin resigned from his commitments to the committees and to his care of the Churchyard. David not only looked after the Churchyard but sang in the Choir as boy and man. It was only after his death that I learned the full extent of his generosity and I express my gratitude to him in this report.

We also said "farewell" to Maurice Melville who was Reader Emeritus at St. Peter's, but

who also contributed to the whole Parish in so many ways. Maurice used to jot down notes during every sermon. At first, I was concerned but soon came to appreciate his positive feed-back and questions.

During the past year, I have been blessed by the help and assistance of David Miell and Jan Delany and I want to take a moment to thank them. In the past, I have complained about the fact that I was "a one-man band". I can't do that now because David is here on the fourth Sunday of each month and Jan takes the service at Ashley on the third Sunday and the Parish Communion on a by-monthly basis.

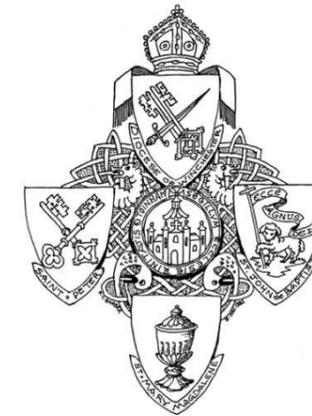
I am grateful to Rosemary Bartlett who volunteered freely to lead St. Peter's Committee and also to attend the Bishop's School for Mission. This is brilliant news and I am delighted to see that committee flourish.

You will see from the latest St. John's report that their committee is unable to continue for a variety of reasons. I want to thank Dave Foot and Lynne Dibble for their valuable contributions and hope and pray that other people from St. John's will come forward to help.

Our Parish does well because so many people give freely of their time and gifts to serve God in so many different ways. It's always fraught with danger to list them, so I will finish this report by saying a heart-felt thank you to all of them – you know who you are!

With my prayers and good wishes

Rector



A Pilgrimage to The Holy Land

As I write this we are approaching holiday season, when many of us will be going on holiday, to step away for a while from our everyday routine and to explore new places. Have you always wondered what it would be like to visit some of the places we read about in the Bible, and how it would feel to know that you are walking where Jesus walked?

There is to be a pilgrimage to The Holy Land next year, led by myself and my husband David. The trip will be from 26th February to 7th March 2018, with an option of 3 extra days relaxing by the Sea of Galilee. We will stay for 7 nights in Jerusalem and visit sites there and in the area, such as Bethlehem, Jericho and the Dead Sea, then move to the town of Tiberius on the shore of Lake Galilee for 3 nights to visit places frequented by Jesus during the first part of his ministry, including Nazareth, Cana and lakeside villages. There will be time and space too for some more relaxing visits, and for some fun along the way.

The last full day of the pilgrimage is also Ash Wednesday, so we will begin our commemoration of Lent with a communion service by the shores of Lake Galilee and a boat trip on the lake in a traditional wooden sailing boat. A meaningful and very special way to conclude the pilgrimage. The days after that will be more relaxing and holiday-like.

The trip is facilitated by McCabe Pilgrimages, a very reputable and experienced British family run company. The hotels are of a good standard, family run and comfortable, and in convenient positions. In Jerusalem we stay in a hotel which overlooks the walls of the Old City, which is illuminated with gold light at night. In Tiberius the hotel has beautiful gardens on the shore of Lake Galilee and with views of the hills beyond. We will have a dedicated guide and a driver who will be with us for the whole experience, and in this way we also

get to know some of the residents of the area.

The time is coming round when we really need to be booking our places, as we need to know if the trip is able to go ahead. If you would like to know more, or you are thinking about joining us, please contact me on 01425 837746, or email jan.delaney@talktalk.net. There are also brochures and a poster in all our churches and in hall at St Mary Magdalene, and I am happy to receive booking forms in church or dropped through my door;
10 Doe Copse Way, New Milton

Every blessing Revd Jan Delaney

This will make your mouth water!....

Wholemeal Almond Apple Cake

Ingredients

- * 4 oz Self Raising Flour
- * 2 oz Wholemeal Flour
- * 1oz Ground Almonds
- * 2 oz Caster Sugar
- * 4oz Butter
- * 1 egg, lightly beaten
- * Almond Essence
- * 1¼ lb Cooking Apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- * 1 oz Sultanas
- * 2 oz Flaked Almonds
- * Icing Sugar

Method

1. Preheat oven to 375F (Gas 5)
2. Grease 7½" – 8" loose bottomed cake tin.
3. Place flours, ground almonds and sugar in a large bowl, rub in fat until crumbly.
4. Bind together with egg.
5. Add almond essence to taste.
6. Press out half of the mixture to line tin. Cover with apple slices, mixing in sultanas and most of flaked almonds.
7. Press out remaining dough to cover fruit and press down lightly.
8. Sprinkle on remaining almonds.
9. Bake in the centre of the oven for 40-45 minutes. Leave to cool slightly. Sift icing sugar over. Serve warm with cream.

This cake freezes beautifully. ENJOY

Many thanks to Joyce for this contribution

CHURCHYARD

Hopefully you have all noticed our neatly trimmed pathways which is thanks to Steve, a volunteer.

The newly planted Aubrietia in the walls of the Garden of Remembrance has taken and is a delight to see.

Christine

(and I know we all thank Christine so much for her hard work is keeping our Churchyard looking so nice).

What Teachers say

(and what they really mean....)

"James has a remarkable ability in gathering needed information from his classmates"
(He was caught cheating on an exam)

"Margie exhibits a relaxed attitude to school, indicating that high expectations don't intimidate her"
(the lazy think hasn't done one assignment all term)

"Sue is a real athlete, with superior hand-eye co-ordination"
(the little creep stung me with a rubber band from 15 feet away)

"Nick thrives on interaction with his peers"
(Your son never shuts up)

"Nancy's" greatest asset is demonstrative public discussions"
(Every time I give an assignment, she responds by sparking a classroom argument over it)

"Jane is an adventurous nature lover, who rarely misses opportunities to explore new territory"
(Your daughter skipped class and nearly drowned trying to catch wriggly things in the school pond).

Please look out for our **pop-up events** – we've started trialling them this year and they're proving **popular** (excuse the pun). So far we've had "Pop-up Cards in the Kitchen" and "Pop-up Soup Lunch" which between them raised £233.09. Pop-up events are quick and easy to organise and can raise awareness of Christian Aid's work amongst your friends and neighbours as well as raising funds. They're micro fundraising events which anyone can organise! Google "pop-up events" for ideas – basically whatever you're interested in can inspire a pop-up event: pop-up tea party; pop-up plant stall, pop-up quiz evening, pop-up musical soiree, pop-up choir – if anyone would like to host a pop-up event, please let me know.

Since its formation in 2009 Barton-on-Sea Christian Aid Group has raised
£43,483.73:

How we raised £4,563.92 in our last financial year:

Year 1	2009 - 2010
Year 2	2010 – 2011
Year 3	2011 – 2012
Year 4	2012 - 2013
Year 5	2013 - 2014
Year 6	2014 - 2015
Year 7	2015 - 2016
Year 8	2016 - 2017

Tea in the Garden 2016
Christian Aid Week 2017 (House-to-House and Ukulele Concert)
Sale of 1,118 little Christmas cards at New Milton Junior School / 2016
Sale of greetings cards
Fundraising events at St.MM (sponsored walk) &BMC (coffee mornings)
Emergency Appeal for Haiti – Barton Methodist Church
Total for financial year: 1st June 2016 - 31st May 2017

This is a great total and reflects the loyal support and generosity of so many people in our community.

So far this year we have raised £1,853.56 with our Easter coffee morning on 20th March still to come. This year our financial year will end one month earlier than usual on 30th April and so the total for 2017 – 2018 will **not** in-

clude monies raised during Christian Aid Week 2018.

Christian Aid Week can end as late as 21st May and it's a bit of a rush to complete the paying in and paperwork before the end of our present financial year on the 31st May. For this reason I've decided to change the dates of our financial year from 1st June to 31st May to 1st May to 30th April.

What is Christian Aid Week?

Thousands of churches will stand together this Christian Aid Week (13 - 19 May, 2018) to help those affected by natural disasters. Some 100,000 committed volunteers will go out and put their faith into action, raising funds to help some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. Britain's largest house-to-house collection is an extraordinary act of witness, demonstrating to our communities that we care about poverty and justice. Please visit: christianaid.org.uk for further details.

Last year supporters in Barton raised a wonderful £2,630.32 in one week! This comprised income from the house-to-house collection, an open garden (Margaret and John Langdon) and a concert performed by the Coda Ukulele Band at Barton Methodist Church.

Please offer to collect again and if you haven't collected before, please think about volunteering – it doesn't take too long and you'll be delighted at the support there is for Christian Aid within our community. Again many thanks for all your encouragement and support this year. If you'd like to get involved - in a small way or a big way - please let me know.

A little bird told me.....

that someone who is very important to us all has been awarded "Citizen of the Year" - the award presented by the Mayor at a recent ceremony

Who is this person - our very own Doris! I am sure we all agree that it couldn't have been awarded to a more deserving recipient!

*Rectory Quilters of New Milton
Quilt Flower and Music Festival
At
St. Mary Magdalene Church,
Church Lane,
New Milton,
Hants BH25 6QL
On*

*Friday, 29th June 10 - 5.p.m.
Saturday, 30th June 10 - 5.p.m.
Sunday 1st July 12 - 5 p.m.
Admission £2.00*

*We are supporting the Royal National
Lifeboat Institution
Raffle, Sales tables, Wood turner
Caterers for light lunches coffee tea
and cakes.*

*Valerie Wheeler
Secretary*

Basic Bank Contributions

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Basic Bank over the last year, we run the year from Lent 2017 to Lent 2018, this year we collected 1,821 items which was wonderful, we have items left in the basket in the hall porch and some monetary donations.

The need for this service continues to be a vital community provision for people who find themselves struggling with a crisis in their lives often through no fault of their own.

The Basic Bank is a Charity run by volunteers, who are very pleased to receive our gifts. Derek & I take the produce to Lymington twice a month.

Thank you
Betty Verney

Milk Tops

Thank you for all the milk tops that are left in the church and hall, I collect a sack full each month from other organisations as well, these all go to Mencap at the Nedderman Centre to raise money for the charity. They sell them on to a recycling company, Associated Polymer Resources, Southampton. They melt them down turn them into pellets, then sell the pel-

lets back to UK industry for the following to be made, fence posts, traffic cones, plastic mesh to go around young trees, plant pots, gas pipes.

Thank you for your contributions, an environmentally friendly way to help a charity raise money, so please keep the milk tops coming (only milk tops)

Betty Verney

Monday Group

It doesn't seem 2 months ago that I was writing for the March/April issue of the Parish News.

We've had two very good evenings in March and April with very good attendances. We were very pleased to welcome our Rector to our March meeting when he gave us a talk on 'The Finch Family' which, had nothing to do with birds but one of our previous Rectors, Rev'd Geoffrey G Finch, who was Rector at New Milton from 1960-1971. Andrew had first met Rev'd Finch when he was at Theological College, he had interviewed him to ensure he was ready for ordination, Andrew passed! When Andrew was Curate at Romsey, they met up again and Rev'd Finch encouraged him to seek his first Parish, which was St Albans Church, Bournemouth, where he was until he came to New Milton. It was a very good evening and one of our members brought along a photograph of Rev'd Finch and his family sitting in The Rectory garden.

In April, Sheila Quinney came to give us a flower arranging demonstration. Sheila has been flower arranging for 42 years and was using evergreen foliage at this time of year. I'm not a flower arranger myself and found it fascinating to watch as she worked to create two beautiful arrangements, one very colourful with a variety of foliage and the other with several different cream flowers, which were raffled off at the end. Thank you Sheila.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Small Hall at 7.30pm on the following dates:

14th May - Painting with Silks with Barbara Minton

11th June TBA

9th July - Summer Lunch at South Lawns Hotel, Milford

Please come along to any of our meetings, a warm welcome awaits you.

Ann Lewington
Tel 01425 610922

GIRLGUIDING in New Milton

Due to the ice and snow the Trefoil Guild Coffee & Crumpets in March had to be cancelled. This will now be held on **SATURDAY, 16th JUNE, from 10 to 12 noon** in the Girlguiding H.Q., Lake Grove Road, New Milton. All proceeds for SCARF.

PARISH CHURCH - WELCOME GROUP

POP IN COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursday, 31st May
Thursday, 28th June
Thursday, 26th July

10 to 12 noon in the Church Hall, Church Lane, New Milton. Phyllis's cards: Geoff's marmalade and Jean's little surprises stalls. No charge, but a donation is always appreciated. We look forward to seeing you. This is part of the Parish's outreach to the neighbourhood.

FETE

SATURDAY, 21st JULY - 2 - 4.30 P.M.
IN THE RECTORY GARDEN
TO BE OPENED BY LOCAL HISTORIAN,
NICK SAUNDERS

Belly Dancers : Magic Show : Musical entertainment : Face Painting : Ice Cream : Refreshments
Stalls/Sideshow and lots more

FETE and General Fund raising

Help is needed to make the Fete a great success. To this end I propose to hold a meeting on **TUESDAY, 15th MAY, 11 - 12 noon** in the Church Hall to discuss the Fete and general fund raising. If you are able to help in

any way, i.e. stocking and manning a stall/sideshow: putting up posters, selling programmes, putting up tables and chairs, bunting, making cakes, chutney, jam, marmalade, writing a report for the A & T and Parish News or have any ideas for future fund raising events please make an effort to come to this meeting. It does not matter if you are a new member of the congregation or have been here for a long time all are welcome.
Doris Stanley 613311

Our annual sponsored walk for *Action For Children* is on Saturday, 2nd June at 10:00am, starting out from 2 Christchurch Bay Road, Barton-on-Sea, BH25 7NT. As the path to Milford has not yet reopened, we'll be walking to Highcliffe Castle again. On our return there'll be a bring-and-share lunch in the garden. The walk takes a couple of hours and you're welcome to linger over lunch for as long as you like.

Please let me know if you'd like a sponsor form. Bring a friend and help swell the numbers!

www.actionforchildren.org.uk

By doing what's right. By doing what's needed. By doing what works. From before they are born until they are into their twenties, we help disadvantaged children across the UK.

Best wishes,
Jacqui (Massie)

HOPE - We want to help older people in the New Milton Area...

We want to visit anyone in the area who feels isolated or lonely. A weekly chat over a cuppa can work wonders. If you want a visit, or know someone who might appreciate a call - contact us now.

Contact Steve Anderton
01425 541241
befrienders@hopenewforest.org
www.hopenewforest.org
HOPE New Forest, 9 Mallard Buildings, Station Road, New Milton, BH25 6HY
Charity Registration no: 11522294 / Company No: 8326735

The Rectory Quilter's of New Milton 'Quilt, Flower & Music Festival' presents

'Double Concerto'
with the

Nova Foresta Classical Players

As part of the beautiful festival, the Nova Foresta Classical Players return with a spectacular and colourful selection of great music including....

Handel - Water Music
Barber - Adagio for Strings
Bach - Double Violin Concerto
(Solo Violins - CatalinChelaru and Frank Handy)

Friday 29th June 7.30pm
ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH,
CHURCH LANE, NEW MILTON BH25 6QL
Tickets: £10 on the door or on 07896198709
www.novaforestaclassicalplayers.com

There will be a bucket collection at the end of the concert in aid of the RNLI.

Raffle tickets will also be available, to win one of several beautiful quilts and the opportunity to have a quilt made especially for you, with proceeds going to the RNLI.



Barton-on-Sea Christian Aid Group,
2 Christchurch Bay Road,
Barton-on-Sea, New Milton,
Hampshire. BH25 7NT

01425 612272 massieja@gmail.com

Dear friend,

Welcome to the 2018 Newsletter.

Firstly, many, many thanks for all your help and support during the past year. So many of you have helped in different ways to raise funds for and awareness of Christian Aid's vital work in 45 countries around the world - thank you!

There's lots planned for Christian Aid in Barton in the next few months - please read on to see what we're up to:

Sunday, 6th, May, 10:30am
Barton Methodist Church

Christian Aid speaker, Wendy Evans will be talking about Christian Aid Week which this year focuses on **Haiti**.

Joceleyne lost her home and safety in Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

Marcelin lost his home, livestock and possessions when Hurricane Matthew struck. Vilia lost her mum and her home when the earthquake struck Port-au-Prince in 2010. Christian Aid is helping people to get their lives back together after natural disaster strikes

and helping them to prepare for the natural disasters to come.



Christian Aid Tea in the Garden
2, Christchurch Bay Road,
Barton-on-Sea

Friday, June 15th, 2.00 - 5.00pm
cakes * jams * preserves * books *
cards * clothes * bric-a-brac *
plants * raffle
Entry by donation