

THE PARISH OF MILTON
HAMPSHIRE

CLERGY

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

READERS

Mr Alan Ponting, 17 Solent Walk, Walkford
Mr Philip & Mrs Jean Craft, 9 Davies Field, New Milton

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)

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

◆ Parish News ◆

50p (minimum) For Ashley, Bashley & Milton

November - December 2018

Dear Friends

Sunday by Sunday we meet in the Churches of our Parish to do what we call, "worship". Our main service is based on something called "Common Worship" which has nothing to do with the word "common" which in modern use means something plentiful which is easily available but simply refers to the fact that this is shared by all of us. Exactly the same term is used for the old prayer book of 1662 which is also called the Book of Common Prayer. Do you see the connection?

What I want to do is to give you something of an insight into what goes into one of our Sunday services and it's probably more than you could imagine.

The planning begins months ahead with rotas of various kinds setting out who does what and when.

People ordained and lay are involved and they need to be organised to make sure they know what they are expected to do.

I spend quite some time choosing which Bible readings to use. Common Worship offers lots of choices when it comes to Bible readings and I try to mix and match during the Church Year so that we encounter as wide a range of scripture as possible. Some of it is easy and some of it isn't. In the Prayer Book there are just two readings for each Sunday but in Common Worship, it's like selecting a meal at a Chinese buffet!

There are hymns and songs to be chosen and decisions need to be made about the music. Please remember our Church musicians in your prayers and give thanks for their gifts and the contributions they make to our worship.

During the week before our Sunday worship, there's a lot of activity taking place in our churches ranging from cleaning, flower arranging, the preparation and printing of sheets and other notices and the organising of the things we will use from linen to bread and wine at our Altars.

There is also the preparation of a sermon or talk. It's not something that takes place on a Saturday night but has been in the mind of the person responsible for delivering it throughout the week.

Divine Worship literally means "Giving God his worth." It should really be "worth-ship" but it's been shortened to worship.

The last two months of the year are always busy and culminate in the celebration of Christmas and the birth of the Christ child but they begin with a celebration of the

saints. Perhaps, they are a constant reminder that all our efforts to give God His "worth" are enhanced by the truth that we do so in communion with all the saints throughout the year, in this world and in the next.

"O blessed communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!"

With my prayers and good wishes,



Rector



MILTON PARISH SHOE-BOX APPEAL

The displays (thank you Betty) and information sheets are now in the back of the churches.

Please remember to mark your box for a girl or boy – labels are in the leaflet. I can supply more if necessary.

Completed boxes can be brought to the church or to the Parish office from now on but must be in church by 18th November in order to be blessed during the morning services. They will be collected by T4U during the following week.

Monetary donations will be welcome from persons not wanting to fill a shoebox.

My thanks, in anticipation, go to all who participate for all your hard work.

Jean Chadwick

The Basic Bank

What a wonderful display of groceries we had at the Parish Church for Harvest Festival, everything the Basic Bank had on their wish list, 503 items (200 more than last year) were taken to Lymington to recharge their stores, thank you also for the monetary donation.

The demand for the service increases with the number of food parcels distributed rising from 845 in the previous year to 940 this year. In total, 2000 people were supported, 724, of whom were children. The average cash cost for a single person is about £33/£36.

The request for help from the service will continue. The Universal Credit initiative is being rolled out in this area, other areas where the system is already in place have

reported a 5-6week delay from the end of the present benefit to the start of the new system, leaving people in a desperate situation.

Anyone needing help from the Basic Bank, for food has to be referred by a Health Visitor, Doctor, Social worker or other professional agency.

We at St Mary Magdalene continue to be regular contributors to the Basic Bank with Derek & I delivering the food to Lymington twice a month, where all the volunteer workers receive the goods and prepare parcels for distribution.

Thank you for the support and with Christmas coming up please help us to maintain our support.

Derek & Betty Verney

Pet Poem



When God made the
earth and sky
The flowers and the trees
He then made all the animals
The fish, the birds, the bees.

And when at last He'd finished
Not one was quite the same
He said I'll walk this world of Mine
And give each one a name.

And so He travelled far and wide
And everywhere He went
A little creature followed Him
Until its strength was spent

When all were named upon the earth
And in the sky and sea
The little creature said
"Dear Lord, there's no name left for
me"

Kindly, the Father said to him
"I've left you to the end
I've turned my own name back to front
And called you 'dog' my friend".

The Parish of Milton Invites you to join us for Worship this Christmas



Services at St Mary Magdalene's, Milton

Sunday 23rd December

6.30 pm. Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

Monday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

5.00 pm. Family Service with Nativity Play

11.30 pm. Midnight Communion

Tuesday 25th December (CHRISTMAS DAY)

8.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am. United Family Communion

(Children are invited to bring a present to unwrap during the service)

Services at St Peter's, Ashley

Sunday 2nd December

5.00 pm. Advent Carol Service

Sunday 23rd December

11.00 am. Holy Communion

Monday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

11.00 pm. Midnight Communion

Services at St John's, Bashley

Sunday 16th December

11.00 am. Holy Communion



Churchyard of St.
Mary Magdalene,
Old Milton

Feet deep in sticky clay, under the
kempt grasses

Under the Anglo-Saxon and Celtic
crosses,

The Indian Judges lie, the admirals,
the solicitors

The eccentric ladies,
and shopkeepers,

The unenterprising who would not go
to town,

The charwoman with a cleft palate,
and the jobbing gardener,
The four Germans who fell some years
back

Out of the sky of trouble, smashed
in an empty field - those have
Their regulation crosses too, of wood.
And scattered flowers left by the
prisoners:

The old woman whom I met
Remarks that after all they were
somebody's sons
And we would do as much for our
people.

John Heath-Stubbs
(9/7/18 - 26/12/2006)
"The Milton Poet"



My name is Luisa and I am a student at
Ballard School in New Milton. I am
participating in an expedition to Kenya in
2019.

This will be a 4 week expedition and will
include community development work,
environmental projects and wildlife
conservation. It will also include additional
elements of which I have chosen scuba
diving. The core objectives of this expedition
are to undertake projects in order to:

- Raise the educational standards of
- developing communities within a rural
- district of Kenya
- Raise the living standards of developing
communities, within a rural district of Kenya

Assist with ongoing wildlife conservation
programmes to preserve biodiversity and pro-
tect vulnerable habitats.

This expedition is extremely important to
me because I feel that I will acquire and
develop many important life skills such as
leaderships skills, personal development
and an opportunity to explore an exciting
a fascinating part of the world.

I am really nervous about going to Kenya but
feel really excited at the same time, during
my time there I plan to embrace the local
traditions and help support the local
community.

The trip is costing £4000 and I am fundraising
the full amount. I would be extremely grateful
for any contributions, please donate to
www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/luisa-butchart.

Thank you

PARISH CHURCH WELCOME GROUP

THURSDAY, 29th NOVEMBER,
10 – 12 noon

POP IN COFFEE MORNING

Church Hall, Church Lane, New Milton
Cards, Preserves, little surprises and
much more

THURSDAY, 13th DECEMBER,
10 – 12 noon

COFFEE & MINCE PIE MORNING

Church Hall, Church Lane, New Milton
(come and relax over a cup of coffee/tea
before the Christmas rush)



LYMINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY

welcomes you to a

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

7pm, 1 December 2018

St Thomas' Church, Lymington

Gounod Messe Solennelle Ste Cécile
(St Cecilia Mass)

and music by Berlioz, Fauré, Franck

Lymington Choral Society conducted
by Michael Goldthorpe presents a
seasonal programme of French
Romantic Music for choir and
Orchestra

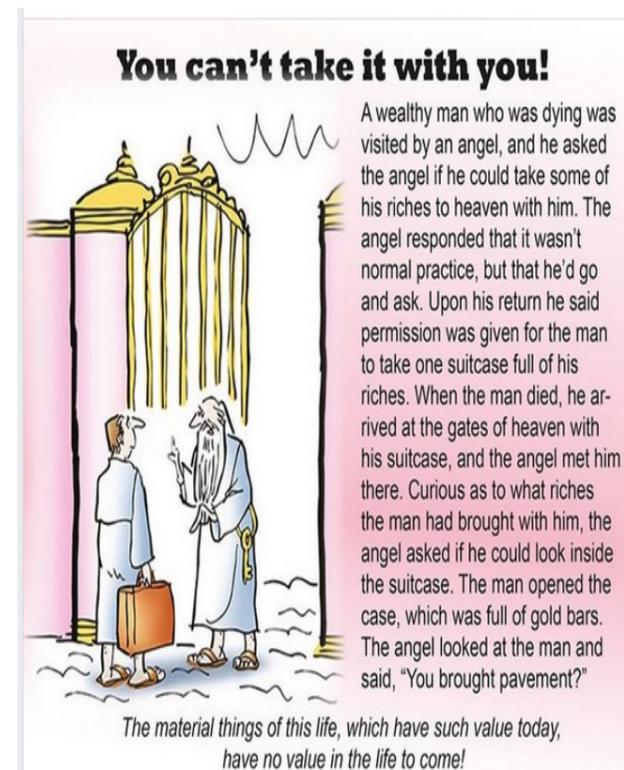
Soloists from The Royal College of
Music, London:

Charlotte Bowden (Soprano)
Richard Pinkstone (Tenor)
James Atkinson (Baritone)

With
Timothy Rice (Organ)

Lymington Classical Players, leader
Marjory King
Local school children and the
audience are invited to participate in
some French carols

Tickets: £12.50 (restricted view) £15
includes a glass of wine or soft drink;
accompanied children free. Available
on the door, from Maxwell Hamilton,
Milford Community Centre, New
Milton Stationers or phone 01590
679161.



> **MONDAY GROUP**

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> After such a beautiful summer, Monday Group began their new programme on the 10th September with a very good talk on '70 years of the NHS' with Evelyn Lamb.

Evelyn began her nursing training at the age of 17 in 1948 in Lincoln and had to complete 3 years training. We heard about the uniforms they wore, how they weren't allowed to wear them outside the hospital; how money invested into the Health Service made such a difference to people who couldn't afford medical help. They had to sterilise all the instruments used, even injection needles were re-used, not like today where they have disposables.

When Evelyn moved to New Milton, she became a District Nurse for more than 20 years. It was fascinating to hear how the NHS has changed over the years and the improvements in equipment and techniques. Thank you Evelyn for sharing your story with us.

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> In October, Bill Coombes, who gave us a talk on Macmillan Caring Locally last year, came to talk to us about Tim Peake, the Astronaut.

It was fascinating to hear how many applicants apply to be an astronaut, when recruiting they receive over 18,000, quite a task to go through.

Tim Peake was born and raised in Chichester, joined the army and became a helicopter pilot, attended Sandhurst to complete his officer training. He was a very good pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours, which he needed to be able to apply to become an astronaut. He was successful and embarked on 7 years of intensive training, he had to go to Russia to train and also learn to speak Russian.

In the International Space station, they have to do a full day's work each day carrying out experiments and returning the results back to earth. When they have completed their 6 months in space and returned to Earth, it takes several weeks before they are able to walk unaided because of the weightlessness of space.

We gave Bill a donation for Macmillan Caring Locally.

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> **Dates for your diary:**

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> November 12th -
Pony Drive with Jean Chadwick

December 8th - TBA -
> Alan Ponting

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> If you would like a programme for Monday Group or require any further information, please contact me on 01425 610922.

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> Ann Lewington

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*SATURDAY,
3RD NOVEMBER,
10 - 12 NOON*

NOVEMBER MARKET

Church Hall, Church Lane, New Milton

Cakes, preserves, plants, toys, good as new, tombola, raffles and more

*SATURDAY, 1ST DECEMBER,
from 7 p.m.*

*SALVATION ARMY
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Followed by refreshments
St. Peter's Church Hall, Ashley
Common Road, Ashley*

The Advent Crib



The Advent/Travelling Crib is an old Mexican custom in which a couple dressed as Mary and Joseph went from house to house each evening during Advent, seeking shelter for the night. It has been adapted in this country so that the crib figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey make the journey instead.

For the last two years we have done this very successfully with many families and individuals joining in.

So, as part of our preparation for Christmas, we plan to do this again. The knitted figures will depart on their journey to Bethlehem on Sunday 2nd December. Advent Sunday. We hope to find sufficient homes to offer shelter each night until Christmas Eve.

The 'travel pack' comes complete with a simple prayer card, suitable for all ages, so that as each family or individual passes the crib on to the next hosts they can share in the lighting of a candle and a short prayer.

If you can offer hospitality for one night during Advent, please sign the list which will be in the Church. When the list is complete, full details and directions will be circulated to each host family or individual.

The date you sign for is the day the crib will arrive with you and the night that it will spend in your house. You will then need to pass it on to the next family or individual on the day after.

The time of day that the crib is passed on can be flexible to suit families and individuals. For those who would like to host the crib but do not have transport it may be possible for the next people on the list to collect it.

If anyone would like to take it to a toddler group or school then that would need to be the day after you received the crib so that you can pass it on that evening, or you could have it for two nights.

The crib will need to be bought to Church on Christmas Eve by the last person on the list.

If you would like any further information please contact me on

wendy.beaumont@gmail.com

or 01425 628005

Perhaps by offering shelter symbolically to the figure of Mary and Joseph in this way, we can focus our thoughts more on the meaning of Christmas, and bring Christ into our homes at this busy time of preparation and anticipation.

Wendy Beaumont

St Mary Magdalene Parish Church Christmas Eve

5.00pm

**Members of our Sunday School
will perform a traditional
Nativity play
and would love you to join them.**

**There will be spare costumes for Angels
and Shepherds.**

**(please come by 4.45pm if you would
like to dress up)**

You are warmly invited to our

St. Martin's Day Coffee Morning

*on Tuesday, 6th November, 10:30-11:45 at
Barton Methodist Church
(+ stalls: cakes, greetings cards, gifts and
jewellery).*

*Cakes and new gift items for the stalls
gratefully received and if anyone could
help on the day, please let me know (4
helpers needed) ☺*

*Best wishes,
Jacqui Massie*