

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.

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50p (minimum) For Ashley, Bashley & Milton

January - February 2019

Dear Friends

"Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

John 1.29

There was a time when lamb was a cheap meat and when chicken was the real treat. Not now! I look at some of the cuts of lamb in the supermarkets and they are so expensive and some of them have those security tags that are needed to prevent theft. Sadly, relatively few chickens are tagged!

But, what's all this about Biblical lamb?

In the Bible, there are plenty of sheep but they often got a bad press like the one went missing while the ninety-nine who were sensible didn't wander off! Having said that, the goats were in a league of their own but I will leave them for another time.

Most of the talk about lambs in the Bible is not about the animals themselves but about those who cared for them – it's all about the shepherds.

Psalm 80 *"Hear, O Thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep"*

God is seen in the Old Testament as the Shepherd, the protector and guardian of his people.

In the New Testament we recently revisited the shepherds and angels but in St Luke's Christmas Story, the shepherds take on a new meaning. Here, they are not rulers but outcasts.

In the Bible, sheep are sacrificial animals – that's right! Passover lambs! The Angel of death passes over the doors which have the blood of the lamb on the door posts – must

have made a mess!

In the New Testament, lambs not only go missing but they are slaughtered. Paul writes about the sacrifice of persecuted Christians as lambs to the slaughter.

When John the Baptist says that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, he opens up the Bible in a way that only the author of the Fourth Gospel can. And, there is more to come:

St John the Divine, in the last book of the Bible cements the link between Jesus and the lamb:

"Blessing and honour, glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb."

But what's this rich vein of Biblical truth saying to us?

"The Lord is my Shepherd, therefore I will lack nothing."

Whatever place I find myself in, whatever context I find the Church to be in, I place my trust in God, because I know that he is with me and with all his sheep in all circumstances; in green pastures and in dark valleys and for evermore.

With my prayers and good wishes,



Rector

**Parish of Milton; St Mary Magdalene,
St Peters and St John.**

Parish Mission Action Plan

We are preparing our plan for 2019 and seeking your views and support.

To carry any programme forward will require us all to be involved both with prayer and personally. We would welcome comments and ideas.

Most importantly are you able to help in any way?

Please give consideration to this very important need to grow in faith and to reach out to our community.

Please contact Michael Minton 01425 617389 or Wendy Beaumont

Well travelled Advent Crib



During Advent our Travelling Crib visited 17 different homes (on four occasions for two nights), 2 schools and a play group. Thank you to everyone who took part. I hope you felt it was a worthwhile activity, helping to remind us of the journey made by Mary and Joseph all those years ago and of the many millions of people today who are forced to travel, far from their homes because of man's inhumanity to man.

The figures came back into Church on Christmas Eve and were joined by the rest of the nativity figures in a purpose built stable.

Wendy

***My visit to Kiniizi Diocese
Thursday 7th February – Saturday
21st February 2019***

Can anyone help with transport to Gatwick airport for 2 people plus 4 large suitcases and hand luggage on Thursday 7th February to be there by 1500hours?

Donations of toiletries to be taken will be gratefully received.

Rosemary Bartlett
01425 629430
St Peter's Church Ashley

The Basic Bank

Thank you to every one who has contributed to the Basic Food Bank this year since the beginning of Lent 2018, the message from the Food Bank says "Our grateful and heartfelt thanks go to you all".

We had an excellent result from our Harvest festival producing 503 items for us to take to Lymington. In December we took 180 items, which included 23 Christmas puddings. Sands W.I New Milton collected 43 food items, also including special treats.

The volunteers at the food bank have been very busy since the roll out of the Universal Credits commenced in the area, so with your generosity the clients have been able to enjoy a few luxuries in their parcels at this festive time, which would have been impossible without your contributions.

We have also had some generous monetary donations which are always very much appreciated enabling the organisers of the Basic Bank to buy the essentials to complete the parcels. In early December the Brockenhurst Group of W.I's, which included New Milton Sands Group and Barton Bees group held their Christmas Carol Service at St Peters church, a retiring collection raised a substantial amount of money which went to the Basic Bank, it is good to know so many organisations are now supporting these much needed services.

Our total for this year from Lent 2018 is 1,798 which is great; it looks as though we may get a grand total of 2000 items this year before the beginning of Lent, which I have wanted to achieve the last few years.

Thank you very much

Derek & Betty Verney
01425 627324

PARISH CHURCH

WELCOME GROUP



Thank you for your support over the past year with our monthly Pop-In Coffee Mornings. The December Coffee & Mince Pie Morning raised £153.35 .

The Coffee Mornings are our outreach to the community as, of course, our own Church families. They are held on the last Thursday of the month from 10 – 12 noon in the Church Hall (with the exception of August and December).

If you have not been before, do "pop-in" on the 31st January and bring a friend with you. You will be able to sample Malcolm's delicious sausage rolls, home-made cakes etc. Phyllis is usually there with her cards, Jean with her table of little surprises and Geoff's marmalade is on sale. There is no charge, but a donation is always welcome!! All proceeds are for Church general funds.

Pop-Ins - 31st January : 28th February :
28th March

Doris Stanley

***NEW YEAR CONCERT
WITH THE
NOVA FORESTA CLASSICAL
PLAYERS***

Milton parish Church
Saturday 26th January at 7.30 pm

Tickets £10 on the door.

Pachelbel : Canon Warlock: Capriol Suite
Telemann : Viola Concerto
Handel: Organ Concerto "The Cuckoo and
the Nightingale"

Soloists: Rob Tuson : Viola
Martin Penrose: Organ

Sunday February 17th

4.00 - 5.00 pm

Come and Sing MIKADO
(music provided)

MONDAY GROUP

At our November meeting Jean Chadwick organised a 'Pony Drive' which was a version of a Beetle Drive, we all enjoyed the evening enormously and have already mentioned to Jean that she is on the list for next year's programme. The drawings of ponies were something to behold and the buzz in the hall was very good. Many thanks Jean for a very good evening.

In December we welcomed our Lay Reader Alan Ponting, who gave us a talk on Reverend George Herbert.

George Herbert was born in 1593 in Wales and grew up in England into an artistic and wealthy family and became a poet, orator and priest in the Church of England. George was one of 10 children whose father died when he was only 3. He attended Westminster School and was admitted on scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge and graduated first with a Bachelor's and then a Master's Degree.

His poems and sonnets were produced in Latin and Greek and in his latter life he was ordained into the Church of England.

Alan read some of his poems to us, which we all enjoyed very much – thank you Alan.

Dates for your diaries:

14th January – Lunch at The Amberwood 12 for 12.30
(Please note: the date in the programme should read the 14th January – my apologies)

10th February – A Talk on The Regent Centre –
Felicity Porter

Monday Group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the small hall, if any of our talks are of interest, a warm welcomes awaits you.

Ann Lewington 01425 610922