

THE PARISH OF MILTON
HAMPSHIRE

CLERGY

The Revd Andrew Bailey, The Rectory, 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'S, MILTON

Sunday 8.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am. PARISH COMMUNION (CW) & JUNIOR CHURCH (not 1st Sunday)
9.30 am. FIRST SUNDAY COMMUNION
6.00 pm. United Service at Barton Methodist Church (2nd Sunday)

Friday 11.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP)

ST. PETER'S, ASHLEY

11.00 am. HOLY COMMUNION (CW)

Wed 10.00 am. Holy Communion (CW)

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, BASHLEY

11.00 am. FAMILY COMMUNION (3rd Sunday) & Festivals as announced
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.

◆ Parish News ◆

50p (minimum) For Ashley, Bashley & Milton

September - October 2019

Dear friends

Living with uncertainty is a difficult and challenging way of life.

We are far more comfortable when we know what tomorrow will bring and the unexpected is always unwelcome to say the least.

I am writing this at a moment when the future of our nation is far from certain and at a time when predicting the immediate future seems somewhat futile.

I heard on the news today that the Queen has agreed to suspend Parliament on the advice of the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson and that after the Summer break, there will be an additional holiday for our MP's and a shorter time for debating.

The news assured me that there would be plenty of time to debate Brexit before Halloween, but it seems to me that this decision just allows another layer of uncertainty to uncertain times.

To add to the uncertainty, the Markets are restless and the value of the Pound is dropping as I write against other currencies.

There are concerns about the availability of food essential and medicines if a "no deal" Brexit takes place and also the possibility of lorries being unable to finish their journeys and waiting on British roads while their cargo goes perish.

During these weeks after Trinity, I have been concentrating on the Old Testament readings but in recent weeks, our second reading has

been from the Letter to the Hebrews and in it we read:

"The Lord is my helper. I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

The Letter to the Hebrews was probably written to Jews who converted to Christianity and was definitely not written by St. Paul. The text was written much later but speaks to a community of Christians who were living with uncertainty.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever."

The Author of the Letter to the Hebrews, speaks to us today.

In our time of uncertainty, God in Jesus Christ remains the same and will bring us through all dangers and perplexity and guide us into the future with hope and conviction.



With my prayers and good wishes

Rector

The Parish Office is open
Monday to Friday mornings
between 10.00am and 12 noon
for all enquiries.
Please 'phone (01425) 614077 or e-mail
churchhall@btconnect.com



The Basic Bank

Thank you to everyone who so generously gives to the Basic Food Bank every Sunday with produce and monetary donations, Derek and I go regularly twice a month when the baskets are full, as a church we seem to do very well. There is always a need for more, as we have seen over the summer, with children on holiday from school not getting their school meals, which puts extra, pressure on the family budget.

Over the last few years the present Cabin situated behind the URC in Lymington, has become too small for the amount of donations received, so goods have to be taken to Ampress Industrial Park to be stored in a container, which incurs extra cost, work, plus volunteers working in a confined space. I have written recently in the weekly sheet about the proposed new purpose built modular building to be sited at the rear of the car park of Our Lady & St Joseph's RC church in Lymington.

The New Forest Basic bank has now been granted planning permission by New Forest District Council to build a new purpose built modular building, for which the Basic bank will negotiate a long lease to give them long term security of tenure for the charity.

Funding for the project has been on going over the last 2 years, the Basic bank is investing £75,000 of their own funds to this project and are now in the process of approaching councils where clients live to

see if they can assist financially, it is hopeful that it should be possible to completely fund the project by the end of this year, having the new building open and operating by Easter 2020.

It was with sadness that I read in the local paper this week that New Milton, Councillor's commented on the services of the Basic Bank in Lymington, feeling there should be a service in New Milton Town, and that a portakabin would be sufficient for the needs of the Basic bank, as regular visitors with our churches donations to the Basic Bank and seeing the dedicated work that is all done by volunteers, I would like to suggest that the Councillors visit and see for themselves the good work and the service the New Milton clients receive from the Charity. There would not be enough room in a portakabin for the volunteers and supplies.

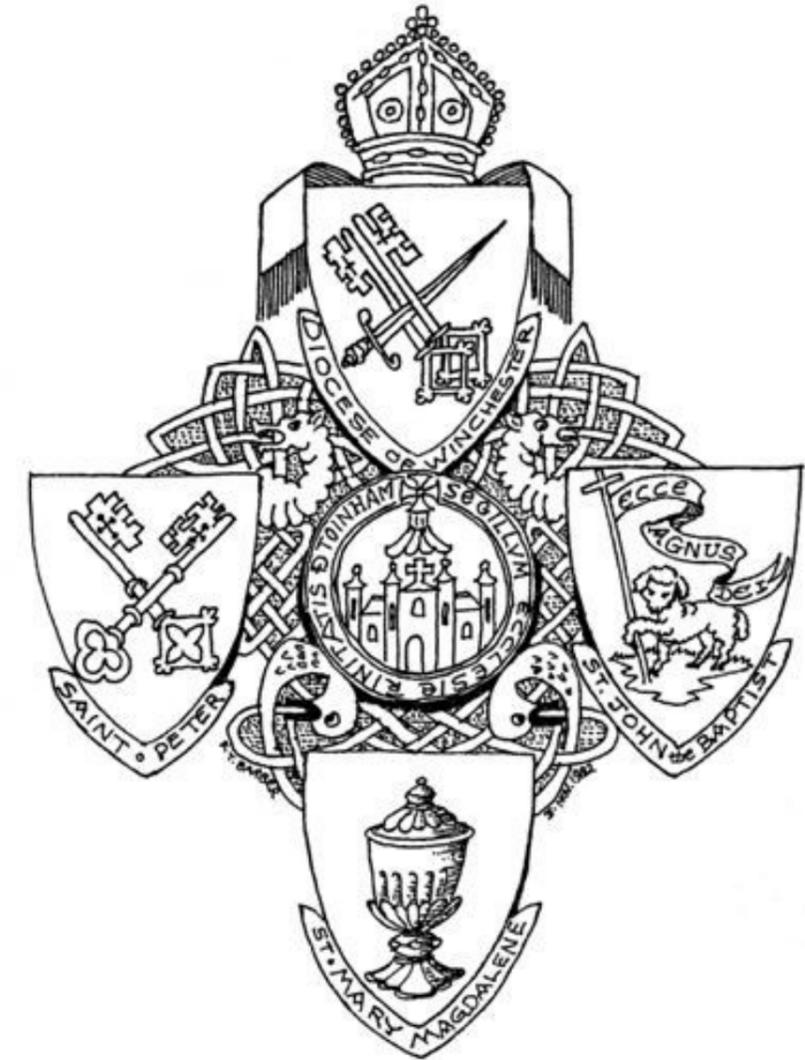
With the stocks reduced over the summer holidays the Basic Bank look to local churches Harvest Festival Services to replenish their shelves.

A list of the most needed items.

Tins of meat hot & cold, Tins hot dogs, meat balls, tins vegetables, carrots, peas, sweet corn, potatoes, Rice pudding, tins of custard, tinned fruit, coffee, UHT milk, Noodles, sponge puddings, savoury biscuits toilet rolls tooth brush and paste, shampoo, washing up liquid, J cloths, Kitchen roll.

A picture of the proposed modular building for the new centre for the Basic bank is on the board at the back of the church. This is a service where our church reaches out into the community, please continue your support to this needy charity.

**Anyone wanting more information please contact
Derek or Betty Verney 01425 627324**



CHURCHYARD REPORT

Arnewood Student has the Tools to Succeed



Y11 student, Harrison Evans receives the Pennyfarthing Construction Award and £200 Sponsorship for Travis Perkins from Phil Langdown, Contracts Manager.

Talented Arnewood student, Harrison Evans has been given the tools to help him build his dream career in construction after being the lucky recipient of a £200 sponsorship from New Forest construction firm, Pennyfarthing Homes.

For the last five years, Pennyfarthing Homes has been working closely with The Arnewood School to support our students who would like a career in the construction industry. And as part of this, the company sponsors a construction award to reward the hard work and achievements of outstanding students.

This year's recipient, Harrison, who achieved outstanding results for his BTEC Construction Award said, "I have really enjoyed construction lessons and I was pleased with myself when I came top in the exams, but it was still a big surprise when I won the award. I can now afford to buy some tools with the voucher, and I am looking forward to going to college next year."

The partnership between Arnewood and Pennyfarthing Homes sees students visiting building sites to learn how the construction industry works in practice. This year nine Construction students visited one of Pennyfarthing's most recent development sites, Alexandra Meadows in Lymington, where a mix of 2, 3 & 4 bedroom houses are being built.

Next time you walk through the main gates, take time to read the plaque on the wall. The Community Service were in at the end of July and cut out a lot of the ivy along with some branches that were strangling the fir opposite the Church entrance.

Seven bags of rubbish were cleared from the wall which runs along by the school. Their visit on August bank holiday Saturday continued with strimming the grass and paths.

A quote is being sought to remove two dead trees and remove the branches.
Chris Carian

Monday Group



I hope you have all had a good and enjoyable summer break.

Monday Group begins its new programme for Sept 2019 - July 2020 on September 9th at 7.30pm in the Small Hall.

We have a variety of very good speakers to look forward to and I have the printed programme available, please contact me for a copy either in Church or by telephone on 01425 610922.

Dates for your diary:

9th September:
'This is my life' - Edith Cansdale

14th October: Gideons - Ken Pimenta

11th November: 'Me and my Mistress' - Alan Ponting

9th December: Pony Drive - Jean Chadwick

If any of the above talks are of interest, we would be pleased to have your company at our meetings. Jean's 'Pony Drive' was great fun last year with lots of laughs.

Ann Lewington

Rectory Quilters Tea @ 3

*to be held on
Sunday 8th September*

in the Church Hall.

*Entrance fee is £4.00 to
include as much tea and
cake as you can consume.*

*There will be a Sales table,
raffle of quilts, mug stall,
and tombola.*

Val Wheeler

Advance Notice!!!

NEARLY SHOEBOX TIME

I understand that the shoe boxes will be collected for distribution in November.

Thanks to Betty Verney, we have had a fantastic success over the years sending a great number of boxes to deserving children showing them that someone cares.

Please help this year.

For those of you who are new to the system, I have left leaflets at the back of the church. Our box display will be on display from the end of September. In anticipation of an even better response – my thanks.

Jean Chadwick

Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Milton

Macmillan Cancer Caring Locally Coffee Morning

Thursday 26th September
2019

10-12 Noon

St Mary Magdalene Church
Hall
Church Lane
New Milton

Stalls and raffle

**All proceeds for the
Macmillan Unit
At Christchurch
Hospital**

PARISH CHURCH WELCOME GROUP - What's coming

Thursday, 26th September,

10 – 12 noon

Pop-in Coffee Morning.

An opportunity to make new friends over a cup of coffee/tea with light refreshments

Harvest Lunch.



Sunday, 6th October, 12.30p.m.

2 course hot lunch with glass of wine and tea/coffee.

For catering purposes it is essential places are booked.

Please contact Doris for a menu which must be returned with money to her by the 26th September.

Thursday, 31st October, 10 – 12 noon
Pop-in Coffee Morning. An opportunity to make new friends over a cup of coffee/tea with light refreshments.

We look to welcoming members from **the whole parish** to any of the above events.

For further information, or menu, please contact :

Doris Stanley on 01425 613311



By common consent we have decided to 'rebrand' Sunday School and call ourselves Junior Church to reflect the changing nature of our Sunday morning offering for young people.

Several years have passed since we launched our new style Sunday School and of course our regular young people have grown older (much like the rest of us!).

Four are now at secondary school with the rest mostly at junior school.

We would love to have a group for younger children but that is proving difficult to initiate.

We have a loyal and hardworking team of leaders/helpers and our aim is to try to meet the needs of all the young people who come by providing activities and discussion at a level commensurate with their varying ages.

Please pray for us as we start our new year on September 8th.

Wendy Beaumont
(Co-ordinator Junior church)

MESSY CHURCH OCTOBER 8th.

The time is drawing near for our very first Messy Church. Please pray for us, as we make final preparations for October 8th and for all those families and individuals that will come.

We will be contacting all our recent Baptism families to invite them along as well as publicising this new venture through the local schools.

We will have no idea how many will arrive so we need to be prepared and flexible.

There are small flyers at the back of church if you are able to pass on to neighbours or friends.

If you are able to come along to support us please do, between 3.30 and 6.00. It is important that those who venture through our door feel part of our church and the best way to do that is to have members of the congregation around to welcome them.

**Please do speak to Jan Delaney,
Annie Abou-Jaoude or
Wendy Beaumont for more
information.**

Saturday 20th July



"So John, what does your app. say for today's weather?"

John has an app. on his 'phone giving the weather expected over a particular area.

"Thunder storm over New Milton at 2 pm." was the reply!

Elsewhere folk were discussing if the Fete should be outside or in. After much rain during the night I thought the ground would be too soggy, but it wasn't and outside was declared the winner, and what a good job too!

Ladies filled the van with goods and

urns from the Hall. and Asa (Doris' grandson on holiday from Cyprus) loaded tables for transport to the Rectory garden. Cars arrived with more goodies (edible and otherwise) and stalls set up.

Ice cream arrived as did Harry Kazzam the children's (of any age!) entertainer (did you see what he and the kids did with that silly washing machine?), toys, knitted baby-clothes, gorgeous plants. Sound system tested. Flags flying. All ready in glorious sunshine!

Soon it was 2pm. No storm!. Well we couldn't have a storm. We'd got Sarah the BBC Weather Presenter. She couldn't press the Storm button in the office! Instead she kindly declared the Fete Open. Lots of folk finding their way about. Hopefully spending.

The Band played on. Musk Ukulele Band that is, with a great mix of sing-along and dance tunes for all.

A great friend of mine came over to the fete, as he didn't believe this sort of thing still took place even in our green and pleasant land.

Tea on the lawn, home-made cakes. He picked up a piece of china that his sister-in-law collects. That's one Christmas present sorted! In the pub that evening he couldn't stop talking about the Fabulous Fete. Very, very English. Next year he's bringing half the pub with him! Perhaps they'll help with the clearing-up?

Thanks Doris and Team....and What a Team! What a tradition.

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