



Parish News



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Welcome to the June edition of our Milton Parish News

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

“So that they may be one, I in them and you in me, that they may be completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me.” John 17.22ff

Last week, I shared in my sermon some reflections on a training event I attended along with other Incumbents and their curates. There were four lectures on St John’s Gospel and they were wonderful. God is in the Word! Jesus is the Word “The Logos” made flesh and through him and these sacred texts we can, with the help of the Holy Spirit, engage with the living God.

The underlying message was that the message of divine scripture is not hidden under layers of mattresses like “The Princess and the Pea” but it’s up close and personal.

The text comes from Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer which he prayed in the Upper Room on the evening before his Crucifixion. What is God saying to us through his living word? What divine word is in our face? *“May they be completely one.”* God is crying out for the Unity of his Church! It’s up close and personal, it’s in our face!

In New Milton, we think we are pretty good at Christian Unity. The local Clergy and Ministers’ meet regularly and we do things together but there are other churches in the Town which, for one reason or another, do not participate.

We are also challenged as a Parish to work more collaboratively, *“Three Churches in one Parish”* I think that this will become even more important in the future months and years.

We are all part of the Diocese of Winchester and belong to the Deanery of Christchurch but I feel that we need to do much more together.

The late Bishop of Winchester, Michael Scott-Joynt wrote every year to ask me what I wanted him to pray for when the Parish was mentioned in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. His last message to me was, *“Talk to your neighbours”*

Thank you to those who attended a united service at St. Mark's, Highcliffe to celebrate Ascension Day. St Luke's Gospel recalls on occasion when Jesus went to his local Synagogue at the beginning of his ministry. He read the lesson from the Prophet Isaiah and said, *"Today, in your hearing, this text has been fulfilled."*

This comes with my prayers and good wishes

(Andrew)

Rector



WELCOME GROUP

We look forward to welcoming you at our,
Pop - In Coffee Mornings

On Thursday, 30th June and 28th July.

10am - 12 noon in St Mary Magdalene Church Hall.

**Enjoy a spread of delicious cakes and Malcolm's super sausage rolls.
Join us on the last Thursday of every month.**

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

No charge, but a donation is always appreciated.

Co-ordinator Doris Stanley 613311

Monday Group.

The Monday Group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Parish Church Small Hall. Our next meeting will be on Monday 13th June at 2.30pm for a Cream Tea and a chat, please pop the date in your diary, we will look forward to seeing you.

On the 11th July, we will have our usual Summer Lunch, to be held at The Carpenter's Arms, Bransgore at 12 for 12.30pm. To book your place please contact me either in Church, Telephone 01425 610922 or email ann.lewington@btinternet.com before the end of June.

Our 2022/2023 programme will be available in September after our August break.

Ann Lewington

Messy Church

Messy Church was held on 10th May

A fun afternoon was enjoyed by those families who were able to make it but it seemed we clashed with some school activities. However the small numbers were no deterrent, Catherine told the story of Jesus, aged 12, getting lost and being found in the Temple. Our activities focused on growing and changing and the love given to us by our families. In our prayers we remembered those children who do not have caring families to support them.

Chicken Nuggets, chips and beans were served thanks to Marion and June.

Our next Messy Church is on June 14th. Do feel free to join us.



WANTED. Thank you very much to all those who provided small glass jars, they were well used. **Now we need small clear plastic bottles, before the 14th June. Also we are collecting unwanted CDs which we plan to use on our stall at the fete. The children will decorate them to take home and hang as decorations. We will collect both from the back of the Parish Church.**

ROC (Redeeming Our Community) This is an informal ecumenical prayer group which has been in existence for a number of years. It is now led by Fiona Moore and takes place from 11.00 to 12.00 on the first **Tuesday** in the month. (Refreshments from 10.45)

In May the meeting was on Zoom. We continued to pray for Ukraine and thanked God for our many blessings. We prayed for help to listen to God's word, to be faithful disciples and to find ways to share His Word with all in New Milton. We prayed particularly for struggling families and all who are working with children and young people helping them to find their way in this post Covid world. Many of the older ones having suffered from significant disruption to their education.

Our next gathering is 7th June at the Parish Church. If you would like to know more contact Fiona Moore. 01425 615497 nm.rocprayer@gmail.com or just come along. All are welcome.

New Forest Basics Bank

Demand continues to rise and our contributions are very gratefully received.

Betty and Derek Verney

Milk Top Collection

We have been collecting Milk Tops for many years, in the Church for Mencap. They sold them to a company in Southampton who turned them into plastic pellets which were then used to make other things. This was a good fundraiser for Mencap. Sadly the chain for the collection of these will not be available anywhere in the area. I have 5 sacks of Milk Tops which I will be taking to Totton on Friday 27th May as this collection site will be closed at the end of May.

It is with regret that I have decided, we will not be collecting Milk Tops in future, so please do not bring them to church, I understand that they can be put in the home recycling bags. Betty Verney 01425 627324

Events to look forward to.

Sunday 26th June, (TBC) Recital by Michael Minton and Alan Ponting with poetry readings. (See below)

Sunday 24th July, Songs of Praise (see below)

Some of these are by way of fundraising events and now that restrictions are starting to be lifted we hope to organise more. A small group has been formed to head up these events. Marion or Doris would love to hear from anyone who would like to join the group or submit ideas.

Quiz. A great result.

Thank you to everyone who came to our quiz evening on the 30th April. Everyone had a great time and we made £343.60.

Looking forward to our next quiz afternoon in November. Marion

On the Subject of Fundraising a simple thing to do:-

If you do any online buying then you can, without cost to yourselves, help support us. Sign up to **easyfundraising** & raise **FREE** donations every time you shop online with over 6,000 retailers. eg. John Lewis, Marks and Spencer, Sainsbury's, Argos, Uswitch, eBay and many more are waiting to give a free donation. Plus once you've signed up and raised £5 in donations, easyfundraising will give us an extra £5 bonus donation!.

The Parish Church of ST. Mary Magdalene is what you enter as your 'good cause'.

Sign up to support us here – <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/esxo43/>

If anyone has any questions regarding the above contact Liz Lock, Alan Beale or Marion Brehaut.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

FULL Afternoon Tea

St. Mary Magdalene Church Hall

Church Lane, New Milton BH25 6QI

Saturday 4th June 2022 3.00 pm

Admittance by ticket only. £10

Includes sandwiches, assorted cakes and Scones with cream.

Contact Marion Brehaut 07778 447949

All proceeds to the church fabric fund

SUMMER SONGS and SONNETS

An afternoon of Songs and Poems
by

Michael Minton with Alan and Anne Ponting

**St Mary Magdalene Church
Church Lane, New Milton. BH25 6QL**

Sunday 26th June 2022 2.30pm

Tea and Cake during the interval

Retiring Collection

For further details contact Marion Brehaut 07778 447949

All proceeds to the Church Fabric Fund

S U M M E R F E T E

**This will be held on *Saturday, 23rd July*, from 2 p.m.- 4. 30 p.m.
in The Rectory Garden**

(if wet in the Church and Hall)

Let us endeavour to make this the best Fete ever.

you can help by:-

Providing items for the **raffle and tombola**

Making jams, marmalade, chutney for Produce Stall

Making cakes for the Cake Stall and Refreshments

Donating items for the Toiletries, Jewellery, Books, Puzzles,

Bric-a-brac and Toy stalls

OR run your own stall or sideshow

Help will be needed for setting up in the Rectory Garden and putting up bunting and dismantling at the end. And strong people to help move tables.

There will be a box at the back of the Church by the Servedy for donations for the stalls. Proceeds are for the Fabric Fund for repairs to the Church

For offers of help, further information or collection of items contact

Doris on 01425 613311

**THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT LOTS OF
HELP. PLEASE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER HOW
YOU CAN HELP AND LET DORIS KNOW SO
THAT SHE CAN SLEEP AT NIGHT!!!**



Songs of Praise



SUNDAY 24th JULY at 5pm

**As part of our Patronal Festival we shall return to our "normal"
(Yes, I know we'll all be exhausted from the Fete the day before plus
we're all three years older than the last one!)**

**You, the Congregation, choose the hymns to be sung
and I hope some of you will be willing to step up and
tell us why you have chosen them.**

Forms for your choices will be at the back of church soon.

News from St John's



Platinum Jubilee Anniversary Tea- *the first celebration in the Parish.*

This was held at St John's Church, Bashley, following the regular third Sunday in the month Communion Service in May. Her majesty was there, in life-size cut out, to witness the lovely tea, scones, and cakes and the accompanying military background music! John Adams
johnhadams@btinternet.co.uk

NB The next edition of the Parish News will be at the end of June for July. Please feel free to contribute/comment by 23rd June
wendy.beaumont@gmail.com ***or hand written on old fashioned paper!***

**THE PARISH OF MILTON
HAMPSHIRE**

CLERGY

The Revd Andrew Bailey

READERS

Mr Alan Ponting

Mr Philip & Mrs Jean Craft

CHURCH SERVICES

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S, MILTON

Sunday 9.30 am. Parish Communion (CW).

Friday 11.00 am. Holy Communion (BCP).

ST. PETER'S, ASHLEY

Wednesday 10.00 am. Holy Communion (CW).

Sunday 11.00 am. Holy Communion (CW).

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, BASHLEY

Sunday 3.00pm. Family Communion (3rd Sunday)

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

**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

For Church Hall bookings phone 01425 610792

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