



# The By Brook News

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## Monthly Diary

### Family Services

5th Feb	9:30am	<b>Castle Combe</b> , Nettleton/Burton (SWAS) Yatton Keynell
12th Feb	9:30am	<b>Biddestone</b>
	3:00pm	<b>Littleton Drew</b> (SWAS)
19th Feb	4:00pm	Grittleton (4 o'clock Service)

### Holy Communion (HC) Services

5th Feb	9:30am	Biddestone, North Wraxall, West Kington
12th Feb	9:30am	<b>Yatton Keynell</b>
	11:00am	<b>Grittleton, Nettleton/Burton, Slaughterford (BCP)</b>
19th Feb	9:30am	Biddestone, <b>North Wraxall</b>
	11:00am	Castle Combe

### Evensong

5th Feb	6:00pm	Biddestone, Grittleton
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### Other Services

12th Feb	3:00pm	Castle Combe	Celebration of Marriage Service
12th Feb	6:00pm	North Wraxall	TGIS
17th Feb	7:30pm	Nettleton/Burton	TGIF
19th Feb	9:30am	Yatton Keynell	Food for Thought
19th Feb	6:00pm	<b>West Kington</b>	<b>Village Celebration</b>
22nd Feb	9:15am	Biddestone	Ash Wednesday HC
24th Feb	7:30pm	Castle Combe	TGIF
26th Feb	10:00am	Grittleton	Group Service

### Edward Bear

3rd Feb 10:00am St Nicholas, Biddestone  
Village Hall, Castle Combe (Please contact for details)

**The Ark (See over)** 11th Feb 10am Yatton Keynell Village Hall

**Midweek HC** at Biddestone every Wednesday at 9:15am

### Morning Prayer

Rectory, 3 Church Farm, Yatton Keynell, **every Friday** at 9:00am

E100 Introductory services are shown above in **bold italic**.

TGIF/TGIS	Thank God It's Friday/Sunday
SWAS	Service With a Smile
BBC	Big Breakfast Church

## New Year's Resolutions

I wonder if any of you have made a New Year's Resolution. And if you have, if you have managed to keep it so far? New Year's Resolutions often seem like a good idea at the time, but after the busyness and excitement of new year have passed, it is easy to lose enthusiasm for sticking to the task.

At the end of last year, I mentioned that we would be looking at the Essential 100 Bible Reading Challenge together. The Essential 100 Challenge is to read 50 Old Testament and 50 New Testament passages which together will help to give us an overview of the whole Bible story.

Throughout 2012, we are going to be working through the Old Testament passages. At a service in each parish, we will introduce the topic for the readings for that particular month. The E100 introductory services are those shown in bold italic. In the weeks following the service, there is a roughly a reading a week to do, so I wonder whether we could together set a resolution to set aside time to read through the Bible together. [www.e100challenge.org.uk](http://www.e100challenge.org.uk)

With every blessing. Jonathan

## Reading God's word together

We start our Bible reading challenge together where we might expect - "In the Beginning." Right at the start of the Bible, we are introduced to the main character - God. The Bible begins as God creates a world where he places people made in his own image. It doesn't take long before things start to go wrong, and the greatest challenge is set up - How can imperfect human beings be reconciled to a holy and perfect God?

1.	Creation	Genesis 1:1-2:25
2.	The Fall	Genesis 3:1-24
3.	The Flood	Genesis 6:5-7:24
4.	God's covenant with Noah	Genesis 8:1-9:17
5.	The Tower of Babel	Genesis 11:1-9

As you read the passages, ask yourself what they teach you about who God is, and what do they say to you personally? Your thoughts as ever are very welcome.

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## Prayer Matters.....

Why pray? Because Jesus did!

There are loads of examples in the Bible where Jesus prays. In John's Gospel, after the Last Supper, Jesus prays for himself, his disciples and for us:

*"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." (John 17 v. 20-21)*

Jesus prayed for us and scripture tells us that he is still doing so:

*"Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." (Romans 8 v. 34).*

When we pray, Jesus is praying too!

Come and join us (and Jesus!) for **Morning Prayer EVERY FRIDAY MORNING at 9am at The Rectory, 3 Church Farm, Yatton Keynell.** All welcome— including children!

- **Sunday 5th February is Education Sunday.** Please pray for our local schools; Bybrook Valley and Grittleton House and for the secondary schools in Chippenham and beyond which many of our young people attend. Pray also for the pre-schools and playgroups which many of our villages have.
- Please continue to pray for all that you see in this newsletter and those involved in different activities. **Ask God to show you where you can be part of His church in your community.**
- Pray for the wedding couples for this year as they begin their **marriage preparation.** Also, pray for the couples who were married last year as many of them come back for the **Celebration of Marriage Service** at Castle Combe on 12th February.

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
Psalm 121 v.1*

### Dates for your diary!

- **Cafe Church** takes place at St Margaret's Church, Yatton Keynell every Tuesday from 10am for coffee and homemade cake with lunches from 12 until 1pm. On **Tuesday 21st February** (Shrove Tuesday) there will be pancakes from 11:45-1pm.
- You can enjoy **coffee** and cakes at **St Nicholas Church, Biddestone** every Thursday morning from 10:30am.
- Our **Benefice service on 26th February is at Grittleton** and there will be a guest speaker— **Douglas Holt:** the Director of Strategy Support for Bristol Diocese. **Strategy Support** provides the support services for 'Releasing the energy', including leadership development in vacancies, Growth Programme support and deanery leadership development. Come along and hear the message Douglas has to share with us.
- Open Deanery Chapter Meeting about this year's **Flame of Hope** event. 7:30pm on Wednesday 8th February at St Peter's, Frogwell.

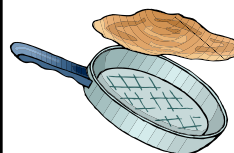
### St Mary's Church Nettleton & Burton

#### Pancake Supper

at The Old House @ Home, Burton

**Tuesday 21st February 7.30 p.m. (for 8.00)**

Special Two Course Pancake Menu



Tickets £15.00 from  
Di at Nettleton P.O.  
or Annie Trubody  
01454 218691



## The Ark

Fun, food, friendship and faith

We had a great time last month exploring creation and all the wonderful things God has made.

Come and join us again on **Saturday 11th February** as we take a look at "God's Promises."

Fun for the whole family from **10am-12:30pm** (including lunch). Please note a change of venue this month we will be at **Yatton Keynell Village Hall.**

This is a free event.

St Mary's Church  
Nettleton & Burton

### LUNCH CLUB

The second Wednesday of each  
month 12.15-1.15

Come and join us for good company and a light lunch followed by tea and coffee.



Do you need a lift to get to any of the services or events in Burton? Please ring Marje on 01454 218072.

### Edward Bear

Edward Bear runs in Biddestone Church on the 1st Friday of the month at 10am and at Castle Combe Village Hall on the last Monday or Tuesday from 3:30-5 (see diary dates for details).

These free sessions are aimed at pre-school children and their carers and usually include songs, stories, craft and refreshments (Castle Combe Edward Bear includes tea for all).

All are welcome, wherever you live!  
For more info contact the parish office on 01249 716764 or Rev Jonathan on 01249 782663.