



# The By Brook News

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## Monthly Diary

### Family Services

4th Sept	9:30am	Colerne, <b>Yatton Keynell</b>
	11:00am	<b>Castle Combe</b> , Nettleton/Burton (SWAS)
11th Sept	9:30am	<b>Biddestone</b>
	11.00am	<b>Nettleton/Burton</b> (BBC)
	3:00pm	<b>Littleton Drew</b> (SWAS)
18th Sept	9:30am	Yatton Keynell (Food for Thought)
	11.00am	<b>North Wraxall</b>
	3:00pm	<b>Slaughterford</b> (Harvest Service)
	6:00pm	<b>West Kington</b> (Village Celebration)

### Holy Communion (HC) Services

4th Sept	8:00am	Colerne
	9:30am	Biddestone, West Kington
	11:00am	North Wraxall (BCP)
11th Sept	9:30am	Colerne, Yatton Keynell
	11:00am	<b>Grittleton</b> , Slaughterford (BCP)
18th Sept	9:30am	Biddestone, Colerne
	11:00am	Castle Combe

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

### Evensong

4th Sept	6:00pm	Biddestone, Colerne, Grittleton
11th Sept	6:00pm	Colerne
25th Sept	6:00pm	Colerne

### Other Services

3rd Sept	6:00pm	Slaughterford	Taize
11th Sept	6:00pm	North Wraxall	TGIS
16th Sept	7:30pm	Nettleton/Burton	TGIF
18th Sept	6:00pm	Colerne	RAPS
20th Sept	7:30pm	Colerne	Licensing Service
23rd Sept	7:30pm	Castle Combe	TGIF
<b>25th Sept</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>West Kington</b>	<b>Group Service</b>

### Edward Bear

2nd Sept	10:00am	St Nicholas, Biddestone
26th Sept	4:00pm	Village Hall, Castle Combe

**Parent and Toddler group** at St Mary's, Nettleton & Burton every Wednesday 10:30am-12noon.

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

**Services in bold and italic are Back to Church Sunday services.**

## Across the Group in September

It hasn't exactly been a quiet summer with lots of preparations to put in place ready for the autumn! September sees Back to Church Sunday across the group, and hopefully you will all have received your invitation cards to give out by now. If not, chase your churchwarden! The Back to Church Sunday services are those in bold and italic on the monthly diary. Please do get involved.

Keep your eye out for "400 Not Out!" over the weekend of 21st-23rd October to mark the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible. There will be activities for all ages, so keep the weekend free, and come along to some or all of it. See over for more details.

I mentioned the news about Colerne last month. On 20th September at 7:30pm in Colerne we have the licensing service where Revd Janet Anderson-McKenzie is being licensed as Priest-in-Charge of Colerne, and I will be licensed at Priest-in-Charge or North Wraxall. Please come along to support both parishes.

Jonathan

## Reading God's word together

Thank you to those who have been sending through your thoughts about James, They have been really interesting to read, and to share a few of them in this short column.

Last month, we looked at James 2 which we might sum up as saying: don't just know it, do it! Often we talk about a faith that saves us, but here James is talking about the faith of the saved. We saw a bit of this in James 1, but here James follows on by telling us that if we treat people differently because of who they are and what they have, we are failing to obey the command to love our neighbour as ourselves. God is love, and Jesus is Lord. These beliefs should shape how we relate to God as well as one another.

So, this month, let's have a look at James 3 together. It's a passage that talks about gossip and greed. Could be challenging!

- 1) What does this tell us about God?
- 2) What does this say to us personally?
- 3) What does this say to us as a group of churches?

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## Prayer Matters.....

Jesus tells us “do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink: or about your body, what you will wear...Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?”

This is easier said than done I’m sure you’ll agree! But we have the assurance that God will provide for our needs– not necessarily our wants- but definitely our needs.

In Philippians 4:6 we are told “Don’t worry about anything: instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done”

If we are to live our lives in God’s freedom we have to learn to give all our thanks and concerns over to Him and trust that God knows what we need better than we do and will be faithful to answer our prayers.

Come and join us for **Morning Prayer** (with coffee and croissants) on **Friday 9th September at 9am at The Rectory, 3 Church Farm, Yatton Keynell.**

All welcome– including children!

**What is Morning Prayer?**

See: [www.answers.com/topic/morning-prayer-anglican](http://www.answers.com/topic/morning-prayer-anglican)

- Please remember to pray for “**Back to Church Sunday**” and for those who you might invite.
- Pray for these couples as they prepare for their marriage this September: **Rosie Hall and Peter James, Sarah Constable and Stephen Day, David Rhodes and Katie Annand, Alexandra Greenman and Midas Farleigh, Sarah Green and Gary Smith, Jessica Reeves and Anthony Wright, Jodie Chamberlain and Julian Collier and Jemma Richardson and Stephen Greatley.**
- Please give thanks for **Tom Deakin, Lily Wyatt and Sarah Warren** who were baptised into the church family in August.
- Pray for those from the Benefice who will be starting the “**Exploring Christianity**” course this September and those who will be undertaking the training to be part of the **Pastoral Care Team.**

***O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.***

*Joseph M. Scriven, 1820-1886*



## BackToChurchSunday

Throughout the month of September we will be holding a “Back to Church Sunday” service in each church building in the Benefice (see diary page for details).

The aim of this initiative is to encourage those who do not normally attend church to come along and see what happens. One of the best ways of doing this is for existing church members to invite a friend, relative or neighbour to come along with them. Hopefully you will all have received your invitation cards to give out by now which includes a prayer which you can pray specifically for those you have invited.

**400 NOT OUT!** Celebrating the story that shapes us: 400 years of the King James Bible.

During October we will be holding a weekend of special Bible-focused events to mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. On **Friday 21st October** we will have a Bring and Share supper and **quiz challenge** at Biddestone Village Hall at 7pm (call Victor Howlett on 01225 819954 to book your place). Then on **Saturday 22nd October** there will be **Messy Church** for all ages at St Mary’s Church, Burton 10:30am-12pm. In the evening **Nick Crawley** (Bible for Life) will present a talk and discussion on **2 Timothy** at St Margaret’s Church, Yatton Keynell, 7:30pm. On **Sunday 23rd October** we have our **Benefice Service** at St Andrew’s Church Castle Combe, 10am with guest speaker **Ron Jackson** (Trinity College, Bristol).

Put the dates in your diary now!!

### Confirmation

There is a Deanery confirmation service planned for Sunday 6th November at Marshfield Church. If you are interested in being confirmed or want to find out more, please contact Rev Jonathan Philpott for details.



### In Memory Service

On **Sunday 30th October** there will be an “**In Memory**” **Benefice Service** held at **St Nicholas, Biddestone at 4pm.**

This is an opportunity for the church and wider community to come together to remember and give thanks for members of our families and close friends who have passed away.

Please consider anyone you know who may like to attend this service and invite them to come along.

### 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 of the month from 4-6pm (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).

The theme of each Edward Bear is designed to link into the following Sunday’s family service.

All are welcome, wherever you live!