



The By Brook News August 2011

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Monthly Diary

Family Services

7th Aug	9:30am	Yatton Keynell
	11:00am	Castle Combe, Nettleton/Burton (SWAS)
14th Aug	9:30am	Biddestone
	3:00pm	Littleton Drew (SWAS)
20th Aug	10:30am	Nettleton/Burton (Messy Church)
21st Aug	9:30am	Yatton Keynell (Food for Thought)
	3:00pm	North Wraxall (Animal Service)
	6:00pm	West Kington (Village Celebration)

Holy Communion (HC) Services

7th Aug	9:30am	Biddestone, West Kington
	11:00am	North Wraxall
14th Aug	9:30am	Colerne, Yatton Keynell
	11:00am	Grittleton, Slaughterford (BCP)
	11:00am	Nettleton/Burton (Family HC)
21st Aug	9:30am	Biddestone
	9:30am	Colerne (Communion for All Ages)
	11:00am	Castle Combe,

Midweek HC at Biddestone every Wednesday at 9:15am

Evensong

7th Aug	6:00pm	Biddestone, Colerne, Grittleton
14th Aug	6:00pm	Colerne
28th Aug	6:00pm	Colerne

Other Services

6th Aug	6:00pm	Slaughterford	Taize
7th Aug	9:30am	Colerne	Matins
14th Aug	6:00pm	North Wraxall	TGIS
19th Aug	7:30pm	Nettleton/Burton	TGIF
21st Aug	6:00pm	Colerne	RAPS
26th Aug	7:30pm	Castle Combe	TGIF
28th Aug	10:00am	Slaughterford	Group Service

Edward Bear

Edward Bear is on holiday in August. Back to normal in September

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

Looking forward to the future

There are some really exciting things happening, and some great opportunities to look forward to later this year. Firstly, we welcome Jo Smith who has now joined Marje Caie as Churchwarden for Nettleton & Burton. Thank you Jo, we welcome and look forward to your developing ministry here.

Later this year, keep your eye out for Back To Church Sunday in September. There will be events in most if not all parishes taking place. Watch this space for more info.

We are also planning a festival for 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.

Finally, as many of you will already know, in September the shape of the Greater By Brook Group is changing. Colerne will be moving across to the Benefice of Box. There will be a licensing service at some point, and further details will follow. We wish Colerne our very best for the future, although it isn't really a goodbye.

Reading God's word together

Last month, I invited you to join me in looking at the book of James to see what we can learn from it together. It's a book that is really helpful in standing against the storms of life.

James 1 asks us how we face troubles in life. Too often we look to blame someone else when things go wrong, and we include God in that. To become mature, we must learn when we need to take the blame ourselves. If we think we have never done anything wrong, then we probably need to take a good look at ourselves. The chapter finishes by saying that we need not only to listen to God's word. We need to act upon it. God's word should shape the way we live our everyday lives.

So, this month, let's have a look at James 2 together. It's a passage that talks about the relationship between faith and deeds.

- 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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The Greater By Brook Group is also now on Facebook.

Prayer Matters.....

Prayer is at the heart of a relationship with God; as we communicate with Him we express and experience the reality of God in our lives.

Prayer communication is a two way street. We talk to God and He talks to us. We don't just bring our cares, worries, frustrations to Him, but He speaks to us, revealing Himself to us through prayer. There may have been times when we have puzzled over how a certain thing was going to work out in our lives but through prayer God can calm our fear of uncertainty and answer our requests, further building trust in Him. He helps us recognize all things are possible when we believe Him. He gives rest to those who seek Him wholeheartedly through prayer.

Come and join us for **Morning Prayer** (with coffee and croissants) on **Friday 5th August** 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

Refresh! 2011
fulfilling our potential as 21st Christian women

Malmesbury Abbey run several events a year under the title "Refresh" which are aimed specifically at women. So far this year we have looked at the scripture "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mark 12:29).

The passage has been broken down into Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength with an event for each and has looked at how

we can live up to the challenge of this Bible passage. From the demands of the office, to the hollowness of unemployment, from the quiet of retirement, to the rowdiness of toddlers, there is something for everyone.

The evening begins with refreshments and then we listen to a talk given by an invited speaker and then there is a time of sung worship.

The next one is on Tuesday 13th September 7:30-9:30pm at the Abbey and will look at loving the Lord with all your strength.

If you are interested and would like more information or to book a place/lift then please contact Tracie Philpott at arlefarmgirl@yahoo.co.uk or on 782663

- Please remember to pray for the people of Somalia as some 10million people are at risk of starvation following the worst drought in 60 years. Pray for aid agencies trying to distribute aid, and for the government and others who have control in the region.
- Pray for these couples as they prepare for their marriage this August: **Annabelle Blair and Tristram Larder, Andrew Deakin and Sabrina Güttinger, Scott Shaw and Lyndsey Sutton, Maria Pope and Ben Briggs, Kate Fry and Christopher Harford.**
- Please give thanks for Sue Pickering, who was confirmed at St Michael's Church, Stoke Gifford on 6th July.
- Pray for the churchwardens, PCCs, Team Council and ministry team of your parish and the group. Pray that they might find time for some rest during the summer holidays. Ask for God's blessing for them as they give so much to help develop the work of the churches here.

"Don't worry about anything: instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done" Philippians 4:6

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.



Services for the Group

Our next Taize service will be on Saturday 6th August at 6pm, and the theme is Recreation (Re-creation).

If you've never been to this service do come and experience the peace and simplicity of Taize. This is a service which we hope people right across the group will come and join together for.

Our group service for August is also at Slaughterford at 10am on the 28th.

There is a midweek Communion service at 9:15am every Wednesday at Biddestone.

Open The Book/Messy Church

We still need volunteers to help with a Messy Church Group and Open the Book at By Brook Valley School.

Messy church will run on a Saturday morning once a month starting in September and we need people who can run craft activities, prepare food and refreshments, and those who can just be welcoming. .

If you would like to know more or would be interested in helping out, please can you contact Rev Jonathan Philpott.



FAMILY FUN & ACTIVITIES

**Messy Arts, Crafts and Activities for all ages
Messy Refreshments and Messy Worship**

Saturday 20th August 10.30 - 12.00

at St Mary's, Church Hill, Burton

(Please note: Children must be accompanied by an adult)