



# The By Brook News October 2011

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For news and info from across the By Brook Benefice

## Monthly Diary

### Family Services

2nd Oct	9:30am	Yatton Keynell (Harvest)
	11:00am	Castle Combe (Harvest) Nettleton/Burton (SWAS)
9th Oct	9:30am	Biddestone (Harvest)
	11.30am	Grittleton (Harvest)
	3:00pm	Littleton Drew (Harvest SWAS)
16th Oct	9:30am	Yatton Keynell (Food for Thought)
	11.00am	North Wraxall (Morning Praise)
	6:00pm	West Kington (Harvest Celebration)
30th Oct	9:30 for 10:00am	Nettleton/Burton (BBC)

### Holy Communion (HC) Services

2nd Oct	9:30am	Biddestone, West Kington
	11:00am	North Wraxall (BCP)
9th Oct	9:30am	Yatton Keynell (HC by ext)
	11:00am	Nettleton/Burton, Slaughterford (BCP)
16th Oct	9:30am	Biddestone
	11:00am	Castle Combe
30th Oct	11:00am	Grittleton (All Saints HC)

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

### Evensong

2nd Oct	6:00pm	Biddestone, Grittleton
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### Other Services

9th Oct	6:00pm	North Wraxall	TGIS (Harvest)
14th Oct	7:30pm	Nettleton/Burton	TGIF
14th Oct	7:30pm	Yatton Keynell	Bishop Mike
<b>23rd Oct</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Castle Combe</b>	<b>Benefice Service</b>
28th Oct	7:30pm	Castle Combe	TGIF
30th Oct	9:30am	Yatton Keynell	Song of Praise
<b>30th Oct</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Biddestone</b>	<b>In Memory Service</b>

### Edward Bear

7th Oct	10:00am	St Nicholas, Biddestone
26th Oct	4:00pm	Village Hall, Castle Combe

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

**The Ark (See over)** 8th Oct 10:00am By Brook Valley School

**Messy Church** 22nd Oct 10:30am Nettleton/Burton

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

## Across the Benefice in October

I would firstly like to thank those of you who came to Colerne to wish them all the very best for their new future with Revd Janet Anderson-McKenzie. It was a good service, and we hope and pray that Colerne will soon settle into their new benefice, and that it will be a good move for them for the future. Just to confirm, North Wraxall are remaining with us in the By Brook Benefice.

In this benefice, we have also begun planning for the future. This month, "The Ark" starts at By Brook Valley School, and we also have the "400 Not Out weekend", and there are details of both over the page. We have begun training a group of people who will join together to provide pastoral care across the benefice which is really exciting.

A big thank you to those who invited people for "Back to Church Sunday". It was good to meet some new people, and we hope that they may come and join us again. Please keep your eye out for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Sunday literature which will appear in the next few weeks. It would be great to send off a good number of shoeboxes this year. Jonathan

## Reading God's word together

Last month, we looked at James 3 which was about gossip and greed. Communication is one of the things that causes most trouble. Things we say and write can so easily be misinterpreted even when we do them with the best of intentions. So it is so important that we take good care of what we say, not only the words that we choose, but the impact they will have. James asks us, how can we use the same tongue to worship God as we use to slander or gossip. It's a good question that we need to check ourselves against. The words that come out of our mouths are a good measure of our faith within.

So, this month, let's have a look at James 4 together. It's a passage that talks about submitting ourselves to God, and challenges those who seek to be self-important or controlling.

- 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.....

In conversation recently someone said to me words to the effect of "Its all very well thinking about ways to promote our churches but when was the last time we actually got together and prayed about the things we're doing and asked God what he thinks?"

Good question!

It is vital that we take time to pray and listen to God's guidance not just in our own personal lives but in the life of our churches and communities.

In praying together it supports and builds up those who we are praying for and draws us together as a group of Christians.

So come and join us for **Morning Prayer** (with coffee and croissants) on **Friday 21st October** 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 the **Bible Festival: "400 Not Out!"** and for those involved in running all the different events.
- Pray for these couples as they prepare for their marriage this October: **David Munn and Elizabeth Radford, James Cull and Sarah Warren.**
- Please give thanks for who were baptised into the church family in September: **Jessica Smith, Milo and Oscar Powell, Benjamin White, Phoebe Harvey, Jasper Brown.**
- Pray for the people involved in reaching out to children and families through **Edward Bear club, Family services, Messy Church, The Ark, and Burton Toddler group.**
- Please continue to pray for **all those who are attending training courses** at the moment. There is a group of 15 people training to become a **pastoral care network** in the benefice, and there are also 5 people on the **Exploring Christianity** course running in Chippenham, some of whom may consider Licensed Lay Ministry.



## The Ark

Fun, food, friendship and faith

Come and join us at "The Ark" on **Saturday 8th October** as we explore "Harvest" through activities, craft, games, songs and food! Fun for the whole family from **10am-12:30pm** (including lunch) at **Bybrook Valley School, Yatton Keynell.**

"The Ark" was born out of plans to have a "Messy Church" at Bybrook Valley School and will run on the 2nd Saturday of every month. If you are able to help in any way please let Jonathan know, we especially need help with the preparation and serving of food.

## 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 and book into the quiz now!!**

### Thanksgiving and Dedication Service

On **Friday 14th October at 7:30pm** there will be a service at St Margaret's Church, **Yatton Keynell** to thank God for the re-ordering work that has been carried out. Bishop Mike Hill will lead the service and dedicate the new organ.



Come along and support the congregation in Yatton Keynell as we all pray and think about how God will use us all and our buildings to reach out to the communities around us.

### 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.



### Get your shoeboxes ready!

There will be special "Shoebox Sunday" services on **November 6th** at **9:30am** in Biddestone and Yatton Keynell and at **11am** in Burton and Castle combe.

For information on what to pack in the boxes please see:

**[www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)** and click on "how to pack a shoebox" from the menu or look out for the leaflets in church over the next few weeks.