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Transition

This month there is so much to commemorate. There are Apostles, Saints Philip, James and Matthias, the Venerable Bede, Julian of Norwich, John and Charles Wesley. In the Church calendar we have Ascension Day, Pentecost and Trinity Sundays, along with the Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. There is Rogation Sunday, too. Many secular organisations, and religions mark other days.

So many things to think about, so where do I start?

In our rural communities we ask God's blessing on the land and crops on Rogation Sunday.

Ascension Day is forty days after Easter – the last day Jesus was seen by the disciples after his resurrection. It is the day when he was taken up to heaven. It commemorates Jesus's victory over death, which we celebrate on Easter Sunday, and proclaims salvation to all who believe in him.

Pentecost is the day that we remember when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be alongside the disciples, to comfort them and enable them to be bold in declaring and sharing their faith in the Risen Christ.

These things were transitional both for Jesus and the disciples. Our lives are a journey – we know what we've experienced, but we do not know what the future holds.

May is a month of transition. Our lives are a transition from birth to death, from the womb, through ups and downs, culminating in our death and eventual eternal life with Christ.

I pray that this month will be one where we reflect on our inescapable transition from life here and now to life with Christ forever. Jesus said that those who believe in him will never die.

Pat Harris, LLM

EDITOR'S NOTE

If you are a regular or occasional churchgoer, or just interested from afar, please make sure you read our new (and occasional) 'Church News' section for updates on the changes to the organisation, personnel and services of the Benefice.

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CHURCH NEWS

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Meetings about the pastoral reorganisation continue. It is good to know that these those representing their parishes take a mutually-supportive approach, which can only be good for the future of the new Upper Chase benefice.

We have already initiated holding a group service on the third Sunday of the month at each of the parishes in turn, enabling the parishes to join together more frequently. Once David and Henriët Miell leave we will no longer have priests 'on tap', so there will be inevitable changes in the service rotas for the 5 parishes of Chettle, Farnham, Pentridge, Sixpenny Handley with Gussage St Andrew, and Tollard Royal.

We continue to pray that the right person will respond to the advertisement for a priest.

Gill Baverstock

Starting in May, there will be a regular joint service on the third Sunday of each month. This Holy Communion will be a chance to meet old and new friends and neighbours from the new Upper Chase Benefice, as hopefully it will bring in people from across Handley, Pentridge, Gussage St Andrew, Chettle, Farnham and Tollard Royal; and the location of the service will rotate through the churches across the months, giving the churches a chance to host, and everyone a chance to get to visit the churches in the Benefice.

In May it will be at Tollard Royal on 19th May at 11.00am, when there will be a group Holy Communion for Pentecost. There will be refreshments following the service, and a chance to stay and chat. Please do come.

Sixpenny Handley will also be starting a new system, with their Sunday services always at 11am. Specifically, each month:

1st Sunday: Informal lay-led service

2nd Sunday: Holy Communion (Common Worship)

3rd Sunday: group service, as above, with the location rotating

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TOLLARD ROYAL

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On Easter Day (31st March) there was a service of Holy Communion, and all enjoyed the very special floral decorations; thanks goes to the flower ladies for the most beautiful spring flower displays. The noticeboard out by the War Memorial attracted a lot of visitors, which means they are appreciated by a larger audience, who take time to comment in the book that they have really enjoyed the flowers and their visit to our church.

Goodbye Breakfast, Hello Evening Prayer. We are reverting to Evening service for the summer months, so the next one is 28th April at 6.00pm. The three Breakfast Church events held in January, February, and March in the Cart Shed were very well supported – don't worry, they will be back!

Rogation Sunday will be an outdoor service on Sunday, 12th May at 10.30am, with Revd Robert Prance kindly coming out to lead this occasion, and this will be held on the green by the Old Cart Shed. This is when we should be walking the Parish Boundary and asking for blessings on the crops that are being planted; instead, however, we will gather outside with a tractor or two, and our hymns will be accompanied by the fabulous Penwood Brass, Hazel and Mariann, playing two brass instruments with full brass band backing track. The collection will go to a local charity to be decided. So please bring yourselves and your dogs, etc. and join us. There will of course be some refreshments afterwards! If the weather is bad then we will be inside.

On 19th May at 11.00am there will be a group service of Holy Communion for Pentecost at our church, joining with Pentridge, Handley, Gussage St Andrew, Chettle, Farnham and Tollard Royal. There will be refreshments following the service, and a chance to meet some of our neighbours.

Pencil in Saturday, 1st June, 10 till 12, for a pop up coffee morning at the church. The last one was very popular, with cakes and snacks, so we'd love to do it again and see you all there! Plants and garden produce available too.

Date for your diaries: 6th June is the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, and it is hoped that there will be a Beacon, which will join with others lit across the country, and worldwide. Other events will be decided nearer the time. Does anyone have any ideas? Perhaps a village get together?

52 Club winners. March: 1st prize – Karen Kebby; 2nd prize – Richard Shirley
April: 1st prize – Jackie CC; 2nd prize – Elaine Roscoe

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 30th April in the Church at 7.00pm. This is when the election of your Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council will be held, and everyone is welcome and entitled to attend. The Church Electoral Roll will be revised before the meeting and both it and the accounts will be available for inspection in the Church porch 14 days prior to the AGM. There are new challenges to face in the year to come, and we are determined to move forward with 'Faith, Hope and Joy'.

Elections for our Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire are to be held on Thursday, 2nd May, but unfortunately Wiltshire Council have decided to close our Polling Station in the village to save money, and we are now obliged to go to Berwick St John to vote. I have taken this matter up with Nabil Najjar our councillor, and have expressed concern for older residents having to travel 7.5 miles to get to the polling station, but we cannot change anything now. It's also too late to apply for postal votes for *this* election, but you could for the next one – however if we all apply for postal votes then they may just say 'Well now you definitely don't need a polling station!' Let's see what happens next, but if anyone needs a lift to get to Berwick please let Jackie CC know, as we can organise one.

Jackie CC



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Easter Day was celebrated in great style, and those who came were greeted with an abundance of glorious flowers and Easter eggs. Thank you to those who decorated the Church and tidied the churchyard.

A Clean Sweep. The PCC carried out a comprehensive annual clean and clear out of the church – thanks, everyone!

Marmalade Competition. We had 15 wonderful entries this year; sadly Sheila Dillon couldn't make it, so it was judged by a panel of expert marmalade eaters. Competition was fierce, but the winners were Lizzie Mordaunt's dark marmalade and Susan Garnsworthy's light marmalade. Well done all!

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is on Sunday, 28th April at 5.30pm in the church. This is when the election of your Churchwardens and PCC will be held, the church accounts presented, and everyone is welcome and entitled to attend. It will be followed by an Evensong at 6pm.

Flower arrangers and church cleaners for May are Tiger and Lizzie.

Chettle House Open Garden on Saturday, 8th June, from 2pm to 4.30pm. £10 per head for entry, with home-made cream teas in the village hall. Proceeds from the garden opening and cream teas will be going to Chettle church.

Maker's Market. On the same day as the Chettle House Open Garden (Saturday, 8th June) Chettle Village Store will be hosting a 'Maker's Market' in the open wooden barn next to the shop, starting at 10am and finishing around 4pm. Entry is free. Come along and make your mark!

There will be a group Holy Communion for Pentecost at Tollard Royal on Sunday, 19th May at 11.00am, with people from across the new Benefice attending. There will be refreshments after, and a chance to chat.

Sixpenny Handley will now be holding services at 11am on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, including two Holy Communions – see Church News for more details.

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Coffee Morning this month will be held on Wednesday, 1st May at Hill House Rectory, the home of Sara-Jane and Roger Newenham, from 10.30am. Everyone is most welcome.

There will be a Pet Service at Farnham Church on Sunday, 5th May at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend and, if you have a pet to bring along, then so much the better. Please do not worry about your pet's behaviour in church – we have not found this to be a problem; all the animals seem to get along well whilst they are in church – and we don't have fitted carpets! The service will be 30-40 minutes long and there will be refreshments afterwards.

From the Parish Council

Whilst there will be town and parish council elections on 2nd May, an election will not be required for Farnham Parish Council as the election is uncontested.

On Monday, 13th May we will be holding our Annual Meeting of Council at 6.30pm, followed by the Annual Parish Open Meeting at 7.30pm in 'The Shed' at the Museum Inn. The purpose of the Open Meeting is to inform you of what has been achieved during the past year and to receive your feedback/input. It is important to us to hear your views and any concerns that you may have.

Penny Everard, Chairman

Plant Sale. This will be on Saturday, 18th May from 10.00am to 1pm on the Winklebury driveway. The Farnham Allotmenters will be selling plants, and Gail and Ed will be happy to accept any spares you may have for sale at Winklebury Cottage prior to the event. We hope people will stop by to see what is on offer. The church will be offering the refreshments, so it will be a good opportunity to stay and chat over tea/coffee and cake.

Garden Gathering Event.

The Old Smithy and The Old Rectory will be open to visitors on Friday, 31st May in aid of the Horatio's Garden charity. Please see advertisement in this magazine (after the Farnham section).

Village Drinks Party. The Church will be hosting a drinks party on Sunday, 2nd June from 12 noon to 2pm. Tickets at £7 each (to include first drink and nibbles) will be available shortly from Roger Newenham and Gill Baverstock. Our thanks go to Vicky and Peter Forbes for hosting in their garden at The Old Rectory.

Allotment Association.

The "Spud in a Bag" competition uptake has been very positive. There are still a few spuds available on the Winklebury driveway, or ask Ed Sadd if he has any. Doubtless there will be some serious competition, and we look forward to the keenly anticipated big reveal on Sunday, 11th August at the Allotment Gathering.

There are still plots available at the allotment, so please speak to Ed Sadd if you are interested in joining a friendly and enthusiastic (most of the time, depending on weather conditions) bunch of people.

Book Swap. Thanks to Ed and Gail Sadd for putting so much effort into giving the phone box a spruce up. We now need some drier weather to continue to protect the contents.

Easter Day service was taken by Henriët Miell, and we were fortunate to have Adrian Jones to play the organ so that we could sing some glorious Easter Hymns in the surroundings of our most beautifully decorated church. A number stayed afterwards for bacon rolls, something which we hope to be able to do again.

At the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting held on 12th April, Gill Baverstock was re-elected as churchwarden. Tim Tustin has decided to stand down from the PCC and we thank him sincerely for his input. Roger Newenham kindly continues as PCC Treasurer. The Church Annual Report was delivered to every household, and we hope it was informative. With just 2 people on the Parochial Church Council, it is imperative for the future of Farnham Church that others who are on the church electoral roll come forward to increase the membership of the PCC. If you are interested in supporting in this way, please speak to Gill Baverstock.

50 Club Results

April: 1st – Helen Hodgson; 2nd – Trish Chorley; 3rd – Jenny Richards

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- 3rd May 1841 New Zealand was declared a British colony.
- 5th May 1821 Napoleon Bonaparte, “the Little Corporal”, died in exile on the remote British island of St. Helena. He was 51.
- 6th May 1954 Roger Bannister was the first man to run a mile in under 4 minutes, at the Iffley Road Sports Ground, Oxford.
- 7th May 1945 Nazi Germany surrendered to the Allies at Rheims and the war in Europe ended. VE Day is the following day.
- 8th May 1429 The French warrior maiden, Joan of Arc, led the Dauphin’s troops to victory over the English laying siege to Orleans.
- 9th May 1887 Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show opens in London.
- 10th May 1940 Winston Churchill became British Prime Minister, promising people nothing but “blood, toil, tears and sweat”.
- 12th May 1926 End of the only General Strike in British history.
- 16th May 1943 RAF Lancaster bombers destroyed two huge dams using Dr Barnes Wallis’s bouncing bombs.
- 19th May 1536 Anne Boleyn (29), King Henry VIII’s second wife, was beheaded in London. The charges against her included incest with her brother and four counts of adultery.
- 20th May 1191 English King Richard I ‘the Lion Heart’ conquered Cyprus.
- 23rd May 878 King Alfred defeated the Danes at Edington, Wiltshire.
- 24th May 1809 Dartmoor Prison in Devon is opened to house French prisoners of war.
- 27th May 1657 Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell refuses parliament’s offer of the title King of England.
- 29th May 1660 Charles Stuart became King Charles II, restoring England’s monarchy after Cromwell’s commonwealth.
- 30th May 1536 Eleven days after he had his wife Anne Boleyn beheaded, King Henry VIII marries Jane Seymour, former lady-in-waiting to Anne.

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- **Sunday, 23rd June**, at 7.15pm, a Soirée at Holy Trinity Church, Stourpaine: Music for Bassoon and Piano.

Both Soirées have free entrance; any profit from the retiring collection goes to the host church. Email christopherdowie@gmail.com for more info.

Save the date: The Wimborne Choral Society and Wimborne Chamber Orchestra have a concert on Saturday, 29th June at 7.30 pm, at Wimborne Minster. It is a Celebration of the 47 years since Christopher Dowie founded the choir. Tickets and more info at www.wimbornechoralsociety.org.uk, or you can get tickets at Square Records in Wimborne, or through Jim Kirk (07777 666864, j.kirk.55@btinternet.com).

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TWINNING WITH A TWIST

London choir joins Dorset Voices

Blandford Forum will be alive with the sound of music this late May bank holiday, as an acclaimed London choir joins local singers and musicians for two major performances.

Under the auspices of the Milton and Blandford Deanery, The New Tottenham Singers will travel from north London to perform with Dorset Voices, a choir drawn from choral societies and vocal ensembles across the Dorset region especially for the occasion. On **Saturday, 25th May**, the twinned choirs will perform 'The Dream Ticket' at Blandford Forum, featuring two major choral works – Gabriel Fauré's hauntingly beautiful *Requiem* and John Rutter's thrilling *Gloria* – alongside other music.

Members of the combined choirs will also lead a choral evensong at Blandford Parish Church on **Sunday, 26th May**, including John Stainer's expansive anthem *I Saw The Lord* and a set of responses written by Tom Fowkes, musical director and founder of the New Tottenham Singers, for Merton College, Oxford.

Tom Fowkes is equally at home in a West End theatre pit as on a concert stage or in the chancel of a church; the New Tottenham Singers he founded bring 35 choristers and a wealth of musical talent from London, including their internationally acclaimed organist Stephen Disley, formerly of Southwark Cathedral, to put Blandford Parish Church's unique 18th Century instrument through its paces. In addition to the talents of the Dorset Voices, Blandford's rich musical pedigree is further represented by a professional brass and percussion ensemble sourced locally from the ranks of notable orchestras and other groups.

Tom said: "It is genuinely exciting to bring so many voices together in this way, linking people and communities from very different places with a shared passion for this wonderful music. I am looking forward to my first rehearsal with the joint choirs next month, especially with the knowledge that the Dorset audience will be out in force to hear our efforts on the night."

Revd David Miell, Rural Dean of the Milton and Blandford Deanery, said: "We are hoping the whole weekend will be a festival of glorious choral music focused on the beautiful Georgian church at the heart of our Deanery."

THE DREAM TICKET

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Requiem

RUTTER

Gloria



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Church Services

Some terms explained

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HC: Holy Communion, also called 'The Eucharist' and, by some, 'Mass'. If taken by a non-ordained person then it is 'by extension'.

BCP: Book of Common Prayer, published in 1662 and still an accepted form of liturgy.

CW: Common Worship. A form of service, launched 2000, which uses modern language.

'Said': no hymns in the service.

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CHURCH SERVICES MAY 2024

5th May		Sixth Sunday of Easter		1st Sunday
9.00am	Pentridge	Holy Communion (BCP)		
10.30am	Farnham	Pet Service		
10.30am	Tarrant Hinton	Family Communion		
11.00am	Sixpenny Handley	Informal Service		
6.00pm	Tarrant Gunville	Evensong		
9th May		Ascension Day		Thursday
6.00pm	Stourpaine	Holy Communion		
7.00pm	Sixpenny Handley	Holy Communion (CW)		
12th May		Sunday after Ascension Day		2nd Sunday
9.00am	<i>TBC*</i>	Gussage St Andrew	Matins (BCP)	<i>*TBC</i>
9.00am		Tarrant Monkton	Holy Communion (BCP)	
9.15am		Tarrant Hinton	Breakfast Together in V Hall	
		Tarrant Gunville	See Tarrant Gunville	
10.00am		Chettle	Morning Service	
10.30am		Tollard Royal	Rogation Service at Cart Shed	
11.00am		Sixpenny Handley	Holy Communion (CW)	
19th May		Pentecost		3rd Sunday
11.00am		Tollard Royal	Upper Chase Joint Service of Holy Communion (CW)	
26th May		Trinity Sunday		4th Sunday
9.00am	<i>TBC*</i>	Gussage St Andrew	Holy Communion (BCP)	<i>*TBC</i>
10.30am		Tarrant Monkton	Worship for All	
10:30am		Tarrant Hinton	Hinton Half Hour	
11.00am		Sixpenny Handley	Holy Communion (CW)	
6.00pm		Tollard Royal	Evensong	
6.00pm		Chettle	Evensong with short HC after	

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Mother Teresa of Avila

“Greet every morning with open arms and say thanks every night with a full heart. Each day is a precious gift to be savoured and used, not left unopened and hoarded for a future that may never come.”

Regina Brett, American author and inspirational speaker