

POOLE AND NORTH BOURNEMOUTH DEANERY NEWSHEET

November 2021

The Deanery covers Poole, and also includes areas around including parts of Bournemouth, plus Broadstone, Lytchett Minster, Upton and Lytchett Matravers. Although the Channel Islands have joined Salisbury Diocese we are not intending to include their items unless any receiving this Newsheet would like to be included. The same applies to West Purbeck as we are not sure either whether the church fellowships and congregations from Wool to Bere Regis would be interested in news and items from the Poole and North Bournemouth area. A copy of this sheet may be found on the Salisbury Diocesan pages if required. News of a community nature locally is now freely available from BCP Council, ARCH a community group in Canford Heath, the Police and more.

INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST

WILLIAM TEMPLE ASSOCIATION

Bournemouth William Temple Association's meetings have now returned, and will be welcomed by those who have enjoyed their events in past years at the Marsham Court Hotel with optional dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a talk and question time from 8.10 p.m. The season running from October to May includes talks on "The Work of Christian Aid", "Jews and the Trinity Taboo", "The Climate Crisis" and "Ignatian Spirituality". Full information and costs are available from John Newbold at jjnewbold@btinternet.com.

HELPING AFGHAN REFUGEES

During a recent meeting of Churches Together in Poole attendees were made aware that it is likely that Afghan refugee families may have the opportunity to be housed in the BCP area. Self contained accommodation will be needed and should any local congregations or fellowships be able to help, the e-mail to contact for details is r.fell@ICN.org.uk.

HILFIELD PRIORY EVENTS

Details of any current events at the Priory are now available on the website at www.hilfieldfriary.org.uk and also at 01300 341741. For more immediate help e-mail contact is hilfieldssf@franciscans.org.uk.

MESSY CHURCH FUTURE

As a result of the pandemic, it is possible that some groups involved for local schools with Messy Church may have problems with missing former members in coming months. Suzie Roberts from Longfleet Baptist Church is wondering if it might be worth forming a Messy Church "team" to help sustain this important work, particularly where a local church realises it no longer has the resources. If this means your church, then the contact is revsuzie.longfleetbc@gmail.com.

AFTER THE PANDEMIC STORM

In the first week of November, St Aldhelm's Church in Branksome will be hosting a time of reflection, remembrance and even forward looking with this title and theme. Aimed at those who want to make sense of what has happened in their lives, and intended for those of all faiths and none it begins at 8 a.m. on Thursday, November 4th and will be continuing with an hour of silence from 9 a.m. and then open with displays, a chance to meet and chat with others over a cuppa at 3 p.m., and visit until 8 p.m. The church will continue to be open in a similar way until Wednesday, 10th, including normal services. The church office for full details is 01202 764420.

CHRISTMAS TREES

In past years many local churches have taken the opportunity to include festive details with using Christmas trees not only in a festive way, but also that they are decorated by members of the local community. St Aldhelm's Church in Branksome tell us they will be doing this again this year, although the usual accompanying musical events in the evening will not be happening for safety reasons at the moment. St Aldhelm's is asking those involved to focus on a theme of "Hope and Re-Creation".

ROUTES TO ROOTS

News about the work being done to redevelop the former Hill Street Baptist Church in the centre of Poole High Street has been going on even during recent difficulties due to the Covid pandemic. The original Phase 2 work has been mostly completed in spite of Phase 1 being interrupted. If all goes well, the charity is now hoping towards activities being up and running even in December or next January. The venue will in future be known as the Genesis Centre. Meanwhile, drop-ins and other assistance will continue at Skinner Street United Reformed Church. Funding raising continues, inevitably, for current permits and ongoing work next year. More information from www.routestoroots.org/charity/donations.

THE POOLE PASSION

Yes, it is really true. "Outlook" the parish magazine of St Peter and St Osmund with Branksea St Mary, Parkstone has further details from the Chairman of the Poole Passion group, Clive Balaam. The new play has the title of "Footsteps" and will be performed, from April 5th to 9th. To be involved you need to be aged 7 or older, though no upper age is mentioned. These days folks of 80 and more get involved in marathons, so.... Needed help will be acting, assisting with technical work, theatrical make up, publicity, backstage work or front of house finance and information. Meetings for those interested are on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at St Peter's Church starting with refreshments at 6.15 pm.

A FEW UPCOMING EVENTS THIS YEAR

Please make sure before attending any event that it is actually happening in some form, and certainly before making a wasted journey. Restrictions may continue at times to be in force for various places and communities.

NOVEMBER

Monday, 1 – Bournemouth William Temple Association, Marsham Court Hotel, Russell-Cotes Road with guest speakers Mr Robert Pearce and Mr Tom Sanders on “The Work of Christian Aid”. Optional dinner at 7 p.m. and talk and questions from 8.10 p.m.

Sunday, 7 – “Time to Remember” commemoration service giving thanks for lives of those loved and lost, St Michael’s Church, Hamworthy, 4 p.m.

Monday, 8 – Salisbury Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship meets at St John’s Church, Leigh Road, Wimborne, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Speaker is James Lawrence from CPAS on “Leading the Church into Evangelism”. Take packed lunch for discussion from around 12 p.m.

Sunday, 14 – Remembrance Sunday.

Thursday, 18 – “The Global Rainbow” public art should be seen overhead over night from Poole to Hengistury Head to 20th. Also possibly visible from Winchester to the Isle of Wight.

Saturday, 20 – Bournemouth Male Voice Choir in Concert at St Aldhelm’s Church, Branksome at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, 27 – Christmas Fayre, St John’s Church, Broadstone, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission £2 to include drink and mince pie.

DECEMBER

Saturday, 4 – Christmas Tree Festival with decorations by local schools, charities and businesses, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Santa due to visit 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Christmas Fayre, Church of the Transfiguration, Canford Cliffs, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Christmas Fair hosted by the Friends of Hamworthy Park and Hamworthy Churches, St Michael’s Church Centre, 12 noon.

Monday, 6 – Bournemouth William Temple Association, Marsham Court Hotel, Russell-Cotes Road with guest speaker Rabbi Mark Solomon, Interfaith Consultant for Liberal Judaism from Leo Baeck College on “Jews and the Trinity Taboo”. Optional dinner at 7 p.m. and talk and questions from 8.10 p.m.

Friday, 10 – Churches Together in Poole meeting, Rose Hall, the Spire, Poole High Street, 12.30 p.m. (Take picnic lunch).

Saturday, 11 – Christmas Eco friendly crafts with refreshments and music, St John’s Church, Broadstone, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Admission free, but booking recommended.

Saturday, 19 – Candlelight Carols with Broadstone Community Band, St John’s Church, Broadstone, 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 21 – Quiet “Longest Night” Service St John’s Church, Broadstone, 6 p.m.
Private candlelighting from 5 p.m.

Friday, 24 – Christingle Services, St John’s Church, Broadstone, 3 and 6 p.m.

2022 (Further events for diaries)

JANUARY

Monday, 11 – Bournemouth William Temple Association, Marsham Court Hotel, Russell-Cotes Road with guest speaker Mr Mark Chivers, Co-Founder and Project Lead of “Zero Carbon Dorset”, on “The Climate Crisis and its Solutions”. Optional dinner at 7 p.m. and talk and questions from 8.10 p.m.

Wednesday, 19 – Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, St Edward’s School, Poole.

FEBRUARY

Monday, 7 – Bournemouth William Temple Association, Marsham Court Hotel, Russell-Cotes Road with guest speaker the Rt Rev Karen Gorham, Bishop of Sherborne on “Pilgrimage”. Optional dinner at 7 p.m. and talk and questions from 8.10 p.m.

Tuesday, 15 – Poole and North Bournemouth Deanery Synod, 7.30 p.m. Venue tbc.

Wednesday, 23 – Christian Resources Exhibition, Westpoint, Exeter to 24th.

MARCH

Monday, 7 – Bournemouth William Temple Association, Marsham Court Hotel, Russell-Cotes Road with guest speaker Father Paul Keys of St Catherine’s Church, Wimborne on “Ignatian Spirituality and Discernment”. Optional dinner at 7 p.m. and talk and questions from 8.10 p.m.

APRIL

Monday, 4 – Bournemouth William Temple Association, Marsham Court Hotel, Russell-Cotes Road with guest speaker the Rev Dr David Hilborn, Principal of Moorlands College on “The Work of Moorlands College”. Optional dinner at 7 p.m. and talk and questions from 8.10 p.m.

Tuesday, 5 – Poole Passion Play “Footsteps” to 9th.

MAY

Monday, 11 – Bournemouth William Temple Association, Marsham Court Hotel, Russell-Cotes Road with guest speaker the Rt Rev Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Southampton. Optional dinner at 7 p.m. and talk and questions from 8.10 p.m.

Thursday, 12 - Churches Together in Poole AGM, 12.30 p.m. Venue tba.

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Summary of useful addresses and websites from previous Newsheets:

www.salisbury.anglican.org with details to comms@salisbury.anglican.org
Don't forget your news and interesting photos for *Grapevine*.

Interesting events which you may feel do not come within a church related system can go to solentplanning@bbc.co.uk.

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