



# The By Brook News

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For news and info from across the By Brook Group

## Monthly Diary

### Family Services

2nd Sept	9:30am	Nettleton/Burton (SWAS), Yatton Keynell
9th Sept	9:30am	<b>Biddestone</b>
	3:00pm	<b>Littleton Drew</b> (Harvest SWAS), <b>Slaughterford</b> (Harvest)
16th Sept	11:00am	<b>Castle Combe</b> (Harvest)
30th Sept	9:30am	Biddestone (Harvest)

### Holy Communion (HC) Services

2nd Sept	9:30am	Biddestone, North Wraxall (BCP), West Kington
	11:00am	Castle Combe
9th Sept	9:30am	<b>Yatton Keynell</b>
	11:00am	<b>Grittleton, Nettleton/Burton</b>
16th Sept	9:30am	Biddestone, <b>North Wraxall</b>
30th Sept	11:00am	Grittleton (BCP),

### Evensong

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

9th Sept	6:00pm	North Wraxall	TGIS
14th Sept	7:30pm	Nettleton/Burton	Harvest TGIF
16th Sept	9:30am	Yatton Keynell	Food for Thought
16th Sept	6:00pm	<b>West Kington</b>	<b>Village Celebration</b>
23rd Sept	10:00am	Biddestone	Benefice Service
28th Sept	7:30pm	Castle Combe	TGIF
30th Sept	9:30am	Nettleton/Burton	BBC
30th Sept	6:00pm	North Wraxall	Celtic Communion

### Edward Bear

7th Sept 10:00am St Nicholas, Biddestone  
Please contact us for info about Edward Bear in Castle Combe

**The Ark** 8th Sept 10:00am By Brook Valley School

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

### Morning Prayer

Rectory, 3 Church Farm, Yatton Keynell **every Thursday** at 9:00am

For more information about Edward Bear, the Ark and Messy Church, please see the children and young people section of our website.

E100 Introductory services are shown above in **bold italic**.

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

## Coming soon to a Church near you

Earlier this year, a number of you very kindly sponsored me to do the Wrong Way Round Cycle Ride. The money raised was for mission and ministry across the By Brook Benefice, and so I just wanted to give you some idea of what some of the money has already been spent on.

You may have seen in the By Brook News already that we are planning to begin Open the Book at By Brook Valley School. Some of the money has gone towards buying the resources that we will need to get going.

Over the coming weeks, you will spot some new Bible appearing. With translations appropriate to each parish, some of the money has gone towards funding these so that those who would find it helpful to follow what is being read can do so - you just need to ask for one when you come to a service.

Some of the money has been used to provide some worship resources for the ministry team so that we can plan relevant and meaningful worship across the benefice.

There will be more to come, but I just wanted to let you know what the money is being used for, and to encourage us that there are good things coming because of it. With every blessing, Jonathan

## Reading God's word together

Last month in our E100 readings, we looked at the role of the "Judges" in maintaining the relationship between God and the people of Israel. This month, we find Israel with their first appointed king - Saul. Saul begins well until he too disobeys God and is succeeded by one of the most famous characters in the Old Testament - David. This is one of the greatest periods in Israel's history, and points us towards the greatest King who is still to come - Jesus himself.

1. Samuel listens to God	1 Samuel 1:1 - 3:21
2. King Saul	1 Samuel 8:1 - 10:27
3. David and Goliath	1 Samuel 16:1 - 18:16
4. David and Saul	1 Samuel 23:7 - 24:22
5. King David	2 Samuel 5:1 - 7:29

As you read the passages, ask yourself what they teach you about who God is, and what do they say to you personally?

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### Prayer Matters.....

- Please continue to pray for all that you see in this newsletter and those involved in different activities. **Ask God to show you where you can be part of His church in your community.**
- Pray for those who are preparing to be **married or having a blessing of their marriage** in the benefice this month: Dan Bould & Imogen Taylor, Mark Barrow & Nerys Davies, Ian Simmonds & Melissa Conway, Mr & Mrs Tim Salter.
- Pray and continue to give thanks for those who have been **baptised** in the benefice this year.
- Pray for St Mary's Church in **Grittleton**, for the churchwardens Doug and Rindi, and for the work of the church in the community there.
- Pray for the ongoing situation in **Syria**, for all those are caught up in the violence, and for wisdom for the world leaders who are considering the right course of action.
- Give thanks that the Olympics was such a time of celebration, and pray that as a nation we might be able to continue to find things to celebrate. Pray also that we as churches would find the opportunity to celebrate the good things that happen in our communities.
- Pray for our local farmers as we come to the time when we celebrate harvest. Give thanks for all those who work so hard to provide us with our food. Pray for fair prices for all that our farmers produce for us.

### New email address for the Benefice Office

For those of you that have the benefice office email address in your address book, please can you change it to the new (slightly simpler) email address which is now in use.

**bybrook.office@gmail.com**

### Harvest Services

Harvest services will be taking place across the benefice during September and October. Although we mark most of the rural services during the year, harvest is the one rural service that every church will celebrate. Harvest in one form or another has been celebrated pretty much since humans first planted seeds. Today we celebrate harvest firstly to pray for and remember those who are working the land in order to provide us with the food that we need, and secondly to acknowledge our dependence on God who has created it all to sustain us.

A number of churches will also be holding harvest lunches so that we can join together in fellowship over a meal. If you are interested in finding out more, please ask if your church is doing a meal.

### Confirmation

In November there is a deanery confirmation service, and we already have 3 candidates attending from the benefice. If you would like to be confirmed, please let Rev Jonathan Philpott know. Once we know how many candidates we have, we will give further details of preparation.

What is confirmation?

<http://www.churchofengland.org/weddings-baptisms-funerals/baptism-confirmation/confirmation.aspx>

### Bible Study groups

In the next few months, we are hoping to set up a number of informal groups for people to come together and learn more about the Bible with others. Small groups like this can be really helpful ways of learning together, and realising that lots of other people have the same questions that you have. They can be a lot of fun, and a place of great support and friendship. If you would be interested in joining one of these groups please contact Rev Jonathan Philpott.

### Dates for your diary!

- **Cafe Church** takes place at **St Margaret's Church, Yatton Keynell** every Tuesday from 10am for coffee and homemade cake with lunches from 12 until 1pm.
- You can enjoy coffee and cakes at **St Nicholas Church, Biddestone** every Thursday morning from 10:30am.
- **St Mary's Church, Nettleton & Burton** hold a lunch club on the second Wednesday of every month from 12:15-1:15pm.
- **Slaughterford Fayre**, Saturday 8th September.
- **Grittleton Fete**, Sunday 16th September, 1-5pm, Grittleton House School.

### Open the Book

'Open the Book' is a programme of dramatized Bible stories each lasting around 10 minutes which fit into a school assembly. It relies on teams of volunteers who are willing to use mime, drama, props, costumes - even the children and staff themselves to present Bible stories in ways that are engaging, informative and fun.

It is all scripted and very simple so you don't need to be a RADA graduate or even have any experience - just a passion to see every child hear the story of the Bible in their primary school years.

We hope to start in September at **Bybrook Valley school** and that we will go in monthly on a Thursday afternoon.

**Please** speak to Rev Jonathan Philpott if you are able to help with this - even if its just occasionally. You don't have to live in Yatton Keynell!! See **www.openthebook.net** for details.