

### Welcome to our Twenty-second 'Together News'.

I remember the story of a young boy who was put to bed one night and within an hour his mum heard a terrific crash. He'd fallen out of bed. Comforting him, she asked why it had happened. 'I guess I didn't move away from where I got in,' he said. This child was wise beyond his years.

It happens so often – in our faith, our understanding of people, developing a skill – we sometimes never get beyond where we first started, we never move on.

'Moving on' is very much the theme we will be exploring in our shared lives together over the next couple of months and we are offering a number of opportunities to help you to 'move on' in your personal faith, walk with Jesus and experience of the Holy Spirit in your life. I have been reflecting on what the Apostle Peter writes to the church in Asia Minor, scattered because of persecution. He writes *'But continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory, now and for ever. Amen.'*

**ALPHA COURSE** - To encourage this growth we will continue to meet together for worship on Sundays and Pray together at our 'Still' Prayer Meetings on Thursdays. But new for this term is the ALPHA Course which begins on Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup> for six weeks. We really want everyone to join us as this will be a wonderful opportunity to (1) reflect upon those things that are at the core of our shared experience as Christians and (2) encourage us to be more positive about sharing our faith with others in our communities. You can join the course via ZOOM and we encourage you to invite someone to sit with you in your home to journey through the course with you. **PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL KATE IF YOU ARE JOINING US** and she will let you have the details to join the Zoom Meeting. Sessions will run from 8-9pm with opportunity for chat/coffee etc. before and afterwards. Pick up a leaflet at the back of the church or visit our website for information [www.newforestparishes.com/alpha](http://www.newforestparishes.com/alpha)

**THE LIVING ROOM** - I have been thinking about how we use technology to share our faith stories with the wider community (and world!) Obviously, recording videos is very time consuming and the time that was available during lockdown to do this is no longer available to me. However, because it is important to maintain and sharpen our on-line presence, in October we hope to start a weekly 10 minute broadcast on our YouTube Channel (New Forest Benefice) called '**THE LIVING ROOM**'. Each week we will broadcast a 10 minute interview with members of our church, parishes and wider church family about their faith story, and what 'new life in Jesus' means and looks like to them.

**IMPROVEMENTS TO AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT** - Improvements to the quality and reliability of our livestreamed services and improvements to the audio/visual support for ministry is underway. Christ Church has a new smart TV and CD Recorder. All Saints' will have a new sound system installed soon and improvements to the sound system at St Michael's will be completed by the end of September.

**APCMs** - We are preparing for our delayed APCM's and so please look out for dates and details about the electoral roll, election of PCC Members and Church Wardens.

It could all get a bit busy as we move towards a 'new normal' but let's not get so busy that we neglect our own faith stories. Let's make our shared priority to 'grow in grace and understanding', to be more attentive to our prayer lives and bible reading, listening to God expressing our faith in worship as we gather in fellowship together to keep faith alive and hope strong.

As we begin our this third year in the Benefice, Ann and I praise God for that is past and trust him for all that's to come as we 'move on together confident that God hasn't finished with us or our communities yet.

Grace and Peace

*David, Ann and Clarrie*

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### REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR THE ALPHA COURSE

Call or email Kate [communications@newforestparishes.com](mailto:communications@newforestparishes.com) or call 07776 221663.  
Visit [www.newforestparishes.com/alpha](http://www.newforestparishes.com/alpha)

### WINTER FUEL PAYMENTS



Unfortunately we are not able to hold our Lyndhurst Christmas Market this year which means that we will not be raising money for church funds as we have done on previous years. The suggestion has been made that perhaps those who receive the winter fuel payment who feel that they don't need it could gift aid it to church funds to compensate for the shortfall in our income. This is something that would really help support ministry at Christ Church and All Saints 'too.

### BIBLE SUNDAY

We will be marking Bible Sunday this year in our Sunday Services on 25<sup>th</sup> October. As we reflect on the centrality of the Bible to our worship and witness, everyone attending services on this Sunday will be given an attractive edition of Mark's Gospel with the intention that they give it away. This beautifully illustrated Gospel is designed in a magazine-style and printed on quality paper, making it an attractive gift to give away to your friends, colleagues and family, people who visit your church and those in your community who are exploring faith.



If you are not at the services on 25<sup>th</sup> but would like a bible to pass on, please contact Suzanne at the Benefice Office and we will make sure you get a copy. There is of course a cost in providing these bibles so donations marked 'for Bible Sunday 'will be welcome. Each copy amazingly only costs £1 and we have ordered 200! Please put donations in Sunday Offering, or pass to David or to the Benefice Office.

### DRY ROT OUTBREAK AT ST MICHAEL'S



Unfortunately we an extensive outbreak of dry rot at St Michael's. We are taking measures to have the area treated which will possibly cause some disruption to our use of the church building in the near future. We will of course keep everyone informed. Across the Benefice, there are a number of folk who look after our beautiful church buildings and we are so thankful to all of them for the care they take in keeping an eye on the fabric of our church buildings and churchyards. Please pray for a speedy solution of the problem at

St Michael's and for Kate as she investigates and submits applications for grants to cover the cost of repair and replacement of infected materials.

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## THE LIVING ROOM

Every Friday after 8am (from 2<sup>nd</sup> October) on our YouTube Channel 'New Forest Benefice' listen to us as we chat about our **NEW LIFE** in Jesus. Listen to what people are saying about what **NEW LIFE** in Jesus means for them. What difference has your faith in Jesus made in your life?

*"Life wasn't over after all"*

*"I have hope again in my life"*

*"Life just got better"*

*"My life now has a purpose"*

*"I feel **alive** again"*

*David would love to interview you about what New Life in Jesus means to you. David is making recordings NOW! Get involved and share your story. Call 07468 527827 or email [david.potterton@newforestparishes.com](mailto:david.potterton@newforestparishes.com)*

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### Parish Church Opening Times for Private Prayer

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| St Michael's, Lyndhurst   | Wednesday | 8am – 10am |
| Christ Church, Emery Down | Wednesday | 3pm – 6pm  |

### This Week's Services

All **LIVE** services are accessed via **Facebook**.

Booking is required for all Services. Visit [www.newforestparishes.com/booking](http://www.newforestparishes.com/booking)

**Facebook** - <https://www.facebook.com/benefice.newforest/>

**Website** - <https://www.newforestparishes.com/Worship>

**YouTube** - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOOjetLI-NZ7M3Kpy1tH8w/featured?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOOjetLI-NZ7M3Kpy1tH8w/featured?view_as=subscriber)

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| Sunday<br>6th September | <u>9:30am</u> | Sunday Worship ONLINE | LIVESTREAM via Facebook from<br>St Michael's |
| Sunday<br>6th September | <u>9.30am</u> | Sunday Worship        | St Michael and All Angels,<br>Lyndhurst      |
| Sunday<br>6th September | <u>11am</u>   | Sunday Worship        | Christ Church, Emery Down                    |
| Sunday<br>6th September | <u>11am</u>   | Sunday Worship        | All Saints' Church, Minstead                 |

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| <b>Wednesday</b><br>9th September | <b><u>7:30pm</u></b>                     | <b>#Replay</b><br><b>If you missed Sunday, please join us Wednesday evening.</b> | <b>St Michael and All Angels, Lyndhurst</b>  |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>(Every week)   | <b><u>9.30am</u></b>                     | <b><u>STILL Online Prayer Meeting</u></b>  | <b><a href="https://www.zoom.us/join">https://www.zoom.us/join</a><br/>ID: 774 5029 4172<br/>PW: still</b> |
| <b>Tuesday 15th September</b>     | <b><u>8-9pm</u></b><br>Join us from 7:30 | <b>Week 1 of 6 - Alpha Course.</b>   | <b>In small groups and on Zoom. Details to follow.</b>   |

## We are looking for a Children and Families Minister in Lyndhurst

Our plans for a Children and Families Minister were somewhat paused through lockdown but never far from our thoughts. This role will be an essential 'hub' for our Church life at St Michael's and Lyndhurst community so our search continues.

Please contact David for further details or visit [www.newforestparishes.com/recruitment](http://www.newforestparishes.com/recruitment)



Which boxes can you tick?

- I am a committed disciple of Jesus
- I am passionate when it comes to making and growing disciples
- I am a confident communicator with a passion for connecting with children and families
- I am able to build and lead teams effectively
- I am faith filled, family friendly and fun loving

Did you ✓ any boxes? If you did, then get in touch because . . .

**We're appointing a Children and Families Minister to the Parish of St Michael & All Angels, Lyndhurst, Hampshire, situated in the Capital of the New Forest.**

We're offering a 3 Year Contract comprising 21 hours a week for first year with option increase to 37.5 hours as the ministry grows.

Salary £15,000k (21 hrs per week) with accommodation  
(Studio Apartment in Lyndhurst + payment of all utility bills)

To Apply:

Download Application Pack from [www.newforestparishes.com](http://www.newforestparishes.com)

**Applications to reach us no later than Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**Benefice Office 02380 283175 (Mon to Fri 0930 -1130)**

**Text 07468 527820 if you would like to chat & we'll call you back.**

**The appointment will be subject to enhanced DBS disclosure.**

**Interviews in Lyndhurst on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**

**Benefice of Lyndhurst, and Emery Down & Minstead**

**Keeping Faith Alive and Hope Strong**

# SPOTLIGHT

## on Margaret Wood



### **What do you / have you done over the years at St Michaels.**

As a Family we have been coming to St Michael and All Angels Church for approximately 44yrs and enjoyed many Church experiences, from making friends of all ages and joining in different activities which included increasing our knowledge of the Bible. It led me from offering to make the Orange juice /tea/coffee to becoming Church Warden. This in itself was a wonderful experience where I grew in confidence, supported by the 'team' and Congregation, and my Family. Over 7yrs, two Vicars Rev Alan Graham and Rev Peter Murphy and an Interregnum. Our Children were all in the Church Choir which led to Concerts, Congregation Family Singing, Picnics and games together again all ages included. Creating the 'Easter Garden with help from the Children. Fund Raising in the Community Centre, Social activities such as Barn Dancing and eating together. With this new found confidence I became a Server and took turns to read from the Bible during the Service. I also became a 'Lay Pastor' and visited by request to give Communion to those who were housebound.

### **What made you want to help?**

It just seemed natural to offer to be part of Church Family activities or to say Yes when asked, though I didn't quite know what to do.

### **What do you enjoy most about it.**

Getting to know people better, feeling a sense of belonging, knowing I'm helping.....we all have a part to play and use / discover our talents. I love welcoming people and making sure they are comfortable.

### **What do you do when you are not helping out at Church.?**

I love meeting up with friends, cooking a meal, going to the theatre for Plays, Music or Ballet. I also love to paint and continue to learn on all accounts. Family comes first and Terry and I are Blessed with three lovely Children, now grown up, and 4 Grandchildren who continue to show us other aspects of their life in this World.

### **Is there anything you enjoyed during Lockdown ?**

We took great joy from our garden, again feeling very blessed, we became so aware of growth and changes in seasonal flowers and leaves unfurling, the enormous Peace, then bird-song. We were slowing down and appreciating our surroundings , and each other...The wonderful way 'Community Hub' sprang into action and caring neighbours who we really needed.

### **What one thing would you like to see happen, in light of the changes from Lockdown?**

I would like to see us all play a part in the 'giving' to each other in the Community, bringing Church outside in all we do.

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## Eco Church

### Read

Isaiah 65: 17-25 or listen <https://soundcloud.com/christ-church-winchester/the-glorious-new-creation-isaiah-65-david-rowe-18th-march-2018-600pm>

(A recording from Christ Church, Winchester: including Luke 14: 15-24 – The Parable Of The Great Banquet – with sermon)



### Reflection on Jubilee for the Earth (from the guide to 2020 Season of Creation)

Climate change is a result of the intersection of greed, inequality and destruction of God's earth. The theme of Jubilee is chosen for this year's Season of Creation as it reflects those three interlocking themes. Jubilee is a time to renounce overconsumption and economic systems based on constant economic growth at the cost of the Earth and those who are poor. Jubilee is a time when those who have consumed the most must make restitution to those who have suffered the most. Jubilee is a time of rest for the land from constant exploitation, to restore ecosystems and people.

The concept of Jubilee is rooted in the holy wisdom that there must exist a just and sustainable balance between social, economic and ecological realities. When one variable is exploited to maximise growth of another, the whole system will eventually suffer. When one part of the Earth community is stressed, every part is affected. In 2020, the novel coronavirus pandemic demonstrated this reality on a global scale. While the experience of living with the COVID-19 outbreak points back to this need to maintain justice, the lessons that we learn may point us towards the need for a Jubilee and motivate us to restore balance to the very systems that sustain life.

Jubilee means "a ram's horn". It was blown to mark the start of a time of universal redemption. The year of Jubilee involved release from indebtedness, when injustices of the past fifty years were to be restored. It was also a time for rest for the land.

The theme of Jubilee has clear links to the root paradigms fuelling unjust exploitation, such as neoliberal and capitalist approaches to the world economy. It brings together the need for a prophetic voice on climate injustice and actions for the restoration of the Earth. The theme of Jubilee affirms the need for equality, justice and sustainability, and a transition to sustainable economies. It honours the Jubilee 2000 Campaign, which successfully called for an amnesty on debt for global South countries and redistribution of wealth. And 2020 marks 50 years since the first Earth Day when the environmental movement was born.

**Jubilee is a justice orientated model that reflects God's will for living well so that every creature can flourish – individually and socially.**

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### Your Opportunities to Serve

- **Readings for Sundays**, reading Lessons and Intersessions for Sunday Services.
- **Opening of our Churches**, for Private Prayer and supporting Services once they open.
- **Support for childrens Breakfast Club**, with Childrens and Families Minister.

Please contact Kate Donohoe if you're able to help [communications@newforestparishes.com](mailto:communications@newforestparishes.com)

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## Your Gifts are Keeping Faith Alive and Hope Strong in the Benefice and beyond!

**Weekly Offering** - If you are not giving regularly it would be a great help to the PCC if you were able to do so. Please speak to your PCC Treasurer or David. If you have access to the internet, you can also donate to your Parish Church via our website [www.newforestparishes.com](http://www.newforestparishes.com) click on 'Donate'. There will also be an opportunity to donate at your Sunday Service.

**Easy Fundraising** - Visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and register to donate without costing you anything! Simply find your 'cause', searching by name and then carry on with your shop.

**Text to Donate** - **St Michael's** - text the words **STMICHAELS to 70085 for a one off donation of £5.00.** **All Saint's** - text the words **AllSaints to the number 70085 for a one-off donation of £5.00.** If you wish to donate more or less than £5 to either, substitute 5 with any amount between 1 and 20. **Christ Church** - text the words **XChurch 3 to the number 70085 for an instant donation of £3.00** and a monthly, reoccurring payment will be made of £3 to Christ Church. If you wish to donate more or less than £3, substitute 3 with any amount between 1 and 20. You can cancel the reoccurring payments at any time.

### **NEW Parish Giving Scheme Telephone Service**

Available weekdays from 9am to 5pm. Calls will take less than 15 minutes and you will receive written confirmation afterwards to confirm the details. At anytime you can call the service to make amendments to your direct debit. Call: 0333 002 1271

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals** are now permitted in our parish Churches but with restrictions. Suzanne has been in regular contact with wedding couples, most of whom have rescheduled their ceremonies for either later this year or into 2021.

### **SAY IT - PRAY IT!!**

If you are concerned, anxious or troubled in anyway, you can text your Prayer to our 'Say it Pray it' number and we will pray for you immediately. No conversation or call back, just a simple text for you to share matters for Prayer! Why not give it a go this week?

### **WANTED: PRAY-ERS.**

**We need a team of 'pray-ers'** across the Benefice who will carry the Prayer phone for a week (Sunday – Sat). Their (your) ministry will be to simply 'pray the Prayers' that are sent via text to the phone, either the moment they are received or as soon possible. **You do need to be living where you have a good mobile phone signal!** Let David know if you would like to share in this ministry. It just might be the thing that God is calling you to do and what a blessing you will be and receive!

**SAY it  
PRAY it**  
Text 07591 958856

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'SAY'  
what you'd like us to  
'PRAY'  
That's just what we'll do!

This is a TEXT ONLY service.  
Conversation is not possible on this  
number. If you would like to chat with  
someone, please call 07468 527820

**Thank you for providing your contact details** - We now have quite a comprehensive database which is a great help, especially for circulating Together News! If you or if you know someone who would like to be on our mailing list for the latest Newsletters, please email their details to Suzanne at [benefice@newforestparishes.com](mailto:benefice@newforestparishes.com).

**Lay Pastors** - If you know any member of the Benefice who would welcome a phone call and a chat, please let Peggy and Peter Nicholls know on **023 8028 2378**.

**Do you need any help at the moment, whilst in isolation** - FOR HELP, CALL **02380 284 426**.

**Daily Hope** - FREE PHONE Line of hymns, reflections and Prayers - **0800 804 8044**

**The Good Grief Trust - Coronavirus Bereavement Advice**

**COVID-19 NATIONAL NHS BEREAVEMENT HELPLINE - 8am - 8pm 0800 2600 400**

A new Bereavement Helpline has been introduced by the NHS to support bereaved families during the Coronavirus outbreak. The new helpline is not a counselling service but will be available to offer support, guidance and advice on dealing with grief and loss.

The helpline will be staffed by NHS Blood and Transplant registered nurses who are highly skilled and experienced in working with bereaved people.