



The Benefice of  
Eggardon & Colmers

# PEWS NEWS

6 April 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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**CAKE - WEDNESDAY 7 MAY – NEW VENUE**

## CAKE

Our next CAKE café is on Wednesday 7 May from 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Due to the closure of Uploders Chapel, we have a new permanent venue of Askerswell Village Hall, DT2 9EW

Come and join us in our 'new home' – we are a very friendly group!



**Theme: Gifts**

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Details and lifts from Liz Guard, Lay Pastoral Assistant, 01308 485463.

## SERVICES FOR APRIL, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Sunday 6 April	9.30am	Celtic Worship	Powerstock
Sunday 6 April	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Loders

Below we have the details of our services during Holy Week. Easter Sunday is much more meaningful if you have attended some of the other services, so do come along during Holy Week if you can.

Please note there is a service at Dottery on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday 13 April	9.30am	Celtic Worship	Symondsburry
Palm Sunday 13 April	9.30am	Eucharist	North Poorton
Palm Sunday 13 April	10.30am	Dottery	Morning Worship
Palm Sunday 13 April	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Askerswell
Tuesday 15 April	7pm	Compline	Powerstock
Wednesday 16 April	7pm	Compline	Loders
Maundy Thursday 17 April	6.30pm	Seder Meal followed by Eucharist	Askerswell
Good Friday 18 April	12-3pm	Good Friday Meditation	Symondsburry
Easter Saturday 19 April	7pm	Easter Vigil & First Communion of Easter	Broadoak
Easter Sunday 20 April	9.30am	Easter Eucharist	Askerswell
<b>Easter Sunday 20 April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Easter Holy Communion</b>	<b>Dottery</b>
Easter Sunday 20 April	11.00am	Easter Eucharist	Loders
Easter Sunday 20 April	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Powerstock
Easter Sunday 20 April	6.30pm	Easter Eucharist	Eype
Sunday 27 April	9.30am	Holy Communion	Dottery
Sunday 27 April	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Symondsburry
Sunday 27 April	6.30pm	Evensong	Askerswell
Sunday 27 April	6.30pm	Evensong	North Poorton

Click on this [link](#) if you would like to see who is taking each service.



*Collect*

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.



# AN EASTER CONCERT FROM THE BROADOAK CHOIR

Songs and readings to reflect on our world as we approach Easter, including a new cantata 'Linden Lost', and some well loved pieces around the story which leads us to Calvary



**Saturday, 12th April 2025**

St Swithuns Church , Bridport

7pm

Free Entry  
with retiring collection



**“Do this in remembrance of me.”**



On Maundy Thursday please join us for a Seder Meal and experience the Last Supper as Jesus and his disciples would have.

On the night of the Last Supper, Jesus and the disciples took the first communion and Jesus told them to “do this in remembrance of me.”

Based on the historical context, we know that the Last Supper was a Passover Seder, a ritual still practised today.

By taking part and understanding this ritual, as it was performed in the first century, you gain a true insight into the meaning behind many of our Lord’s actions at the Last Supper and why, to this day, we celebrate the Eucharist with bread and wine.

Held at Askerswell Church on Thursday, April 17 at 6.30 pm.

All are welcome to this Benefice event.

Please make this special and significant gathering part of your Holy Week devotions.

*The Seder Meal will be followed by a bring-and-share supper and a Maundy Thursday Eucharist.*

## WEEKLY WORDS

### Rev Chat Episode 255 – “Lard or Nard?”

Are you Mary or Martha; or even Judas with his hands in the till?



Click on the link above to view.

## EYPE CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

**6 Bridport Artists** will return for their annual exhibition to Eype Centre for the Arts from the **29th March until 21st April**.



**EYPE**  
CENTRE FOR THE  
**ARTS**

An inspiring exhibition, where paintings, textiles, collage, lino prints, metal work and ceramics will be on show. Participating artists and makers are Charlotte Miller, Wendy Hermelin, Colleen du Pon, Liz Coxford, Marion Taylor, John Boyd and Sophie Sharp.

The exhibition is open **daily** from **10.30am to 4.30pm**. There will be cards and prints for sale. We look forward to seeing you.

Click on this [link](#) to find out more!

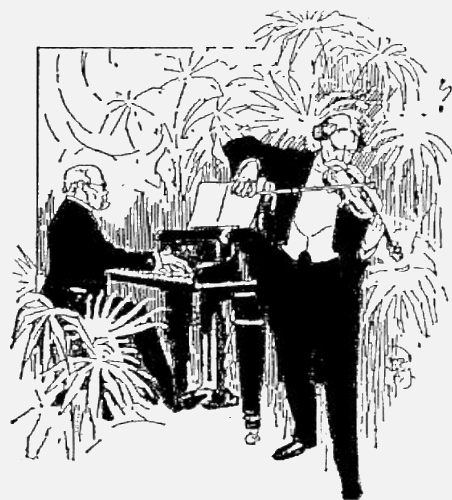
## SONGS OF PRAISE AND MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICES

Thank you to everyone who came along to our special services over the last few weeks and to all those who helped organise them.

Some beautiful and memorable hymns were sung at Askerswell and last Sunday we had over 60 people at our Mothering Day service at North Poorton. It was great to see these events well supported.



## EVENING CONCERT AT THE POWERSTOCK HUT 27 APRIL



*Sunday Evening  
Concert*

*27th April  
at 7:00 p.m.*

# *the Aspidistra Drawing Room Orchestra*

*plays Palm Court Music at*

*the Powerstock Hut*

*Popular music from before the war.*

*Admission by voluntary donation  
Refreshments and raffle in aid of the Hut*

Revd Cally Burch, the Parish of Bridport Eco Church team and members of the Salisbury Diocese Mission, Ministry & buildings teams would like to invite you to A Deanery Day about Care of Creation through Eco Church.

*If you can come, please fill out this form <https://forms.office.com/e/qW1vPjSG2Y> so they can tailor the day to what best suits you and help you book into to see a member of the Diocese net zero or buildings team if you wish to. If you prefer, you can let us know you are coming by emailing Lorna Johnson [lorna.johnson@salisbury.anglican.org](mailto:lorna.johnson@salisbury.anglican.org)*

*It is also Bridport Charter Day so a great opportunity to enjoy that event either side of this event. If you are coming by car, there is free parking at the St Mary's Primary school, Skilling Hill Road, DT6 5LA, (turning opposite Morrisons,) and there is a public car park next door. Please lift share where possible. After the tour of the Primary School there is a short walk along the river to St Mary's Church 84 South Street DT63NW. If you need parking closer to the church, please email Lorna or add this into the booking form.*

*Filling out the Energy Footprint tool for each church is on everyone's mind at the moment, if you are struggling with it, you can bring along your energy bill for 2024 and Jarrod Hill our new net zero decarbonisation officer can help you submit it on the day. His contact if you would like help in the meantime is [jarrod.hill@salisbury.anglican.org](mailto:jarrod.hill@salisbury.anglican.org) 01722 411922 ext. 348.*

There is a poster about the event on the next page.

Thank you.



# AN INVITATION TO MINISTERS, CHURCH OFFICERS & ECO CHAMPIONS IN THE LYME BAY DEANERY

ECO CHURCH  
AN A ROCHA UK PROJECT

## CARING FOR CREATION THROUGH ECO CHURCH

A FREE EVENT & CREAM TEA HOSTED BY THE  
PARISH OF BRIDPORT & SALISBURY DIOCESE

SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1.45 - 4.30PM

1.45 OPTION TO TOUR ST  
MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL &  
THEIR EDIBLE GARDEN  
SKILLING HILL RD, BRIDPORT DT6 5LA  
FREE PARKING IN SCHOOL CAR PARK

2.30 - 4.30 ST MARY'S CHURCH,  
SHORT WALK OR START HERE  
SOUTH ST, BRIDPORT, DT6 3NW

### OUR AIMS

TO SHARE LEARNING IN THE  
DEANERY ABOUT ECO CHURCH

TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
COMPLETE THE CARBON FOOTPRINT  
TOOL IF YOU BRING YOUR 2024  
ANNUAL ENERGY BILL

TO LOOK AT NEXT STEPS IN  
PLANNING OUR ECO CHURCH  
JOURNEY INCLUDING THE ROAD TO  
NET ZERO

TO ENCOURAGE ALL CHURCHES IN  
THE DEANERY TO CONSIDER SIGNING  
UP TO ECO CHURCH USING THE A  
ROCHA SURVEY

TO CONSIDER HOW WE CONTINUE TO  
NETWORK TOGETHER AND ALSO  
SHARE OUR 'COMMON PURPOSE'  
WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS AND OTHER  
LOCAL "GREEN" ORGANISATIONS

Contact ☎ 07469859994



### On offer

- ✔ Information sharing, encouragement, take aways - peer to peer discussions and Diocese Buildings team, & net zero 1 - 1 Q & A slots

Filling our your Energy Footprint tool  
Eco church 1st steps or going for Gold  
Heating and lighting carbon real examples and tips for churches, halls and Clergy housing,

- ✔ Eco mission & next steps discussion over a locally sourced Cream Tea

- ✔ Partnering Opportunities

Tour of Bridport Primary Schools edible garden, a project showing what amazing local partners can offer  
What we can be busy with at home  
How to include Young Peoples passion and skills

- ✔ Deepening Faith Outdoors in God's gift of nature

Inspiration in flowers and church yards.  
How to double the pollinators in your area and other tips using Love your Burial Ground and Living Church Yard resources



## BIRTHS/DEATHS/MARRIAGES



On Wednesday 9 April Rev Chris Grasske will be marrying Hannah Harrison and Joshua Smith at 12.30pm at St John the Baptist, Symondsburry.

This will be the first wedding of 2025 for the Benefice.

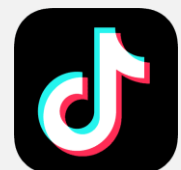
## REV CHRIS' TIKTOK CHANNEL



You can check the bite-size weekly chats on aspects of the Bible by clicking on the link below.



[Rev Chris' TikTok Channel](#)



## ENROLMENT ON TO THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

In every parish, there must be a church electoral roll. If you want to have a say in shaping the future of your church, you need to complete an application form. The roll must be revised annually, except in a year in which a new roll is to be prepared, and 2025 is such a year.

Rev Chris talks about the church electoral roll in his Rambling Rector for March, which is available to read through this [link](#).

An application form for enrolment is available on our website.

Click this [link](#) to take you there.

Once completed return it to your Churchwarden.

**THE DEADLINE IS 18 APRIL.**

Powerstock will have a labelled box to receive them.

Thank you.

## SUMMER SOLSTICE BENEFICE RETREAT 21 JUNE 2025



A Summer Solstice One Day Retreat for the Eggardon and Colmers United Benefice.

Led by Rev Chris Grasske and colleagues.

21st June 2025 at

Hilfield Friary, Batcombe.

Shared transport available.

To book please contact:

07837287366 or email

[admin@eggardoncolmerschurches.org](mailto:admin@eggardoncolmerschurches.org)

## “SAY ONE FOR ME...”

If you have any concerns that you would like Rev Chris to pray for, he has a list of people and things that he prays for every day and would happily add your request to that list.

To be added to his prayer list, send him an email or text message with “Say one for me” in the subject heading. 07977 136750 or [cgrasske@outlook.com](mailto:cgrasske@outlook.com)



## WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER VIA ZOOM 8.00AM

Each Wednesday morning, Rev Chris holds a Morning Prayer Service over zoom starting at 8.00a.m. If you are interested in joining this service, please contact Rev Chris by email and he will send you a link, so you are able to join in. Thank you.

## PRAYER TREES



We also have twisted willow ‘Prayer Trees’ in our four larger churches, where you can hang a prayer on the tree.

These are collected regularly and included in the prayers at ‘Cake’ before being passed on to Rev Chris.

## CHURCH DONATIONS

We now have facilities at Lodgers to take contactless donations and at Askerswell, Powerstock and Symondsburry donations can be made through QR codes.

We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations that help support our churches.



## LINKS TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

[Our Facebook](#)

[Our Website](#)

If you have any relevant newsworthy items for inclusion in future editions of The Pews News, please send them to our email address below. Ensure they arrive by Thursday 12 noon so we can get them published the same week. Thank you.

## CONTACTS & INFORMATION

To receive your weekly **Pews News** and other updates from the Benefice, please email the administrator using the link here:

[Benefice Administrator Email](#)

**Neighbourhood Watch:** If you live in the Benefice and would like any help, advice or a chat, please contact the administrator who can arrange for someone from one of the local teams to get in touch.

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