



The Benefice of Eggardon & Colmers

PEWS NEWS

30 August 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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SERVICES

Sunday 30 August	6.30pm	Open Air Service with Communion	West Milton
Sunday 6 September	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Powerstock
Sunday 6 September	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Loders
Sunday 13 September	9.30am	Eucharist	North Poorton
Sunday 13 September	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Symondsbury
Sunday 13 September	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Askerswell
Sunday 20 September	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Loders
Sunday 20 September	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Powerstock
Sunday 20 September	6.30pm	Harvest Service	Broad oak
Sunday 27 September	9.30am	Holy Communion	Dottery
Sunday 27 September	11.00am	Harvest Eucharist	Symondsbury
Sunday 27 September	6.30pm	Evensong	Askerswell
Sunday 27 September	6.30pm	Evensong	North Poorton

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



The Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

WEST MILTON OPEN AIR SERVICE THIS SUNDAY



The only service this Sunday, 30 August, is our annual Open-Air Service at 6.30pm West Milton.

Hopefully, it will be a lovely evening to share communion outside!

BIRTHS/DEATHS/MARRIAGES

The funeral of the late Raymond Clark will take place at St Peter's, Eype at 10.30am on Tuesday 1 September.

The graveside funeral of the late Connie Dukes, who died recently aged 100, will take place at St Peter's, Eype at 1pm on Wednesday 2 September.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES WITH REV CHRIS GRASSKE

Starting from Thursday 3 September, Rev Chris Grasske will be starting Confirmation Classes at the Vicarage.

Contact him at revcgrasske@gmail.com if you are interested

MESSAGE FROM GRAHAME NATHAN

To all our very kind and generous donors,
Our next trip to Ukraine is now set for the middle of September.

We bought a truck a few months ago which has just been returned to us by our regular garage in Dorchester after extensive preparation and are about to start assembling the cargo for our journey. We already have four small generators which will prove useful when the Ukraine temperature starts to turn cold next month.

We are once again in contact with the medical companies to purchase our usual supply of tourniquets, blast dressings, syringes and other equipment which the medics request of us. In addition, this time we will be carrying specialist medical equipment on behalf of a London based consultant orthopaedic surgeon who is working with counterparts in Kiev on reconstructive surgery. For them we need to visit various specialist hospitals across the UK to pick up the orthopaedic rings, bars and struts and then load them into the truck ahead of our journey. As in the past all the money we raise will go towards our medical purchases and the cost of our truck. We will pay all our hotel bills and the flights back home from Krakov .

We are looking to raise £15,000, the same amount as last time.

To those of you who have so generously assisted us in the past a big thank you; we apologise for writing to you again. Sadly, the war continues and so too does the need for the medical kit to be delivered to our brave friends across Ukraine .

To those of you who I have not written to before I can assure you that any money you may wish to send to us will be spent purchasing this medical equipment which we deliver direct to the combat medics at the front line.

Thank you all so very much for your support. I cannot tell you how your generosity has helped us deliver so much . We will continue to do what we can to help our very brave friends on the front line who rely on us and others to deliver these much needed supplies .

Our bank details are:-

**Barclays Bank
Dorchester
20.26.22
80753890**

From all our colleagues in Ukraine and from ourselves a very big thank you.
For those of you who are local, our Vicar, Chris, has kindly agreed to bless our vehicle as he does before each of our trips at Powerstock Church on 20th September after the service,
around midday.
See you then ...
Thank you all

Grahame
Grahame Nathan 07826 846307



Rev Chris has conducted eight weddings this year and Lydia and Harry have shared a couple of stunning photos from their big day.

They were married on 13 June at St Mary Magdelene, Loders.

The couple said that “the sun shone in Loders as we got married in a small service surrounded by immediate family.

We all tried our best to sing as loudly as the organ, and we appreciated all the personal touches from Chris, who had said that we were the smiliest couple he’d married in a long while, which was sweet to hear!”



CAKE



CAKE

Our next café is on Wednesday 2 September

From 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Venue: Askerswell Village Hall, DT2 9EW

Theme: 'Through the eyes of a child'

lizguard@ymail.com

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

Everyone welcome!

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER VIA ZOOM 8.00AM



On a 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 (revcgrasske@gmail.com) and he will send you a link, so you are able to join in. Thank you.

Imagination Unlocked 7

19th to 30th August 2026 10am to 4.30pm



This exhibition will feature the work of David Brooke, Caroline Ireland and Elaine Dixon, all painters who work from the imagination but in very different styles and mediums.

David Brooke's work is meticulously painted in layers of acrylic paint. His work has a mythological, story-telling feel to it, though his intention is that the viewer will bring their own stories to each painting.

Caroline Ireland's work often has a dream-like quality in vibrant colours using pastel and watercolour, inspired by dreams, music or poetry, or simply from observation in the form of still life.

Elaine Dixon attempts to paint human emotions, experiences, events, using charcoal, oil paint and ink, playing with the human form to exaggerate shape, shrinking and enlarging, to attempt expression in her own way.

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

HARVEST SERVICES



Sunday 20 September Harvest Service, Broadoak 6.30pm

Sunday 27 September Harvest Eucharist, Symondsburry at
11.00am.

Sunday 4 October Harvest Eucharist, Loders at 11.00am.

Sunday 11 October Harvest Eucharist, Askerswell at 11.00am.

Saturday 24 October Harvest Service, Powerstock at 6.00pm

Sunday 25 October Harvest Holy Communion, Dottery at 9.30am.

Sunday 25 October Harvest Thanksgiving, North Poorton at
6.30pm

POWERSTOCK HUT BARN DANCE



Saturday 26 September
7pm start Doors open 6.30pm

THE PING PONG ORCHESTRA

Caller: Angela Laycock

Bar. Raffle. All ages welcome
£5 Adult, Children free

All proceeds to Powerstock Hut running costs.

“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
revcgrasske@gmail.com



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 Loders 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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