



The Benefice of  
Eggardon & Colmers

# PEWS NEWS

4 May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

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## SERVICES

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|---------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Sunday 4 May  | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer                 | Powerstock    |
| Sunday 4 May  | 11.00am | Benefice Eucharist             | Loders        |
| Sunday 11 May | 9.30am  | Celtic Worship                 | Symondsbury   |
| Sunday 11 May | 9.30am  | Eucharist                      | North Poorton |
| Sunday 11 May | 10.30am | Morning Worship                | Dottery       |
| Sunday 11 May | 11.00am | Benefice Eucharist             | Askerswell    |
| Sunday 18 May | 9.30am  | Celtic Worship                 | Loders        |
| Sunday 18 May | 11.00am | Benefice Eucharist             | Powerstock    |
| Sunday 18 May | 6.30pm  | BCP Evening Prayer<br>Rogation | Broad oak     |
| Sunday 25 May | 9.30am  | Holy Communion                 | Dottery       |
| Sunday 25 May | 11.00am | Benefice Eucharist             | Symondsbury   |
| Sunday 25 May | 6.30pm  | Evensong                       | Askerswell    |
| Sunday 25 May | 6.30pm  | Evensong                       | North Poorton |

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

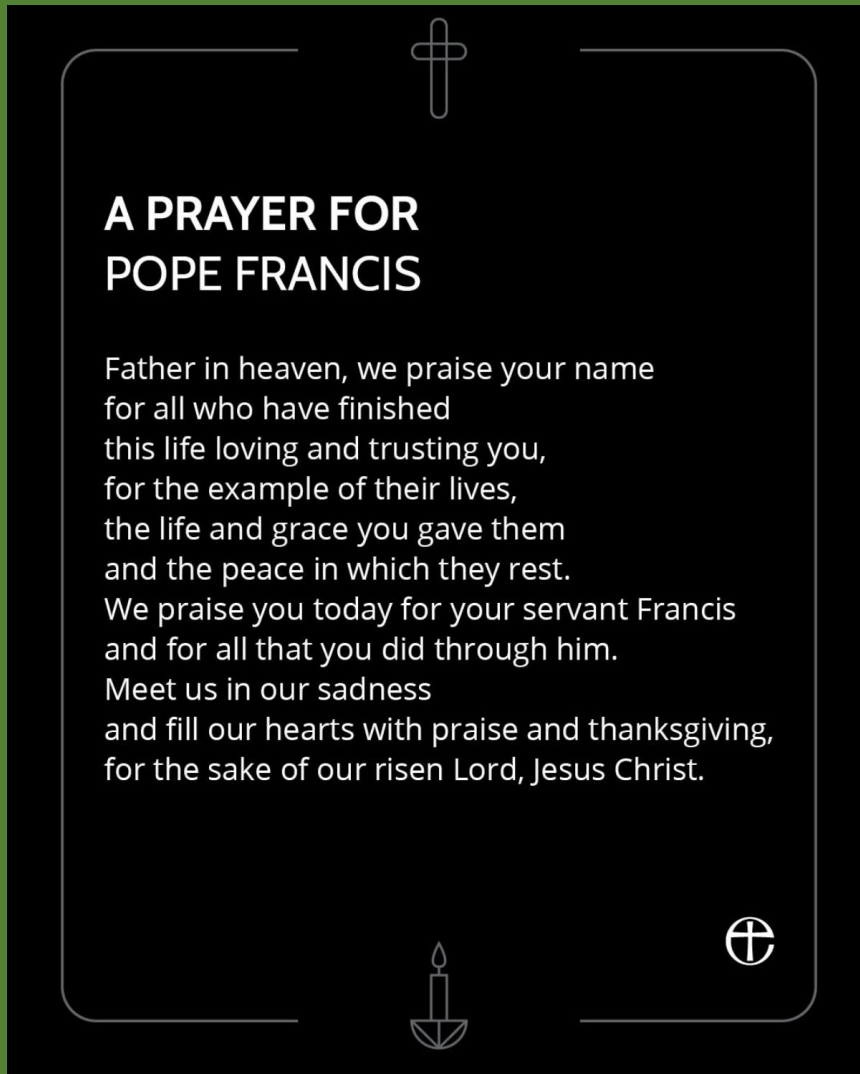


***Collect***

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his  
risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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.

## THE PASSING OF POPE FRANCIS

As this is the first Pews News since Easter Sunday, we wanted to reflect on the passing of Pope Francis on Easter Monday.



In the words of the Archbishop of York  
*“He was a listening Pope whose commitment to the principle and the process of synodality will be a permanent legacy... I remember, in the brief times I spent with him, how this holy man of God was also very human. He was witty, lively, good to be with, and the warmth of his personality and interest in others shone out from him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.”*



## EASTER AT ASKERSWELL



Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter services and to all those who decorated our churches to make them look so beautiful at this special time of year.





You can check the bite-size weekly chats on aspects of the Bible by clicking on the link below. This week Rev Chris talks about God in nature.



[Rev Chris' TikTok Channel](#)



WEEKLY WORDS



[Rev Chat Episode 258 – “Rocky’s Return”](#)  
Peter the denier meets the resurrected Jesus.  
Click on the link above to view.

## CAKE - WEDNESDAY 7 MAY

# CAKE



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

At Askerswell Village Hall, DT2 9EW

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

**Theme: Gifts**

[lizguard@ymail.com](mailto:lizguard@ymail.com)

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

## BIRTHS/DEATHS/MARRIAGES

It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of Sally Montague-Johnson. Her funeral will take place on Friday 16 May at St Mary the Virgin, Powerstock. Time to be confirmed.

## RAMBLING RECTOR GOES WALKING

Rev Chris, the Rambling Rector, is walking 70K in May to raise money for Christian Aid.

If you would like to sponsor him and/or find out more information, click on this [link](#).



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This year Christian Aid week runs from 11 – 17 May, 7 days to make a difference. With seven days, there are so many ways to fund lasting change. This Christian Aid Week, what will you do?

Follow this [link](#) to look at the options.



## Dorset in colour

An exhibition by local artists in  
Card, acrylic, clay and felt

Jenny Penney  
Caroline Tucker  
Rupert Andrews  
& Clare Hughes



26th April - 7th May 2025  
10am - 4.30 pm daily  
**Eype Centre for the Arts**  
Mount Lane, Eype, Bridport  
DT6 6AR

ACCESS FOR ALL

[www.jennypenneyart.net](http://www.jennypenneyart.net)



# EYPE

CENTRE FOR THE

# ARTS

Click on this [link](#) to find out what's on at the Eype Centre for the Arts over the summer!

## Brushstrokes

& coastal vision exhibition

10-26 MAY 2025

Sally Davies & Dan J Pedler



**EYPE CENTRE  
FOR THE ARTS**

ST PETER'S  
CHURCH,  
MOUNT LANE,  
NR BRIDPORT  
DORSET,  
DT6 6AR

10-4PM

## 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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