



The Benefice of
Eggardon & Colmers

PEWS NEWS

9 August 2026
Tenth Sunday after Trinity
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SERVICES

Sunday 9 August	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Symondsbury
Sunday 9 August	9.30am	Eucharist	North Poorton
Sunday 9 August	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Askerswell
Sunday 16 August	9.30am	Morning Meditation	Loders
Sunday 16 August	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Powerstock
Sunday 16 August	6.30pm	Holy Communion	Broad oak
Sunday 23 August	9.30am	Holy Communion	Dottery
Sunday 23 August	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	Symondsbury
Sunday 23 August	6.30pm	Evensong	Askerswell
Sunday 23 August	6.30pm	Evensong	North Poorton
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

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



The Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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.

BENEFICE PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER



Last Sunday we said thank you to Glyn Ronald for all her hard work as Safeguarding Officer for the Benefice, over the last decade.

Glyn wanted to thank the Benefice for the wonderful surprise of being presented with a lovely hydrangea and very generous gift token, and also, for the kind words from Rev Chris.

Glyn commented that 'we are so lucky to live in such a caring and happy community' and she will continue to help the Church in whatever way she can.

Thank you

At Sunday's service, Rev Chris also welcomed Julie Kelly to the role.

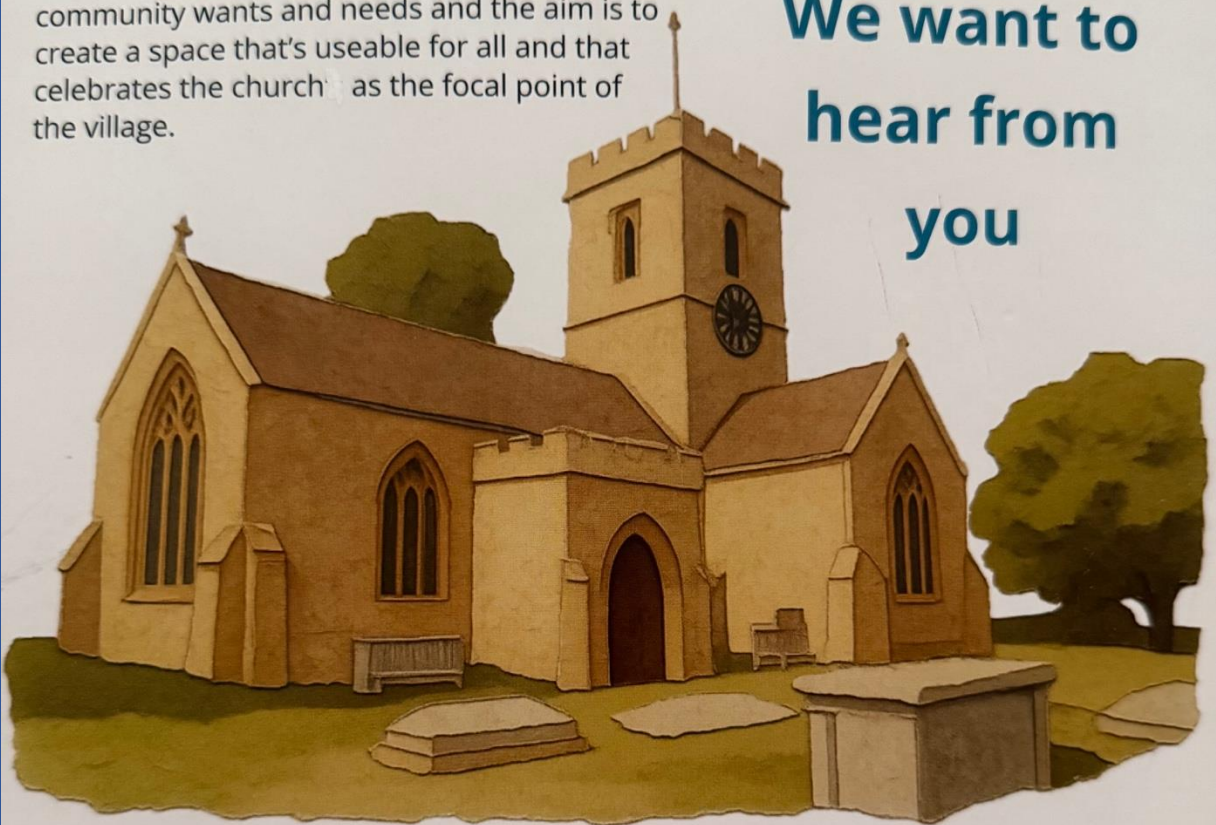
Julie will be our new Parish Safeguarding Officer for the Benefice, subject to completion of checks, and we would like to thank Julie for stepping into this important role.

St John the Baptist | Symondsburry Church

St John the Baptist is looking to adapt and modernise the church building so it can become a versatile space and hub of activity for villagers, parishioners and visitors.

The modernisation will respond to what the community wants and needs and the aim is to create a space that's useable for all and that celebrates the church as the focal point of the village.

**We want to
hear from
you**



**Have your say on the future of
St John the Baptist Church, Symondsburry
We'd love to hear your views.**
surveyhero.com/c/Symondsburry



Flying Geese

Supported by The Walbridge Trust



Symondsbury Summer Fete

St John's Churchyard
Saturday 8th August
2.30– 5.30pm

Cream Teas



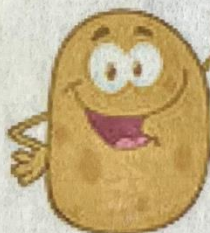
Cake Stall

Bottle Stall

Bric a Brac

Music & Games

and lots more....



Not to be missed!

*The Results of the Annual
Potato Growing Competition*

*Brought you by Dave Warren
and assisted by Harry Harrison*

*All Welcome! Bring your family & friends, a
pic-nic blanket and join the fun.
If the weather is wet, we'll be in the Church*

Proceeds of the Fete towards the restoration and
improvements to our Church



The Symondsbury Summer Fete is this Saturday, 2.30-5.30pm.
Proceeds go towards the church.
Do pop along and support the event if you are free!
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.



[Abandon Ship | Rev Chat Podcast 304](#)

How should we deal with approaching storms in our life?
Click on the link above to view.

MELPLASH SHOW THURSDAY 27 AUGUST



The show is open to the public 8.30am to 6.00pm and there is a full day of entertainment and things to see and do!
Rev Chris and team will be there as usual on the day, so do pop along and say hi!

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



Our annual Open-Air Service takes place on Sunday 30 August
at 6.30pm West Milton.

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

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.

“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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